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00:00:06.110 --> 00:00:10.480

Good evening. We do have, uh, some challenges, uh,

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technologically tonight. Uh, I do wanna remind you all that we are, uh,

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using a live video streaming process so that there are people out

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there wherever they may be, who are, uh, joining us,

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uh, through, through their computers and, uh, doing the live webcast.

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If you have an objection to that, I don't know what for you,

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what to tell you to do, because the food is in this room. You know,

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the food isn't anywhere else. Uh, but just so you're aware that, uh, we are, uh,

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doing video streaming. And if you do have an objection, you know,

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please don't expose yourself to the cameras or make any sound

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or movement whatsoever. Um, well, I have a,

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I have a present here that I want to give to one of our veterans,

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and I may have to do some kind of a drawing, but, uh, I wrote about,  
uh,

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this particular place in one of my president's corners,

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and I asked if there was any veterans who would, uh,

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write and tell me about their time at the North Plat canteen.

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Well, none of them wrote back to tell me.

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So I don't know of any of any of our vets actually went.

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But for those of you that are veterans, uh,

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did you have the opportunity to stop at the North pla canteen in, uh,

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Nebraska while you were traveling cross country by train? Any of you,

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Ray, Ray, did anybody else? Okay.

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Uh, well, in that case, it makes my, my, uh, problem easy.

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Ray still knows how to read. I know that,

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00:01:50.900 --> 00:01:54.200

uh, this book by Bob Green is called Once Upon A Town,

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and it's about the North Platte canteen that was operated by the people of this

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city for the entire course of the war. They started in December of 1941,

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and they got this idea that these trains with soldiers that were passing both

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directions going east and west,

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needed to be greeted and needed to have refreshments.

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And they started to organize and without any money from anybody,

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just local volunteers and, and local community, uh,

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folks bringing in food,

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they met every single train through the entire course of the war

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until 19,

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late in 1945 when most of the troops had gotten to where they were

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00:02:37.120 --> 00:02:40.360

going. So the troop trains dwindled down to where it, you know,

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00:02:40.360 --> 00:02:43.200

it didn't make any sense. It's a great story.

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00:02:43.230 --> 00:02:47.640

It's called Once Upon A Town by Bob Green. If you want to, uh,

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00:02:48.220 --> 00:02:52.000

you know, buy it from Ray, I'm sure he'd take the highest offer, but it's his,

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00:02:52.510 --> 00:02:56.400

it's his now. And I'll get it to you in a few minutes. Um,

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00:02:57.880 --> 00:03:02.260

I also bring you greetings from, uh, two of our veterans who couldn't be here,

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00:03:02.880 --> 00:03:07.260

uh, tonight. And, uh, but they're known to some of you.

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00:03:07.360 --> 00:03:11.580

The first is from Jim Adams. He's, uh, lives down in Shreveport.

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00:03:11.960 --> 00:03:16.140

And he says, sorry, I can't make the meaning. Say hi to the gang. So,

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00:03:16.360 --> 00:03:21.220

hi everybody, uh, ran across the enclosed article in the Shreveport Times,

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00:03:21.220 --> 00:03:26.060  
thought it might be of interest, keep up the good work going on 94.  
Now,

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00:03:26.860 --> 00:03:29.620  
I think he's bragging is what he's doing. Uh,

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00:03:29.640 --> 00:03:32.980  
but the article is by John Prime, who was the,

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00:03:33.360 --> 00:03:36.860  
was one of the men that we met in Shreveport a couple years ago,

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00:03:37.320 --> 00:03:41.060  
and he is writing about Ben Roki. So even today,

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00:03:41.990 --> 00:03:45.540  
Ben's story continues to resonate with people around the country.

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00:03:46.120 --> 00:03:48.140  
And we've got a copy of the article.

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00:03:48.140 --> 00:03:50.020  
We'll leave this someplace where you can look at it.

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00:03:50.680 --> 00:03:54.700  
The second greeting is from, uh, Bob Stahl.

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00:03:55.800 --> 00:03:57.660  
And, uh, he and Dottie have come,

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00:03:57.840 --> 00:04:02.540  
had come to every reunion that I was at until, what, two years ago,  
Phyllis.

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00:04:03.600 --> 00:04:07.020  
And, um, he actually reads my President's corner

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00:04:10.000 --> 00:04:12.740  
and I'll prove it. You know,

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00:04:12.740 --> 00:04:15.220  
you always wonder when you write these things late at night,

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00:04:15.240 --> 00:04:17.900  
cuz Joanne wants it, you know, before the end of the day.

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00:04:17.900 --> 00:04:21.340  
And I figure I got two more hours cuz she's out in Colorado and I'm in

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00:04:21.340 --> 00:04:24.340  
Pennsylvania. Uh, anyway, Bob says,

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00:04:24.540 --> 00:04:27.660  
I enjoyed reading the Ball of Fire last week, especially your article.

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00:04:29.060 --> 00:04:33.180  
I too enjoy reading. I love Bob Bob, when I get the time lately,

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00:04:33.290 --> 00:04:35.260  
that is a rare happening around our house.

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00:04:36.060 --> 00:04:39.980  
I think you should try to get the wild blue about the men and boys  
that flew the

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00:04:40.060 --> 00:04:42.940  
B 20 fours in Europe, written by Stephen e Ambrose,

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00:04:43.000 --> 00:04:45.540  
author of a large number of books about World War ii.

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00:04:45.970 --> 00:04:50.300  
This one is mainly about George McGovern and the 15th Air Force in  
Italy and how

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00:04:50.340 --> 00:04:54.460  
they won the war. I really think he downplayed the Eighth Air Force too much.

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00:04:55.860 --> 00:04:59.140  
I am prejudiced too much. I guess, uh, just as an aside,

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00:04:59.300 --> 00:05:03.140  
I read Stephen Ambrose's, uh, the Wild Blue,

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00:05:03.360 --> 00:05:07.940  
and he really did go over the top and claiming for the how the 15th Air Force

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00:05:08.000 --> 00:05:10.780  
won the war. It was a little bit sickening actually.

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00:05:13.890 --> 00:05:15.100  
Then he says, also,

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00:05:15.100 --> 00:05:19.460  
there's another book out entitled Unbroken by Hildebrand,

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00:05:20.030 --> 00:05:23.300  
about a B 24 shot down in the Pacific and the aftermath.

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00:05:23.730 --> 00:05:28.460  
Haven't had time to check our local library yet, to see if I can find it. Uh,

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00:05:28.460 --> 00:05:32.700  
how many of you have read Unbroken? Wow. Very good. Uh,

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00:05:32.760 --> 00:05:34.780  
if you aren't one of those with your hands up,

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00:05:34.800 --> 00:05:39.420  
you need to go to the library and get the book Unbroken by Laura Hildebrand.

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00:05:40.080 --> 00:05:43.060

Uh, it is a story of Louis Zamperini,

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00:05:43.080 --> 00:05:47.940

who was a Olympic athlete and became a B 24 crewman. Um,

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00:05:48.120 --> 00:05:51.820

it is, uh, you won't forget the story. You will, you'll remember it.

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00:05:51.920 --> 00:05:53.540

And just as a side note,

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00:05:53.540 --> 00:05:56.620

they're making it into a movie starting production in December.

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00:05:56.800 --> 00:06:01.180

So those of you who have read it, the movie's coming around later. All right,

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00:06:01.280 --> 00:06:04.340

so that's his the first two things that, uh, he wanted to share.

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00:06:04.840 --> 00:06:08.220

The next thing is, I'm still taking care of Dottie 24 7,

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00:06:08.440 --> 00:06:12.700

and we just go day by day around here to fill you in on our situation.

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00:06:12.830 --> 00:06:16.220

Dotty was found in May, 2011 to have a severe

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00:06:17.480 --> 00:06:21.540

cardiomyopathy, which is terminal, and the time element is one to five years.

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00:06:22.250 --> 00:06:26.500

Then in October, she experienced a stroke that left her, with her

right side,

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00:06:26.510 --> 00:06:31.140

about 50 to 60% paralyzed. She's lost her memory and her speech was affected.

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00:06:31.560 --> 00:06:35.100

Her words are all mixed up. We do have a communication problem,

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00:06:35.600 --> 00:06:38.060

but I can get around about half of what she says.

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00:06:38.600 --> 00:06:41.820

She has to show me part of the time to understand what she is saying.

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00:06:42.360 --> 00:06:45.580

We do pretty well considering what has happened. And you know,

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00:06:45.580 --> 00:06:47.580

if you know Bob and Dottie, you know, you,

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00:06:47.580 --> 00:06:51.580

you just see they were never negative about anything.

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00:06:51.680 --> 00:06:56.140

And even in spite of this challenge, he's still, you know, he's still positive.

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00:06:56.800 --> 00:06:57.020

Uh,

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00:06:57.020 --> 00:07:00.740

my day starts about six 30 in the morning and ends about 10 30 when we get to

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00:07:00.740 --> 00:07:05.260

bed. I do all the housework, so housework, so forth.

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00:07:05.420 --> 00:07:07.740

I have her on oxygen and, uh,

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00:07:08.740 --> 00:07:12.580

I do take her to the store with me at least twice a week and think about that.

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00:07:13.240 --> 00:07:15.060

She used the walker, uh,

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00:07:15.080 --> 00:07:19.780

at home and we're trying to be as independent as we can be. Uh,

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00:07:19.840 --> 00:07:23.060

you guys have a grand time in Hartford. We will think about you.

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00:07:23.680 --> 00:07:28.300

So that's from Bob Stahl. And, uh, if you think about Bob and Dottie,

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00:07:28.680 --> 00:07:33.420

uh, uh, please, uh, lift up a prayer for them. They're great, great people.

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00:07:33.640 --> 00:07:36.540

And, uh, this is a tough time, but as, as you can tell,

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00:07:36.670 --> 00:07:39.900

Bob's not taking it tough at all. He's, he's just, you know,

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00:07:40.010 --> 00:07:44.660

he's dealing with it as best he can. So with those, I,

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00:07:45.000 --> 00:07:49.340

I'm not allowed to talk too long cuz I'm between you and dinner mostly.

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00:07:50.280 --> 00:07:54.140

Uh, but there are some new folks here with us tonight. So if you're new,

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00:07:54.280 --> 00:07:59.180

I'd like you to stand up and introduce yourselves and speak kind

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00:07:59.180 --> 00:08:01.100

of at that pillar right there,

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00:08:01.100 --> 00:08:05.220

because that's where there's a speaker that can pick your voice up and then

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00:08:05.220 --> 00:08:08.300

everybody will know who you are around the world,

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00:08:08.440 --> 00:08:10.660

the hundreds of thousands of people that are watching.

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00:08:11.720 --> 00:08:15.580

So I don't know where we'll start, but if you're new at this table,

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00:08:17.280 --> 00:08:18.113

you get to start.

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00:08:18.570 --> 00:08:21.500

Good evening, everybody. My name is George Drum. Uh,

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00:08:21.600 --> 00:08:25.460

my father George Drum was the navigator and the three 29th.

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00:08:26.200 --> 00:08:28.340

And it's really my privilege to be here at Hall.

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00:08:34.440 --> 00:08:38.020

And George is from Orange County, New York. Right? Right.

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00:08:38.400 --> 00:08:40.180

The rest of you'll have to say where you're from too,

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00:08:40.180 --> 00:08:42.740

cuz I'm not gonna remember all that. So, uh,

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00:08:42.960 --> 00:08:46.700

is there anybody new back here at this table? You guys all look old.

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00:08:50.290 --> 00:08:55.060

Well, almost all of you all except Corin. Okay. Then at this table here, I know,

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00:08:55.100 --> 00:08:57.980

know, we have several new folks at Ray's table. So,

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00:08:59.000 --> 00:09:02.740

Uh, Dave Tosi from North Pennsylvania. I here, uh, my father-in-law,

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00:09:02.740 --> 00:09:04.780

Ray here, thank

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00:09:10.560 --> 00:09:15.340

Jim from New Jersey. Uh, father-in-law,

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00:09:15.520 --> 00:09:17.500

Ray also great to be here.

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00:09:17.880 --> 00:09:18.713

All right.

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00:09:24.350 --> 00:09:25.183

Donna,

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00:09:38.110 --> 00:09:39.330

I'm from

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00:09:41.310 --> 00:09:43.930

Pennsylvania's wife and my father

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00:09:50.550 --> 00:09:54.890  
and dad is also, I'm also dad's dog.

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00:10:03.880 --> 00:10:08.330  
Okay. Now we'll go all the way to the table in the rear.

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00:10:08.640 --> 00:10:10.650  
Anybody new with us for the first time?

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00:10:12.400 --> 00:10:16.370  
Name is and I have hand.

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00:10:18.320 --> 00:10:19.730  
Wonderful. Welcome.

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00:10:28.220 --> 00:10:29.053  
Legitimate.

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00:10:30.310 --> 00:10:31.450  
All right, thank you.

148  
00:10:36.880 --> 00:10:37.713  
Okay.

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00:10:44.070 --> 00:10:44.903  
All right.

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00:10:48.550 --> 00:10:51.570  
And coming up to this, this table,

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00:10:54.450 --> 00:10:59.270  
Richard Brown from Minneapolis, my uncle Will Brown. Very honored.

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00:11:00.280 --> 00:11:00.780  
Thank

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00:11:00.780 --> 00:11:01.613  
Welcome.

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00:11:07.330 --> 00:11:08.230

That's Lee son.

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00:11:09.450 --> 00:11:10.510

That's Lee son. R

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00:11:10.730 --> 00:11:11.563

Rrb.

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00:11:12.690 --> 00:11:16.390

Oh, oh, right. Yeah. That you should tell us who your mom is. Yes.

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00:11:16.530 --> 00:11:18.390

Oh, my mom. My mom is Lee Brown.

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00:11:18.390 --> 00:11:21.190

You probably all know hers usually makes an entrance, so,

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00:11:23.930 --> 00:11:26.830

All right, good at this table. Is there anybody new?

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00:11:28.350 --> 00:11:33.070

I think we're good. Is there anybody else here? Oh, Wendy's husband.  
Did I,

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00:11:33.830 --> 00:11:36.990

I did skip him. You gotta stand up. I apologize.

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00:11:39.230 --> 00:11:41.830

Illinois. Well, uh,

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00:11:47.650 --> 00:11:49.950

Eugene, boy, the crew.

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00:11:51.970 --> 00:11:52.803

All welcome.

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00:11:58.850 --> 00:12:02.980

Okay, well that, uh, that concludes my part of the introductions.

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00:12:03.550 --> 00:12:07.060

We're going to, um, what is next?

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Becky is next. No. Oh,

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00:12:14.160 --> 00:12:18.300

Jim is next. Pardon me.

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00:12:21.440 --> 00:12:22.273

Yep.

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00:12:24.790 --> 00:12:26.460

Jim's movie is next. That's

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00:12:26.460 --> 00:12:27.860

Right here.

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00:12:56.630 --> 00:13:00.500

Hello, I'm Tom Broka, NBC News in New York. Author of The Greatest Generation.

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00:13:01.200 --> 00:13:06.060

And I wanna extend my most heartfelt greetings to all of you who are members of

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00:13:06.060 --> 00:13:07.940

the 93rd Bombardment Group,

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00:13:08.680 --> 00:13:12.380

the great pilots and crew members of B 20 fours.

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00:14:21.170 --> 00:14:24.900

Imagine you flew almost 400 missions all together.

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00:14:25.400 --> 00:14:29.900

You had one of the most extraordinary success rates in all of the Army Air Corps

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00:14:30.000 --> 00:14:34.300

at the time. In the largest event in the history of mankind,

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00:14:34.310 --> 00:14:38.300

world War ii, you did nothing less than help save the world.

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00:14:38.600 --> 00:14:42.860

The lives that we have today are attribute to your heroism, your courage,

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00:14:43.250 --> 00:14:48.020

your ability to show up every morning despite the loss of a friend or

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00:14:48.300 --> 00:14:52.900

difficulties at home, and fulfill your mission For that,

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00:14:53.000 --> 00:14:56.260

you are awarded within your group two medals of honor.

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That alone is an exceptional distinction.

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00:15:29.960 --> 00:15:32.140

So I salute you at this reunion,

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00:15:32.880 --> 00:15:37.860

and I offer the grateful thanks of a nation that wouldn't be what it is

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00:15:37.860 --> 00:15:41.140

today without your contributions. Have a great time.

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00:15:43.250 --> 00:15:46.380

Yeah. So tell what's, what's your most, um,

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00:15:46.650 --> 00:15:49.220

fondest memory of your lovely wife? Dad,

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00:15:51.600 --> 00:15:55.740

that's a hard one to figure to your lesson.

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00:15:56.360 --> 00:15:58.700

You might be sleeping at the doghouse today, so be careful.

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00:15:59.300 --> 00:16:03.180

I guess that one of 'em would be our first date. First day.

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00:16:06.600 --> 00:16:07.860

My name is John Sullivan.

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00:16:09.900 --> 00:16:14.500

I was in England in June, 1944,

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00:16:16.480 --> 00:16:19.380

and I left in December of 44.

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There were a total of, uh, uh,

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00:16:30.190 --> 00:16:33.980

69 bombers lost outta the seven,

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00:16:35.760 --> 00:16:37.860

and there were 11 fighters that were

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00:16:39.430 --> 00:16:40.263

Years.

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00:16:40.480 --> 00:16:44.900

Uh, when you put these uniforms in away for the last time, they begin to shrink

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00:17:19.320 --> 00:17:22.820

the weary eyes, return their gauge to the worn images so long ago,

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00:17:22.820 --> 00:17:27.500

and ask what you want from us. And lips,

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00:17:27.500 --> 00:17:32.420

forever silence seem to whisper. Remember me. Remember me?

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00:17:41.820 --> 00:17:42.653

Yes.

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00:17:49.240 --> 00:17:53.740

And now I'll ask Becky to come up and say blessing for us for the dinner.

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00:17:53.750 --> 00:17:54.583

Thank you.

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00:17:57.120 --> 00:18:01.100

I'm glad that was happy music, because I get really emotional seeing all that.

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00:18:01.520 --> 00:18:05.620

And I'm not an emotional person, believe it or not. Okay.

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00:18:05.620 --> 00:18:08.940

Let's thank the Lord for our food. Father in heaven,

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00:18:09.080 --> 00:18:13.780

we thank you so much for this occasion where we come

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00:18:14.060 --> 00:18:18.100

together, uh, drawn together by, uh,

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00:18:18.750 --> 00:18:21.220

world War II and, and what our,

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00:18:21.440 --> 00:18:24.900  
our friends and families and, and, uh,

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00:18:24.920 --> 00:18:26.740  
others have meant to us.

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00:18:27.080 --> 00:18:31.340  
And what we've learned through the years about, or at least for me,

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00:18:31.500 --> 00:18:34.860  
I know I have learned so much from coming to these reunions,

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00:18:34.880 --> 00:18:39.820  
and I thank you for all those who helped put it on year after year  
after

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00:18:39.820 --> 00:18:42.580  
year. It's been such a,

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00:18:43.300 --> 00:18:47.020  
a precious time for not only the second generation,

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00:18:47.080 --> 00:18:48.540  
but certainly for the veterans.

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00:18:48.680 --> 00:18:53.420  
And we thank you for every life here and those that have gone on  
before us.

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00:18:54.040 --> 00:18:54.873  
And now Father,

224  
00:18:54.960 --> 00:18:59.020  
we thank you for this food and just pray that you'll nourish it to our  
bodies

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00:18:59.680 --> 00:19:03.780  
and, uh, bless our fellowship and the rest of the week.

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00:19:04.360 --> 00:19:07.100

In the name of your precious son, we pray. Amen.

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00:19:10.480 --> 00:19:11.450

Okay, thank you, Becky.

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00:19:12.510 --> 00:19:17.050

And that's pure coincidence that I had a video clip of Jim on there.

Uh,

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00:19:17.070 --> 00:19:18.410

so now we can serve dinner. Thank you.

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00:19:29.020 --> 00:19:29.853

Right.

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00:19:35.440 --> 00:19:37.210

Good time, bro. That's quite a story in itself.

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00:19:37.320 --> 00:19:38.450

I'll have to tell you about that.

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00:19:40.430 --> 00:19:41.490

You're gonna have to tell

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00:19:41.490 --> 00:19:42.323

It. Ill,

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00:19:42.720 --> 00:19:43.553

I'll,

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00:19:45.820 --> 00:19:48.080

Oh, welcome. Welcome, and good morning.

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00:19:49.030 --> 00:19:49.320

Good

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00:19:49.320 --> 00:19:53.360

Morning. Hope everyone had a great night and a good breakfast. Yes. Yes.

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00:19:53.360 --> 00:19:55.200

Ready to go. Busy day today.

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00:19:55.220 --> 00:19:59.640

So we'll go through our education session here until 11 o'clock.

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00:20:00.560 --> 00:20:05.120

Reminder, 1115, they'll have pizza, lunch, and early set up at 1130. Uh,

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00:20:05.420 --> 00:20:08.320

you're welcome to bring that in here and, uh, eat lunch.

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00:20:08.740 --> 00:20:12.680

And then the bus will be leaving sharply at 1230 out front of the front lobby

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00:20:12.710 --> 00:20:16.040

door. If anyone is not planning to go for some reason today,

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00:20:16.040 --> 00:20:20.640

please let Phyllis or myself know immediately. And, uh, again,

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00:20:20.640 --> 00:20:25.640

we've got a full day scheduled as we talked about. So well welcome to the, uh,

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00:20:25.830 --> 00:20:30.090

education session. I'll be speaking for about, uh,

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00:20:30.090 --> 00:20:33.930

45 minutes to an hour. We'll see how that goes until I get tired of talking,

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00:20:33.950 --> 00:20:37.330

and Ill apologize right away. Up front, I've developed a sore throat,

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00:20:37.390 --> 00:20:42.210

so if I start, uh, passing out or hacking or throwing or, uh, coughing up stuff,

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00:20:42.290 --> 00:20:45.370

I mean, I'll just run out of the room. So somebody else will have to take over.

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00:20:45.550 --> 00:20:50.220

So I haven't been sick all year. Should get a seat back. Yeah,

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00:20:50.560 --> 00:20:55.020

get back a little farther. I don't want you to catch it. Um, and then, uh,

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00:20:55.030 --> 00:20:58.820

we're fortunate to have Jim Lux here as well for about a half hour to go

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00:20:58.820 --> 00:21:00.940

through, uh, an update on, uh,

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00:21:00.960 --> 00:21:05.770

hot stuff and the project for that. So, the purpose,

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00:21:06.190 --> 00:21:10.090

uh, from our bylaws for, uh,

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the Bond Group Association is to carry on the traditions and memories of the

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00:21:13.250 --> 00:21:17.130

93rd, uh, after the Veterans of the War of Deceased.

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Article three specifically says, perpetuate, excuse me, article two,

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00:21:20.610 --> 00:21:24.970

section three, to perpetuate the friendships and memories a service together.

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00:21:25.790 --> 00:21:29.850

One way we like to do that in our reunions is have an education session where we

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00:21:29.850 --> 00:21:34.710

share information, memories, and, uh, uh,

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00:21:34.920 --> 00:21:38.350

activities to continue our, our tradition. We have, uh,

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00:21:38.410 --> 00:21:42.670

in the past done many different, uh, agenda items for the education session,

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00:21:42.980 --> 00:21:45.630

some individual stories we have done, uh, last year,

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a great presentation with Don on, uh, life at Hardwick, at the base in the Noar.

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00:21:51.410 --> 00:21:55.150

Uh, we have done, uh, Tucson. We did, uh, some of the veterans, remember.

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We actually had the veterans come up and tell their stories firsthand. Uh,

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00:21:59.010 --> 00:22:01.230

so we've done a multitude of different types of things.

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Today we're talking about the ground crews.

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And my father, I'm a second generation.

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My father, uh, Kenneth Root was the ranking engineering officer.

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He started at Barksdale,

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was one of the original members of the four oh ninth as engineering officer. He,

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uh, grew up in Cooperstown, New York, went to MIT to get his engineering degree,

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00:22:27.430 --> 00:22:30.490

uh, worked at a, a couple different jobs before he enlisted.

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And, um, his background has always been mechanically based,

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engineering cetera. He, uh,

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00:22:39.150 --> 00:22:42.190

worked his way up through the ranks to become a main major. And overall,

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four squads with the whole 93rd as the top engineering officer.

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00:22:46.780 --> 00:22:51.110

Information today, I'm gonna be sharing with you, uh, the sources include, uh,

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00:22:51.110 --> 00:22:53.430

information I have of his log books that he kept.

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I actually have some information from one of his resumes we'll talk about.

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I have several photos to share.

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00:23:00.090 --> 00:23:03.790

And then also the email letters that he wrote to my mom almost daily.

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A couple key people in the, uh, ground crew, uh,

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00:23:08.670 --> 00:23:12.350

were his assistant Cecil Cogburn, who lived in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

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Unfortunately, he just passed away, uh, this past summer.

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And then a Captain Bailey.

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I haven't been able to track down or find anything about Captain Bailey.

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00:23:20.570 --> 00:23:23.390

But my intent here is not to give you a lot of facts and figures. Uh,

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00:23:23.390 --> 00:23:25.630

I'm not an expert by any means of the ground crews.

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00:23:25.650 --> 00:23:30.510

Don certainly knows more than I do. And you all, uh, veterans at, uh,

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00:23:30.550 --> 00:23:34.510

a couple of you have contacts of the ground crews or, or, um, family members.

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00:23:34.690 --> 00:23:37.910

Uh, but I want to give you a little bit of a glimpse through my dad's eyes,

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00:23:38.030 --> 00:23:42.590

I guess, of what life was like for, uh, for the ground roots.

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00:23:43.100 --> 00:23:47.820

Okay. So again, uh,

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00:23:47.820 --> 00:23:51.340

some of the responsibilities and information are off his resume of 1951.

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00:23:51.420 --> 00:23:55.420

I have that document. Uh, as he was out searching for another job, uh,

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00:23:55.420 --> 00:23:59.060

photos of the equipment on the base, uh, he kept, uh,

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00:23:59.080 --> 00:24:02.060

two log books of 19 in 19 42, 19 43.

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00:24:03.380 --> 00:24:07.020

I have some video clips also of Johnny Del Johnny's, uh, lives in Florida.

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00:24:07.430 --> 00:24:10.260

Could not make the, uh, session, uh, this time.

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00:24:11.180 --> 00:24:13.340

I haven't talked to him actually recently, but, uh, I

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00:24:13.400 --> 00:24:14.900

Saw him in April. He's doing

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00:24:14.900 --> 00:24:16.260

Okay. Doing, doing okay. Yes,

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00:24:16.800 --> 00:24:21.570

Nursing home assisted living. Um, but, you know, spirits,

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00:24:21.700 --> 00:24:22.970

everything else is good.

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00:24:24.320 --> 00:24:27.660

So we'll see a couple clips there that I, I've pulled out also, uh,

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00:24:27.660 --> 00:24:31.020

one of Lou Brown talking about the fuel tanks, uh, some information there.

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00:24:32.160 --> 00:24:35.420

And again, uh, ground crew names and some stories from the VMA letters.

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00:24:36.020 --> 00:24:39.260

I know that's kind of shaded with the bright light, so we'll see. Uh,

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00:24:43.360 --> 00:24:46.580

uh, I could try that. I guess. I don't know if that'll help or not.

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00:24:48.840 --> 00:24:50.420

You tell me if that's gonna do any better.

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00:24:52.370 --> 00:24:53.040

Yeah.

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00:24:53.040 --> 00:24:53.680

Yes.

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00:24:53.680 --> 00:24:54.490

Yes.

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00:24:54.490 --> 00:24:59.460

Does that affect anything, Michael, on this? You okay? Little better.

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00:25:06.240 --> 00:25:06.660

Little

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00:25:06.660 --> 00:25:11.340

Closer, right? Little better. Good.

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00:25:12.090 --> 00:25:13.940

Okay. Good suggestion, bill. Thanks, Jim.

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00:25:13.940 --> 00:25:18.220

Would it help if we do the blinds out the center?

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00:25:20.170 --> 00:25:23.700

Okay. This, uh, so I'll, I'll go through these slides. Uh, this was a,

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00:25:23.920 --> 00:25:27.980

and a lot of excerpts I'm giving is kind of, kind of vague, uh, to see anyway,

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00:25:27.980 --> 00:25:31.860

but I'll read off, uh, what I can here. Uh, my dad actually came here to,

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00:25:31.920 --> 00:25:34.620

to Hartford, Connecticut for six weeks at Pratt and Whitney for

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00:25:36.140 --> 00:25:40.900

advanced engineering training on engines for March of 42 through

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00:25:40.900 --> 00:25:45.540

into April of 42. Then, uh,

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00:25:45.600 --> 00:25:50.470

he notes here that his duties at the four oh ninth included direct supervision

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00:25:50.470 --> 00:25:54.910

of over 75 men in maintaining a squadron of 14 four engine bombers

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00:25:57.930 --> 00:25:58.870

of B 24,

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00:25:58.870 --> 00:26:03.750

type one three month period at to brook in Libya with limited supplies and

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00:26:03.750 --> 00:26:08.030

one two month period in Ghazi Africa with limited supplies. Since I moved that.

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00:26:08.030 --> 00:26:09.230

It's a little out of focus, isn't it?

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00:26:14.350 --> 00:26:16.810

Either way, it's still a bit light. So sorry about that.

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00:26:20.670 --> 00:26:24.320

Okay, then next, uh, he talks about the entire time, uh,

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00:26:24.520 --> 00:26:27.760

promoted to major in March of 1944 as squad commander,

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00:26:27.760 --> 00:26:31.960

group engineering officer and technical inspector with nine subordinate officers

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00:26:31.960 --> 00:26:34.760

and 219 enlisted men under direct command,

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00:26:35.430 --> 00:26:38.180

these officers and men under supervision in the following section.

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00:26:38.360 --> 00:26:42.500

So this describes, uh, the responsibilities in some of the groups,

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00:26:44.400 --> 00:26:46.460

Uh, that worked with him in administration.

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00:26:46.480 --> 00:26:51.060

He had one officer and 16 men in armament. There were two officers,

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00:26:52.260 --> 00:26:56.060

14 men for armament repair and overhaul and bomb site repair.

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00:26:58.280 --> 00:27:01.300

One officer and seven men for supply administration.

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00:27:02.400 --> 00:27:05.540

One man for decontamination, uh, vehicle operator,

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00:27:06.230 --> 00:27:10.060

three officers for communications. 18 men as radar mechanics,

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00:27:10.380 --> 00:27:13.500

telephone and telegraph mechanics, teletype mechanics.

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00:27:13.980 --> 00:27:18.340

I don't hear the word teletype anymore, do we? Engineering office itself,

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00:27:18.360 --> 00:27:19.193

one draftsman,

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00:27:20.390 --> 00:27:24.700

three clerks for engineering administration in the maintenance shop.

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00:27:24.700 --> 00:27:29.420

Direct supervision of engineering officer and one assistant total of 116 men

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00:27:29.720 --> 00:27:31.900

in the maintenance shop as follows,

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00:27:33.900 --> 00:27:37.300

aircraft and engine mechanics. 20. Airplane inspector two,

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00:27:38.090 --> 00:27:42.740

crew chief one fabric, and it says dope workers.

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00:27:42.920 --> 00:27:47.860

I'm not sure what that is. Four. I know what dope. The fabric.

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00:27:49.010 --> 00:27:53.380

Okay, hydraulic mechanics. Three, mobile repair chiefs. Six,

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00:27:54.460 --> 00:27:58.780

electrical specialist. Eight, instrument specialist. Seven, machinist eight,

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00:27:59.210 --> 00:28:02.860

parachute rigor and repairman. 10 propeller specialist.

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00:28:02.860 --> 00:28:06.820

Eight sheet metal workers, 24 welders and blacksmith.

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00:28:06.960 --> 00:28:09.090

10 woodworkers five.

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00:28:10.000 --> 00:28:12.700

Transportation shop had three auto body repairmen.

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00:28:13.270 --> 00:28:17.340

Three auto equipment mechanics, five auto equipment operators,

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00:28:17.340 --> 00:28:19.500

20 auto repairmen, and one motor inspector.

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00:28:24.360 --> 00:28:25.220

And as summary note,

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00:28:25.280 --> 00:28:28.820

as group engineering officer has responsible for third echelon repair of all

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00:28:28.820 --> 00:28:32.140

vehicles on the base for refueling of all aircraft.

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00:28:32.330 --> 00:28:35.700

75 4 engine bombers of B 24 type,

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00:28:36.000 --> 00:28:38.300

2,700 gallons of fuel each

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00:28:39.830 --> 00:28:44.720

Maintenance and servicing of all transient aircraft for all salvage and

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00:28:44.720 --> 00:28:48.160

reclamation of damaged aircraft and for maintenance and repair of runways and

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00:28:48.160 --> 00:28:52.800

taxi strips. Now if you take the 2,700 gallons times 75,

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00:28:52.800 --> 00:28:55.480

that's 200, 2,500 gallons of fuel

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00:28:58.490 --> 00:29:01.800

every day, or at least every mission. So that's, uh,

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00:29:01.980 --> 00:29:03.720

I'm not sure what the source of the fuel would've been.

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00:29:04.140 --> 00:29:07.880

Do you know where the fuel came from? The fuel depot. The fuel depot. Okay.

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00:29:08.030 --> 00:29:09.040

Where'd it come from? The fuel,

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00:29:17.250 --> 00:29:17.670

excuse

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00:29:17.670 --> 00:29:18.503

Me,

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00:29:20.190 --> 00:29:23.910

A couple photos. Just a picture of my dad on the right in front in the hangar.

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00:29:24.770 --> 00:29:28.870

Uh, it was actually the sub depot maintenance. Sub depot was, uh,

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00:29:28.870 --> 00:29:30.550

squadron number was four 61st.

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00:29:31.250 --> 00:29:34.350

It was also part of the eight 33rd Air Engineering Squadron.

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00:29:34.490 --> 00:29:37.110

And ultimately the four oh first Air service group.

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00:29:38.340 --> 00:29:39.990

This happens to be a picture of, uh,

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00:29:39.990 --> 00:29:43.220

four guys in front of the first aid station.

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00:29:44.320 --> 00:29:49.020

Bob McKeever's in there, Bob Trap, uh, uh, Lil and,

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00:29:49.200 --> 00:29:53.540

um, McKeever said, yeah, you've seen the, all the,

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00:29:53.600 --> 00:29:56.580

all the photos of the, uh, downstairs of the, uh, groups on the wing.

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00:29:56.840 --> 00:29:58.260

I'm not sure if this one's down there or not.

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00:29:58.280 --> 00:30:00.420

The four squadrons are on the wing.

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00:30:00.600 --> 00:30:04.140

And then the four 61st had their own photo as well on the wing.

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00:30:04.160 --> 00:30:06.260

And that arrow pointed to my dad up on top there.

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00:30:07.890 --> 00:30:10.420

There's actually 131 men in this photo.

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00:30:14.150 --> 00:30:18.420

Again, more photos on my dad here on the left.

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00:30:19.600 --> 00:30:22.980

That's, uh, Colonel Feal. And that's Captain Bailey.

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00:30:23.530 --> 00:30:27.300

Picture of one of the trucks, service trucks. Again, for more of the mechanics.

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00:30:30.960 --> 00:30:32.780

And now let me skip to a, uh,

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00:30:32.920 --> 00:30:36.900

little a story by Johnny Del talking about, uh,

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00:30:38.490 --> 00:30:40.020

some duties on base here.

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00:30:41.900 --> 00:30:42.970  
Don't back here anymore.

403  
00:30:43.710 --> 00:30:46.330  
Um, what about on base at Hardwood? Did they ever have any bomb?

404  
00:30:46.350 --> 00:30:47.410  
Did they ever get bombed there?

405  
00:30:47.510 --> 00:30:51.530  
Did they have any Germans attacking or you remember while you were there? We

406  
00:30:51.530 --> 00:30:56.170  
Had two different scares while I was there. We had, uh,

407  
00:30:57.430 --> 00:31:00.810  
uh, the buzz bombs when they first started dropping them,

408  
00:31:01.520 --> 00:31:03.170  
they took them out over the wash.

409  
00:31:03.550 --> 00:31:07.730  
That's where the English channel in the North Sea meets. Okay,

410  
00:31:08.080 --> 00:31:12.130  
that would be north of Norridge. And they would drop 'em off these,  
uh,

411  
00:31:13.270 --> 00:31:14.290  
uh, bombers,

412  
00:31:14.920 --> 00:31:15.230  
Okay.

413  
00:31:15.230 --> 00:31:18.690  
And they would light 'em. And they were sort of a kerosene jet engine.

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00:31:19.310 --> 00:31:22.250

And they would've engine trouble. And you could lay in bed,

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00:31:22.250 --> 00:31:25.850

they would've airway warning, uh, blue or something like that,

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00:31:25.870 --> 00:31:30.370

or airway warning red. And uh, uh,

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00:31:31.110 --> 00:31:34.450

we could lay in bed and listen. As long as the engines were running smooth,

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00:31:34.450 --> 00:31:39.250

they'd fly all over over. But when they started spitting, watch out,

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00:31:39.340 --> 00:31:40.650

going out to barrack's door,

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00:31:40.650 --> 00:31:43.850

everybody would jump up and you under where to get the double

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00:31:43.870 --> 00:31:46.890

Out. And you remember that happening a couple times or how many times? One time,

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00:31:47.770 --> 00:31:51.210

I know tickler, instead of going in the air raid, shell,

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00:31:51.220 --> 00:31:53.530

cause they always stayed full of water for rain.

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00:31:54.300 --> 00:31:59.130

There was a hedge right beside our barracks. Uh, there it was a hedge roof.

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00:31:59.910 --> 00:32:03.290

And that's a ditch with a hedge planted on the side of it.

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00:32:03.550 --> 00:32:08.010

And it was deep enough. I ran out there just swan,

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00:32:08.040 --> 00:32:11.290

sort of Flo Flo down there, heard somebody say, Ooh,

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00:32:13.110 --> 00:32:17.570

the damn thing fell out there somewhere. It blew wow. Beet sugar. Beet fields

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00:32:18.070 --> 00:32:19.370

Didn't hit any of the plains.

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00:32:19.520 --> 00:32:22.890

That was close. And I got up and I said, sir, I don't know who I fell on.

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00:32:23.950 --> 00:32:28.290

It was laying on top of me. It popped trow from Salt Lake City, Utah.

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00:32:28.960 --> 00:32:31.810

Said, Johnny. He said, I, I don't,

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00:32:31.890 --> 00:32:36.490

I felt much better knowing you were on top. I was on the bottom.

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00:32:36.830 --> 00:32:40.980

Oh, that's funny. What about, uh, did ever have any Germans on base?

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00:32:41.040 --> 00:32:43.180

Any infantry, anybody sneak on? Or

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00:32:43.420 --> 00:32:46.740

A funny, a funny thing happened. They had an air raid warning signal.

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00:32:46.900 --> 00:32:50.420

I think it was blue if they were having a parachute in base.

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00:32:51.200 --> 00:32:52.860

And they got the signals mixed up.

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00:32:53.680 --> 00:32:57.860

And the funniest thing happened if we had a air, uh,

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00:32:57.940 --> 00:32:59.140

a raid on the base.

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00:33:00.080 --> 00:33:04.860

The ground crew's job was to man the machine guns on the airplanes.

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00:33:05.640 --> 00:33:09.020

On the airplanes to run to an airplane. Yeah. Run to airplane, put the caliber

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00:33:10.010 --> 00:33:12.500

Stop start up dogs, every power unit,

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00:33:13.450 --> 00:33:16.860

turn and go up and charge the gun. And they, they,

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00:33:17.340 --> 00:33:17.460

I,

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00:33:17.460 --> 00:33:21.860

Jack and all our turbines were taken away from us. Uhhuh,

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00:33:22.010 --> 00:33:24.620

they were in the Orly room being modified.

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00:33:25.480 --> 00:33:28.940

So I was on the track team and everything, and I could move pretty quick.

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00:33:29.000 --> 00:33:32.740

So I got, when they had that, uh, hell, I don't want to get caught,

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00:33:32.820 --> 00:33:36.620

I gotta get to the airplane. So I ran by the Oring room. They told us, go,

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00:33:37.160 --> 00:33:41.420

go by the oring room and draw a rifle and some ammunition. Well, I grabbed it,

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00:33:42.900 --> 00:33:46.580

I got drive, grabbed the car. It was,

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00:33:46.800 --> 00:33:50.060

was dragging the late, they didn't get any ammunition.

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00:33:50.120 --> 00:33:52.380

We had it all in our pocket to say,

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00:33:52.940 --> 00:33:56.060

I took off and grabbed first available thing. We jumped in the van,

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00:33:56.060 --> 00:33:57.700

they dropped me off out there.

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00:33:58.180 --> 00:34:01.860

I jumped up at that plane and I cranked up that Oh wow. Auxiliary fire unit.

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00:34:01.860 --> 00:34:03.540

And I got up in the engineer,

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00:34:03.600 --> 00:34:06.540

the top gun up there and charged that 50 caliber up.

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00:34:06.540 --> 00:34:09.820

And I got sit thinking there and everything was quiet and everything.

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00:34:09.820 --> 00:34:13.780

And I said, you damn fool, he said, I said,

462

00:34:13.960 --> 00:34:15.220

if he wasn't shot,

463

00:34:15.320 --> 00:34:20.060

one incendiary bullet in this plane here is fuel on both sides of me.

464

00:34:20.060 --> 00:34:24.100

And I says, I'm running in this damn power unit. He knows somebody's around.

465

00:34:24.320 --> 00:34:27.020

He going to fire on his plane. I, I,

466

00:34:29.880 --> 00:34:34.380

uh, did the fit the caliber, crawled down and shut the power unit off,

467

00:34:34.840 --> 00:34:38.100

got out the airplane and crawled over in the hedge row and sat down in that

468

00:34:38.150 --> 00:34:41.340

ditch out there and waited and waited and everything. Got quiet and quiet.

469

00:34:41.360 --> 00:34:45.140

And finally, but two hours later they come around, the MP come around and said,

470

00:34:45.140 --> 00:34:47.820

anybody around here? I said, yeah, I'm over here in this ditch.

471

00:34:48.280 --> 00:34:50.220

He said it was a false alarm.

472

00:34:50.750 --> 00:34:51.700

False alarm after

473

00:34:51.700 --> 00:34:54.860

All that. And then said, when I said, that's a hell of a note,

474

00:34:54.860 --> 00:34:56.700

we got there all the time and all the,

475

00:34:56.960 --> 00:35:01.780

all the guns and ammunition was in the orderly room. Oh. And it just, I mean,

476

00:35:01.780 --> 00:35:04.140

just snafu on and stuff like that. Yeah.

477

00:35:07.650 --> 00:35:10.460

What a great story. Any of you that knew John or knows Johnny,

478

00:35:10.460 --> 00:35:12.820

certainly he's a great storyteller and fun to listen to.

479

00:35:17.210 --> 00:35:19.780

Okay. Next I'm gonna share some information outta my dad's log books,

480

00:35:19.850 --> 00:35:22.660

just to give you a glimpse of kind of things that he was involved with and took,

481

00:35:22.760 --> 00:35:26.740

uh, took care of. Um, this was from 1942.

482

00:35:27.120 --> 00:35:30.540

On the left is his, uh, obviously just his property of,

483

00:35:30.640 --> 00:35:35.500

he kept a list of the crews and airplanes by crew. And,

484

00:35:35.600 --> 00:35:37.380

uh, here's a sample that on the right,

485

00:35:37.380 --> 00:35:41.420

and you can see some of the names in there. Um, here's another sample.

486

00:35:41.850 --> 00:35:45.620

Some of the names you'll recognize, Bob McKeever's in there. Fur word, uh,

487

00:35:45.700 --> 00:35:49.100

F word, et cetera. But he kept in these log books, again,

488

00:35:49.180 --> 00:35:53.020

a a log of by plain number and would identified the crew chief,

489

00:35:53.160 --> 00:35:54.860

the assistant crew chief, and what the crew was.

490

00:35:56.480 --> 00:36:00.740

He kept notes on who was doing what on his teams. So for example, specialist,

491

00:36:00.960 --> 00:36:04.860

he said, uh, as the names here for, uh, the prop, uh,

492

00:36:04.970 --> 00:36:08.660

propeller specialist and inspector, the instrumentation specialist,

493

00:36:08.680 --> 00:36:13.460

the sheet metal specialist, the electrician names, uh, the office clerk names.

494

00:36:14.890 --> 00:36:19.300

Okay. And I've got a clip here as well. Another one real quick on, uh,

495

00:36:21.030 --> 00:36:23.890

on a fuel tank story. That's kinda interesting.

496

00:36:26.620 --> 00:36:28.690

Where is your diagonals and the safety wire?

497

00:36:28.690 --> 00:36:32.490

Didn't know they had signed up for those. They right here. Okay. Well,

498

00:36:32.490 --> 00:36:36.370

I want to be sure the fuel tanks were topped off. Yeah. And they would,

499

00:36:36.480 --> 00:36:38.970

they would know, uh, uh,

500

00:36:39.440 --> 00:36:44.130

because you had to be after you checked the tanks and they would see that,

501

00:36:44.130 --> 00:36:48.770

they would pull the caps, put it back. They had to safety wire that back then,

502

00:36:48.920 --> 00:36:51.450

because they could lose all their fuel. Our first,

503

00:36:51.750 --> 00:36:56.010

our first trip down to North Africa. Yeah. We,

504

00:36:56.830 --> 00:36:59.290

we started operating there and we flew one mission,

505

00:36:59.350 --> 00:37:01.690

but the rains came and everything was muddy.

506

00:37:02.550 --> 00:37:06.330

So we had to move over to Libya and we, we moved over,

507

00:37:06.830 --> 00:37:11.730

we flew over Ramel at nighttime to Libya. Well,

508

00:37:12.890 --> 00:37:16.530

I got took off and one of my gas tanks went empty.

509

00:37:17.790 --> 00:37:19.450

Oh boy. Well,

510

00:37:19.490 --> 00:37:23.290

I turned around to go back and I couldn't raise the dead.

511

00:37:26.720 --> 00:37:30.410

They would No lights, no, no radio. No.

512

00:37:30.520 --> 00:37:33.850

They afraid he gonna come back and bomb them. Oh, wow.

513

00:37:34.230 --> 00:37:36.250

And so I said, well,

514

00:37:36.650 --> 00:37:41.530

I sat there the rest of the night and flew, flew squares. Yeah.

515

00:37:41.620 --> 00:37:44.770

Uhhuh, 10 minute square, five minute square, anything.

516

00:37:44.950 --> 00:37:48.210

And had everything cut back, you know. Yeah.

517

00:37:48.880 --> 00:37:53.410

When daylight came and asked what, what? We're on a big overcast,

518

00:37:54.110 --> 00:37:57.490

oh, they good get in.

519

00:37:58.110 --> 00:38:02.890

No expert approach, add anything. So I told, well, John, I said, well, John,

520

00:38:02.890 --> 00:38:07.450

what we gotta do, do we gotta go to the coastline and let down flew this suit?

521

00:38:08.110 --> 00:38:12.170

Yep. Cause we always got 500 feet over water. Yeah, that's, I get long pants on.

522

00:38:12.310 --> 00:38:14.610

And that's what we did. Mm-hmm. And flew,

523

00:38:14.720 --> 00:38:17.290

flew a landfall back and went back and landed it. Right.

524

00:38:17.320 --> 00:38:21.410

Hope you'd pick up a land familiar market that you, Hey, we turned here,

525

00:38:21.410 --> 00:38:25.210

we hit right here. And who's John? Your co-pilot then? You know,

526

00:38:25.210 --> 00:38:29.250

John was the navigator or the navigator. Yeah. What's his name? John Hunt. Hunt.

527

00:38:29.250 --> 00:38:31.890

Okay. Oxford, North Carolina. He can't even,

528

00:38:32.100 --> 00:38:34.690

can't find anything to get a fix on. He's in bad shape too.

529

00:38:37.570 --> 00:38:38.403

Okay.

530

00:38:38.730 --> 00:38:42.620

It's great to see the interaction, isn't it? Between, uh, Johnny and Lou.

531

00:38:42.620 --> 00:38:46.740

Of course. We love them both. And the, uh, the stories are,

532

00:38:47.320 --> 00:38:48.153  
you can't, uh,

533  
00:38:49.570 --> 00:38:49.900  
What

534  
00:38:49.900 --> 00:38:51.340  
I wanna say, I guess you just can't, uh,

535  
00:38:53.030 --> 00:38:55.530  
not like listening to all these stories on and on.

536  
00:38:55.790 --> 00:38:58.810  
And I've got a lot of videotape from that was from the Savannah  
reunion.

537  
00:39:02.240 --> 00:39:06.010  
Okay. Some more, uh, notes out of the log book engine change here.

538  
00:39:06.010 --> 00:39:08.930  
He wrote down, uh, I know there's technical specifications,

539  
00:39:08.950 --> 00:39:12.010  
but here he wrote in his own book as a reminder, I guess, how to  
change, uh,

540  
00:39:12.010 --> 00:39:15.490  
what he needed to change an engine out. Engine work stands,

541  
00:39:15.920 --> 00:39:19.490  
prop tools and dollies, tripod and hoist, carburetor gasket,

542  
00:39:19.710 --> 00:39:21.170  
new prop governors.

543  
00:39:22.830 --> 00:39:23.663  
Um,

544

00:39:23.890 --> 00:39:25.650  
A dome retaining nut gasket, you know,

545  
00:39:25.650 --> 00:39:28.770  
so the parts list is pretty common in the log bits as well.

546  
00:39:30.470 --> 00:39:31.190  
Um,

547  
00:39:31.190 --> 00:39:33.410  
My mom always told the story at Pratt and Whitney here,

548  
00:39:33.410 --> 00:39:36.610  
it'd take 'em a week to change an engine out while they were in training.

549  
00:39:37.150 --> 00:39:39.090  
And of course, over there on the base, they could do it in four,

550  
00:39:39.090 --> 00:39:39.930  
in less than four hours.

551  
00:39:42.790 --> 00:39:43.623  
Uh, let's see,

552  
00:39:44.500 --> 00:39:48.900  
Other names of Cruz here with a Jacob Ting. Uh, Fred, I think that's your dad.

553  
00:39:48.920 --> 00:39:53.740  
Uh, Lieutenant Weir Hap Kendall, uh, here. He had a list of how many parachutes,

554  
00:39:53.940 --> 00:39:57.860  
18 parachutes and 11 oxygen masks, I guess for some of his work orders.

555  
00:39:59.480 --> 00:40:03.420  
Uh, more notes on different parts. Bombay door, uh, pulley brackets,

et cetera.

556

00:40:04.160 --> 00:40:08.740

Uh, engineering radio sets. So again, I see, uh, his, again in his handwriting,

557

00:40:08.740 --> 00:40:12.740

handwritten notes, kinda, kinda light there to see. Sorry. Uh,

558

00:40:12.740 --> 00:40:16.060

here's one on supply procedure. This was actually, looks like it was a,

559

00:40:16.660 --> 00:40:20.780

a meeting that they had prior to, uh, uh,

560

00:40:20.780 --> 00:40:24.260

going to North Africa. There's notes on here about military courtesy,

561

00:40:24.720 --> 00:40:28.540

misuse of transportation, misconduct of soldiers in town,

562

00:40:29.840 --> 00:40:33.140

uh, that never happened, right? Uh,

563

00:40:33.140 --> 00:40:37.740

relations between British and American soldiers, I'm guessing. This was, uh,

564

00:40:39.180 --> 00:40:42.980

Ted Timberlake, the commanding officer, giving, uh, giving the meeting.

565

00:40:42.980 --> 00:40:46.540

And you can just vision him up there in front of everybody. American soldiers,

566

00:40:46.840 --> 00:40:49.980

uh, Nazi propaganda, British Endurance,

567

00:40:50.240 --> 00:40:54.380

and British rations conduct themselves as in the US

568

00:40:55.600 --> 00:41:00.140

caught without passes as awol. And then the,

569

00:41:00.200 --> 00:41:04.540

the meeting went on to talk, uh, looks like about the ambulances bomb service.

570

00:41:04.940 --> 00:41:08.940

Reconnaissance some other notes. But then it looks like, uh, it was at,

571

00:41:08.960 --> 00:41:12.500

he was told to take 24 mechanics to North Africa. I see the note.

572

00:41:12.500 --> 00:41:15.780

24 mechanics here. Enough supplies for one week.

573

00:41:16.040 --> 00:41:18.580

His letters state that they were only supposed to be there for one or two weeks.

574

00:41:19.280 --> 00:41:22.420

Of course, ended up being three months. Um,

575

00:41:23.100 --> 00:41:27.780

14 men per ship take off at 10:00 AM And a note to put a

576

00:41:27.780 --> 00:41:31.580

supercharger on number 7 24. But this list on the right, again,

577

00:41:31.580 --> 00:41:34.140

it's kinda light, sorry about that. But you can see, uh,

578

00:41:34.480 --> 00:41:36.300

it actually counts and adds up to 24.

579

00:41:36.300 --> 00:41:39.460

So it looks like his list of who he was selecting for the mechanics to go on the

580

00:41:39.460 --> 00:41:41.620

north, uh, to the first trip to North Africa,

581

00:41:42.950 --> 00:41:45.500

which he called the Secret Mission in his log book.

582

00:41:46.040 --> 00:41:49.140

And I'll read through this quickly, his notes on the secret mission.

583

00:41:49.960 --> 00:41:54.860

So this was no, uh, December of, uh, December 6th, 1942 on Sunday,

584

00:41:54.950 --> 00:41:58.620

early breakfast takeoff from a P oh 6, 34 at nine 30,

585

00:41:59.160 --> 00:42:03.220

landed at port at 1230 after hunting for a full,

586

00:42:04.560 --> 00:42:08.830

after hunting for field for an hour. December 7th,

587

00:42:09.980 --> 00:42:14.590

took off from Port Riz at 8:50 AM for Africa. Passed over Ocean Portugal, Spain,

588

00:42:14.590 --> 00:42:15.550

Mediterranean Sea,

589

00:42:15.610 --> 00:42:20.150

and French Morocco into Algeria at 4:30 PM landed at Te Fu

590

00:42:20.980 --> 00:42:25.070

Chow. Good, but quarters, very bad field. Muddy three 30,

591

00:42:25.300 --> 00:42:29.950

lost one ship. December 8th. Slept on Iron Cot without a mattress. Bad

592

00:42:32.180 --> 00:42:36.950

breakfast. Okay, not much work yet. Everything okay. December 9th,

593

00:42:37.100 --> 00:42:41.230

rain and plenty of mud chow. Very good, considering slept well,

594

00:42:41.330 --> 00:42:44.270

but bed hard. Didn't do much today.

595

00:42:44.270 --> 00:42:47.350

Exchanged English money for invasion money.

596

00:42:49.020 --> 00:42:52.750

Mail service four days to the states. December 10th, rained very muddy.

597

00:42:52.750 --> 00:42:55.910

Nothing accomplished except wrote Helen. That's my mom.

598

00:42:56.980 --> 00:42:59.990

Read part of the Bible bed early, but had hard to sleep.

599

00:43:00.430 --> 00:43:02.190

December 11th on Friday, weather still bad,

600

00:43:02.490 --> 00:43:06.270

but men in supplies continued to pour into this base called Tar Forough.

601

00:43:07.260 --> 00:43:08.093

Very muddy.

602

00:43:08.870 --> 00:43:12.670

Finished writing Helen a letter and saw Bugs Tate was a high school friend.

603

00:43:13.690 --> 00:43:17.990

So, uh, December 12th, he writes, Geronimo cracked up taxing.

604

00:43:17.990 --> 00:43:21.110

We've seen photos of Geronimo with the nose, uh, in the mud,

605

00:43:21.490 --> 00:43:25.110

bogged down in the mud. And more and nose wheel collapsed. Weather fine.

606

00:43:26.050 --> 00:43:30.910

Plenty of ships on the field. December 13th, big raid on Tunis and Bizzo,

607

00:43:31.900 --> 00:43:36.630

15 B seventeens. And 19 B 20 fours went on, raid one of mine badly.

608

00:43:36.700 --> 00:43:40.630

Shot up several men, hurt plenty of flack holes between,

609

00:43:41.830 --> 00:43:46.410

uh, plenty of flack holes. Bitner lost one. Very busy raid.

610

00:43:46.510 --> 00:43:50.610

Not successful. December 14th, only 12 B 20 fours went on. Raid,

611

00:43:50.920 --> 00:43:55.370

raid of complete success over bizzo. Very little damage to planes. No one hurt.

612

00:43:55.680 --> 00:43:59.730

Four EAs shot down enemy aircraft. December 15th,

613

00:43:59.800 --> 00:44:04.050

rain and very muddy. Getting ready to move east December 16th.

614

00:44:04.190 --> 00:44:06.970

Loaded and ready to go. Seven airplanes in the 4 0 9.

615

00:44:07.750 --> 00:44:10.410

So he was still on the four oh ninth at this part, supporting, uh,

616

00:44:10.410 --> 00:44:12.250

just the four. Oh ninth December 17th.

617

00:44:12.280 --> 00:44:17.090

Took off from Toru Toru at 2:00 AM Moonlight night,

618

00:44:17.300 --> 00:44:20.850

everything Okay. Passed over. Algiers, uh,

619

00:44:23.240 --> 00:44:26.460

uh, solf Facts, Mediterranean to bag onto to Brook.

620

00:44:26.460 --> 00:44:29.780

Landed at Gamut Field, 40 miles east of to Brook.

621

00:44:29.990 --> 00:44:33.900

Could see sunken shifts in the tow Brook harbor. Also watch tanks and trucks.

622

00:44:35.420 --> 00:44:37.540

A completely entrenchment around tow Brook desert.

623

00:44:37.690 --> 00:44:41.380

Very barren and not worth fighting for Bed early

624

00:44:42.450 --> 00:44:44.890

onto chiro tomorrow. Uh,

625

00:44:44.890 --> 00:44:47.530

here's some notes about a overhauling and airplane.

626

00:44:47.700 --> 00:44:51.730

Clean and grease all the wheel bearings. Remove clean and test all generators.

627

00:44:51.730 --> 00:44:53.730

Remove clean and test the auxiliary power units.

628

00:44:53.730 --> 00:44:58.010

Remove and clean carburetor replace all exist, all, all exhaust gaskets.

629

00:44:58.380 --> 00:45:02.730

Clean and repair propellers, install hydraulic lines, clean and repair.

630

00:45:02.730 --> 00:45:05.490

All parachutes, clean all flying clothing,

631

00:45:06.400 --> 00:45:07.890

wash all oxygen masks.

632

00:45:09.640 --> 00:45:12.370

Some similar notes from 1943, again,

633

00:45:12.400 --> 00:45:16.940

showing the different crews technical supply names.

634

00:45:17.840 --> 00:45:22.180

Uh, quartermaster Supply, refueling crew, uh, parachute Riggers,

635

00:45:22.460 --> 00:45:25.460

electrical specialists, sheet Metal specialists. So again,

636

00:45:25.460 --> 00:45:27.900

all the names of people that worked on his teams there.

637

00:45:28.440 --> 00:45:30.140

He listed a couple technical manuals,

638

00:45:30.140 --> 00:45:32.060

and in his letters he writes how he helped, uh,

639

00:45:32.060 --> 00:45:36.980

revise some of these technical manuals on, uh, electrical fundamentals,

640

00:45:37.440 --> 00:45:41.260

theory of flight, airplane structures, and, uh, instrument flying training,

641

00:45:41.980 --> 00:45:44.180

aircraft, sheet metal work, welding, billing machines,

642

00:45:44.920 --> 00:45:46.380

and air aircraft propellers.

643

00:45:47.790 --> 00:45:52.170

He also kept track of all four engine serial numbers by airplane, serial number.

644

00:45:52.630 --> 00:45:55.210

So this is the, the snapshot of that.

645

00:45:56.720 --> 00:45:58.220

So now I'd like to take a, uh,

646

00:45:58.220 --> 00:46:02.100

some time and go through some excerpts from the letters that he wrote to my mom,

647

00:46:03.080 --> 00:46:07.340

InMail. And that will also give you a glimpse, I guess, of, I think of,

648

00:46:08.400 --> 00:46:12.140

um, what he went through and what the ground crews had to, had to endure.

649

00:46:13.480 --> 00:46:16.660

Uh, again, I'll have to read through these. It's not really vi uh, visible.

650

00:46:16.800 --> 00:46:20.780

Up here are barracks known as the casino is relatively quiet tonight.

651

00:46:21.040 --> 00:46:22.740

Now this is actually back in, uh,

652

00:46:22.740 --> 00:46:26.060

would've been in Alka Alberry before they left. Uh,

653

00:46:26.060 --> 00:46:29.580

it was relatively quiet tonight as there is only one poker game in progress.

654

00:46:30.570 --> 00:46:35.220

Usually there are two card games and a dice game. Of course, all those rebels,

655

00:46:35.250 --> 00:46:37.460

Herbert, and Jake Epting are in the middle of everything.

656

00:46:39.280 --> 00:46:43.340

Our rations have shown greater improvement and we'll get along. Okay,

657

00:46:43.560 --> 00:46:45.300

if the peanut butter and jam hold out,

658

00:46:46.550 --> 00:46:50.100

we're allowed six packs of cigarettes, two bars of candy,

659

00:46:50.260 --> 00:46:53.660

a can of peanuts a week from the px. And so bake.

660

00:46:53.800 --> 00:46:57.900

That's the Colonel Baker and Sergeant Wilkerson get my cigarettes.

661

00:46:57.920 --> 00:47:02.780

My dad didn't smoke. Oh, yes. Now I can tell you more about my travel.

662

00:47:02.920 --> 00:47:07.780

So this is a letter. After he came back, uh, in 1943,

663

00:47:07.790 --> 00:47:09.340

after the first trip to North Africa,

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00:47:09.340 --> 00:47:13.540

we left England a little over two weeks ago for North Africa and flew over the

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00:47:13.740 --> 00:47:16.220

Atlantic, Spain, the Mediterranean Sea to near Orran,

666

00:47:17.190 --> 00:47:22.180

where we operated from the, for almost 12 days. Did some good work, uh,

667

00:47:22.400 --> 00:47:24.300

did some good, but lost Johnny Sparks

668

00:47:28.240 --> 00:47:29.100

here, tow Brook,

669

00:47:29.230 --> 00:47:34.060

where we could easily see where many battles had been fought and many

670

00:47:34.180 --> 00:47:35.020

ships sunk in the harbor.

671

00:47:35.560 --> 00:47:39.020

We stayed there overnight and the next day flew to the Nile Valley area for

672

00:47:39.260 --> 00:47:41.100

additions to the plains and a rest.

673

00:47:41.670 --> 00:47:44.940

We've been sleeping on iron cots without any mattress, with only two blankets,

674

00:47:44.960 --> 00:47:49.940

and always using heavy flying suits either for cover or for near,

675

00:47:50.440 --> 00:47:54.920

uh, on the bed. December 22nd, 1942.

676

00:47:55.310 --> 00:47:58.240

Just finished a midday nap. And before having any more work,

677

00:47:58.240 --> 00:48:01.880

we'll rate you this shortened note. Uh, we're back out in the desert now,

678

00:48:01.940 --> 00:48:03.360

and we'll probably stay here for some time,

679

00:48:03.360 --> 00:48:08.320

which is not a very pleasant thought. We're all sleeping in tents now on, uh,

680

00:48:08.620 --> 00:48:12.760

canvas cots. And I'm living with Wilkie, that's Dick Wilkinson. At night.

681

00:48:12.760 --> 00:48:17.320

We have, uh, to use candle power for what light we have as our flashlight.

682

00:48:17.600 --> 00:48:20.600

Batteries are almost gone and they're in over placements.

683

00:48:23.150 --> 00:48:27.960

Most of us are now wearing British type of desert uniform known as

battle

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00:48:27.960 --> 00:48:31.560

dress, but we call it zoot suits. It's better adapted to living in the desert,

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00:48:31.660 --> 00:48:35.870

and it's very warm. A couple pictures here, uh,

686

00:48:35.870 --> 00:48:39.190

different planes that came in. The one on the right is actually where the,

687

00:48:39.450 --> 00:48:43.230

the shot we've seen of when the king was there. Uh, visiting and,

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00:48:43.410 --> 00:48:45.550

and inspected Peggy Ann. And that's his,

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00:48:45.690 --> 00:48:49.830

his notes in the picture that some of my crew, some of my boys, uh,

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00:48:49.830 --> 00:48:54.510

in the picture there, uh, more pictures of engines being, uh,

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00:48:54.510 --> 00:48:58.590

worked on's. The picture, my dad, right over here on the left, low, down low,

692

00:48:58.590 --> 00:49:01.190

you probably can't see that. And then in his Jeep,

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00:49:04.000 --> 00:49:07.380

uh, some more excerpts, uh, well, let's see.

694

00:49:07.730 --> 00:49:11.220

This was April 13th. He, um,

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00:49:11.480 --> 00:49:15.700

was asked to go to the BBC in London for a broadcast for the Second War bond

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00:49:15.710 --> 00:49:18.980

drive. And it was broadcast to Central New York area in Syracuse.

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00:49:18.980 --> 00:49:21.900

Here's his letter describing that to my mom. On last Thursday,

698

00:49:21.900 --> 00:49:25.020

I had someone over the public address system say something about Syracuse,

699

00:49:25.040 --> 00:49:28.820

New York, and to call public relations if anyone lived near there. Well,

700

00:49:28.820 --> 00:49:32.380

I didn't have the slightest idea of what it was until orders came from higher up

701

00:49:32.780 --> 00:49:37.340

headquarters for me to report to Major Ben Lyon in London to put on a special

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00:49:37.450 --> 00:49:41.420

broadcast direct to Syracuse as part of a special war bond drive.

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00:49:41.510 --> 00:49:43.500

After finding out what it was all about,

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00:49:45.160 --> 00:49:46.620

art Feldman of nbc,

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00:49:46.640 --> 00:49:50.460

who was doing a lot of work for the Army's public address department and who

706

00:49:50.460 --> 00:49:54.870  
used to work. Oops. Um,

707

00:49:56.070 --> 00:49:59.350  
actually I was going there we go. And used to work at, uh,

708

00:49:59.810 --> 00:50:03.430  
the Power Company in Syracuse, New York. And what happened was that,  
uh,

709

00:50:04.180 --> 00:50:08.590  
they actually had eight soldiers from, uh, from England from Central  
New York.

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00:50:08.890 --> 00:50:13.790  
Two were out of our unit out of the 93rd, my dad and Harold Secor.  
And, uh,

711

00:50:13.790 --> 00:50:17.670  
they both, uh, attended and did the broadcast live over to the States.

712

00:50:18.140 --> 00:50:22.430  
They actually made a recording of that. And the recording, um,

713

00:50:23.800 --> 00:50:25.780  
was something we searched for, for over 30 years,

714

00:50:25.840 --> 00:50:28.700  
and finally got ahold of it at the Syracuse University Belfor Lab.

715

00:50:28.720 --> 00:50:33.060  
And so we have a, uh, clip of, of all of the men giving their, uh,

716

00:50:33.770 --> 00:50:37.380  
promotion for the war bond drive on, on audio tape. So that's kind of  
cool.

717

00:50:38.980 --> 00:50:40.160  
Uh, a couple more excerpts here.

718

00:50:40.180 --> 00:50:44.160

No doubt you've read of the tragic plane crash on Iceland in Iceland,

719

00:50:44.160 --> 00:50:47.160

which killed General Andrews and crew. It was, uh,

720

00:50:47.320 --> 00:50:49.800

a heavy loss to all over here. And es especially to our group.

721

00:50:50.300 --> 00:50:52.000

That's another one. A bitner is gone.

722

00:50:52.100 --> 00:50:55.840

I'm not sure if that the plane was part of a Benner's group. Uh,

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00:50:55.880 --> 00:50:59.920

I now have two babies. I now have 10 babies. He called his pla uh,

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00:50:59.920 --> 00:51:01.920

all the B 20 fours in his group. He called babies.

725

00:51:02.480 --> 00:51:05.840

I have 10 babies to worry over, but I'm well organized and doing okay.

726

00:51:09.720 --> 00:51:11.580

Uh, some more pictures. Uh,

727

00:51:11.580 --> 00:51:14.780

there's a shot of Minerva that was one of the cranes, whoop,

728

00:51:16.860 --> 00:51:21.360

one of the crane, uh, one being worked on underneath in the nose, uh, section.

729

00:51:23.530 --> 00:51:26.590

Uh, another, uh, clip here. Let's see.

730

00:51:29.750 --> 00:51:32.400

This was his first letter back after pti.

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00:51:33.440 --> 00:51:38.320

1943 is dated August 8th. He writes from the Middle East. While darling,

732

00:51:38.320 --> 00:51:40.760

this has been a week, which I hope I never have to relive.

733

00:51:41.300 --> 00:51:46.000

It all started last Sunday with a daring attack on the Romanian polo pity oil

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00:51:46.000 --> 00:51:49.040

fields. And of course, my babies had a big part in it.

735

00:51:49.100 --> 00:51:52.760

We don't exactly know what our losses were, but they were heavy.

736

00:51:52.780 --> 00:51:56.870

And of course some were mine. You know, he, uh,

737

00:51:56.930 --> 00:52:00.790

as a major he could. Uh, I guess Don, you said one time most officers could,

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00:52:00.790 --> 00:52:04.830

could edit and censor their own letters. I was told the officers could.

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00:52:04.970 --> 00:52:06.550

The officers could, right? Yeah. I mean,

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00:52:06.550 --> 00:52:10.270

so the officers would censor the enlisted. Okay. I was told, I mean,

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00:52:10.270 --> 00:52:13.430

obviously he knew what he could and couldn't write and couldn't say and, uh,

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00:52:13.430 --> 00:52:16.150  
as his own stamp. But, uh, you know, that again,

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00:52:16.150 --> 00:52:18.430  
there's a lot of the letters have, uh, you know,

744

00:52:18.960 --> 00:52:20.430  
activities and events that happen.

745

00:52:20.810 --> 00:52:23.470  
And a lot of it really parallels Ted's trailing circus. You know,

746

00:52:23.470 --> 00:52:24.950  
when Cal wrote the history book, I mean,

747

00:52:25.370 --> 00:52:29.870  
you can see just how all my dad's letters parallel. Uh, the history book,

748

00:52:31.340 --> 00:52:34.880  
uh, today was an exciting one over here as the forts.

749

00:52:35.500 --> 00:52:38.720  
So B seventeens went over early in the morning, hundreds of them,

750

00:52:39.620 --> 00:52:41.480  
and that's about 50 or more.

751

00:52:41.960 --> 00:52:46.960  
Thunderbolts came in here for servicing and then went, went out again.

752

00:52:47.500 --> 00:52:49.280  
It was some sight. Tonight we've heard, uh,

753

00:52:49.280 --> 00:52:53.720

planes go overhead for about an hour now. So old, old hi Hilty.

754

00:52:53.720 --> 00:52:58.710

Must be going to catch a few more bombs. That was September, 1943.

755

00:52:59.230 --> 00:53:03.550

Couple more photos under the aircraft. That's actually one, uh,

756

00:53:03.600 --> 00:53:07.230

stuck in the mud, his caption. And my mom said, you see, they do get stuck.

757

00:53:09.370 --> 00:53:12.470

Uh, let's see, November 12th for recreation notes here.

758

00:53:12.470 --> 00:53:16.150

This afternoon I shot a little sket with Lieutenant Taylor and Lieutenant

759

00:53:16.180 --> 00:53:19.950

Cogburn and actually got it so I could hit them pretty well. Uh,

760

00:53:19.950 --> 00:53:24.150

we'll have to have a s\*\*\*t range on our farm. Uh,

761

00:53:24.150 --> 00:53:28.620

this one November 19th, T-Bone Captain Miller is in the hospital with the flu.

762

00:53:28.860 --> 00:53:33.220

I seem to keep, uh, too busy to get sick. Was terribly busy today. And as usual,

763

00:53:33.220 --> 00:53:36.540

everything came out. Uh, once came at once.

764

00:53:36.930 --> 00:53:41.190

Five out of mine are out of commission, worst ever. So again,

765

00:53:41.330 --> 00:53:45.560

the ups and downs of, of the maintenance world. Um,

766

00:53:46.070 --> 00:53:48.920

I've hinted in one of my previous letters and I'm now working with a service

767

00:53:48.920 --> 00:53:52.160

squadron, uh, here. And I'm base engineering officer.

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00:53:52.220 --> 00:53:55.400

So this is the letter when he was promoted, uh, to base engineering officer.

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00:53:55.420 --> 00:53:58.360

The whole deal is that the service squad will be soon be a sub depot.

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00:53:58.740 --> 00:54:03.360

And I was asked to be the engineering officer. Uh,

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00:54:03.620 --> 00:54:06.120

um, let's see. It'll be,

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00:54:06.620 --> 00:54:09.600

it will be under the Air Service command giving me a better chance of maybe

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00:54:09.600 --> 00:54:12.000

going to the Air Corps Engineering School for officers,

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00:54:12.000 --> 00:54:16.760

which I'd like very much to do. And that would would be after the war. Uh,

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00:54:16.760 --> 00:54:20.000

let's see. It's been pretty busy with my new job is base engineering officer,

776

00:54:20.000 --> 00:54:23.800

and I just wish I could tell you what we'd done to one of these B 20 fours,

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00:54:24.310 --> 00:54:25.060

your factory.

778

00:54:25.060 --> 00:54:29.280

My mom actually worked for Consolidated or North American in Fort Worth. Uh,

779

00:54:29.580 --> 00:54:31.360

she was in the accounting department. Uh,

780

00:54:31.460 --> 00:54:34.280

but so he talked a lot in his letters about her, uh,

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00:54:34.280 --> 00:54:37.840

working in making the plains for him to send over. So, uh,

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00:54:39.570 --> 00:54:42.800

again, he says, could tell you what we've done to one of these B 20 fours.

783

00:54:42.800 --> 00:54:43.633

Your factory would,

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00:54:43.660 --> 00:54:48.520

now your factory would vow they'd never make another if

785

00:54:48.520 --> 00:54:49.760

they ever saw this one.

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00:54:49.860 --> 00:54:53.840

So he must have modified something that they probably didn't approve or wouldn't

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00:54:53.840 --> 00:54:54.880

approve of. However,

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00:54:55.110 --> 00:54:58.960

it's for a very good purpose and may have far reaching results.

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00:55:00.230 --> 00:55:04.080

Dear Helen, this is 1944. My job is still keeping me on the jump. Unfortunately.

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00:55:04.080 --> 00:55:07.560

I have a good assistant who takes care of most of the reports and keeps account

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00:55:07.560 --> 00:55:08.880

of the tools, equipment, et cetera.

792

00:55:09.520 --> 00:55:13.760

I now have almost 150 men under me and expect about 25 or 30 more.

793

00:55:14.950 --> 00:55:16.480

They sure keep me on the jump.

794

00:55:17.850 --> 00:55:20.020

Another one in April, 1944.

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00:55:20.020 --> 00:55:24.660

I've been terribly busy at the shops lately and here have lots of troubles with

796

00:55:24.660 --> 00:55:25.493

some of my babies.

797

00:55:25.530 --> 00:55:29.180

Sure would like to get back to have some of the changes made on them before we

798

00:55:29.180 --> 00:55:33.220

get 'em. So again, referring to design changes, uh, back at the factory,

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00:55:33.950 --> 00:55:36.420

we're trying to get replacements on some of our old equipment,

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00:55:36.420 --> 00:55:38.340

and we're signing a 40 foot trailer in the morning.

801

00:55:38.840 --> 00:55:42.580

And I've been busy getting it ready. And there's the picture there.

802

00:55:43.880 --> 00:55:46.100

Uh, my dad and the overalls over there on the right.

803

00:55:49.170 --> 00:55:52.710

Um, I, October 44. Been terribly busy today,

804

00:55:52.710 --> 00:55:54.230

but things have gone quite smoothly lately.

805

00:55:54.280 --> 00:55:58.790

We've been busy repairing two no sections and they should be done in a couple of

806

00:55:58.790 --> 00:56:00.110

days. Told the boys,

807

00:56:00.310 --> 00:56:03.990

I give them a two day pass if they finished a certain time.

808

00:56:04.090 --> 00:56:06.070

And it has speeded them up a bit.

809

00:56:06.820 --> 00:56:11.710

Also changing two landing gears on another plane and have enough landing

810

00:56:11.740 --> 00:56:14.670

gear modification work to last out this year.

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00:56:15.220 --> 00:56:19.310

Also have a lot of other work backlog to help us. Uh, plenty busy.

812

00:56:19.860 --> 00:56:23.980

John Julian was in the, in the, uh, uh, ground cruise lives in Oregon.

813

00:56:24.580 --> 00:56:26.140

I spoke with him about four or five years ago.

814

00:56:26.160 --> 00:56:28.420

I'm not sure if he's still with us or not. Um,

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00:56:28.560 --> 00:56:33.180

but he actually sent me some pictures and a letter and sent and referred to that

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00:56:33.180 --> 00:56:34.660

time. He said, yeah, your dad was the greatest.

817

00:56:34.760 --> 00:56:37.180

He actually told us we got this work done by the four hours.

818

00:56:37.320 --> 00:56:41.420

He gave us a the pass off or the give us a pass to town and give us a day off.

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00:56:41.500 --> 00:56:45.500

And by golly, he did that. So, uh, that was the letter, the talking about that.

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00:56:45.640 --> 00:56:50.380

So, And let's see another video clip here. Quick on, uh,

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00:56:53.140 --> 00:56:53.973

Let's see.

822

00:56:55.310 --> 00:56:56.530

The last time. You had one of those on

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00:56:57.080 --> 00:56:57.770

Jack Long

824

00:56:57.770 --> 00:56:57.950

Time

825

00:56:57.950 --> 00:56:58.783

Ago.

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00:57:00.000 --> 00:57:03.690

Yeah. You left it. I wasn't No, you were right. There you go.

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00:57:03.890 --> 00:57:06.210

I wa I wasn't fortunate enough to have any of 'em.

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00:57:06.210 --> 00:57:07.043

You weren't?

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00:57:07.830 --> 00:57:11.490

No, I was a ground crew. We had, we had gloves,

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00:57:11.670 --> 00:57:15.290

but they took our overs shoes. When they doing the invasion,

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00:57:16.200 --> 00:57:20.730

they run out of supplies and they took our overshoes away from us

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00:57:21.270 --> 00:57:23.450

and took 'em to the front. Really? Well,

833

00:57:23.450 --> 00:57:26.090

they had gone to the electric suits for that time.

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00:57:26.190 --> 00:57:28.130

The planes were getting up and enough, you know,

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00:57:28.130 --> 00:57:31.290  
they had th th this outfit they first wore,

836  
00:57:31.710 --> 00:57:33.770  
and then they went to the electric suits. That's right.

837  
00:57:33.770 --> 00:57:37.770  
They had all these boots like this. But this, these,

838  
00:57:37.920 --> 00:57:42.010  
they gave us these over shoes to wear instead of the, uh,

839  
00:57:42.390 --> 00:57:45.010  
the rubber ones. And hell, that thing,

840  
00:57:45.240 --> 00:57:48.250  
walking around on that concrete lasted about three days.

841  
00:57:49.310 --> 00:57:53.930  
And braiding and mud and water got in them and got up in this thing.

842  
00:57:53.950 --> 00:57:55.890  
He walked out. We threw 'em all the way. Wow.

843  
00:57:56.010 --> 00:57:58.250  
Well, look this way, Jack. We'll take a picture of the,

844  
00:58:01.760 --> 00:58:03.210  
Many of the, excuse me.

845  
00:58:03.210 --> 00:58:07.210  
Many of the letters of my dad talked about wanting more shoes and more boots.

846  
00:58:07.510 --> 00:58:09.490  
And, uh, my mom would send him stuff.

847  
00:58:09.590 --> 00:58:11.530

His parents would send him stuff in addition to the boots.

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00:58:11.530 --> 00:58:14.250

He said they'd wear boots out by the, you know,

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00:58:14.250 --> 00:58:15.970

every week they'd have to have a new pair of boots.

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00:58:25.090 --> 00:58:28.710

And this was the last email letter from my dad and my mom. I'm coming home in,

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00:58:28.970 --> 00:58:33.450

in, uh, May 11th, or excuse me, May 18th. And, uh,

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00:58:33.450 --> 00:58:36.890

like all the ground crews, uh, John,

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00:58:36.890 --> 00:58:40.450

you talked about going over on the Queen Mary, excuse me, the Queen Elizabeth,

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00:58:40.830 --> 00:58:43.210

the ground crews went back on the Queen Mary.

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00:58:43.870 --> 00:58:47.450

And this actually is a photo of them coming to the harbor on June 20th, 1945.

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00:58:47.470 --> 00:58:50.610

My mom and one of her sisters went to meet em. And, uh,

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00:58:50.800 --> 00:58:52.490

that happened to be my mom's birthday. So the,

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00:58:57.860 --> 00:59:01.080

is there really well,

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00:59:01.300 --> 00:59:06.280

I'm pleased and excited to announce also that I have published after

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00:59:06.440 --> 00:59:09.600

a 10 year project to publish a, uh, a book.

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00:59:10.220 --> 00:59:15.120

And it's titled V mail 1017 Days when he came back

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00:59:15.190 --> 00:59:19.480

here from Connecticut to Pratt and Whitney. Uh, on April 20th,

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00:59:19.540 --> 00:59:23.660

he went in to get his, uh, travel voucher paid \$135,

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00:59:24.860 --> 00:59:29.660

\$130, 35 cents, actually. Um, and she paid it to him.

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00:59:29.880 --> 00:59:33.540

And, uh, they fell in love instantly on April 20th, dated,

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00:59:34.050 --> 00:59:38.250

were married on May 16th, three weeks,

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00:59:39.140 --> 00:59:40.050

three and a half weeks.

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00:59:41.090 --> 00:59:41.923

A lot of that

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00:59:42.800 --> 00:59:46.370

They left, uh, Barksdale on, uh, that Sunday morning.

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00:59:47.540 --> 00:59:51.600

The 16th was a Saturday left Sunday morning to go to, uh, Florida, of course,

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00:59:52.180 --> 00:59:56.440

to Fort Myers. They stopped in Baton Rouge for their honeymoon. Um,

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00:59:57.590 --> 01:00:02.290

trained of course with the group all summer in Florida for New Hampshire.

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01:00:02.540 --> 01:00:03.770

Spent two weeks up there.

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01:00:03.770 --> 01:00:07.970

This photo's actually their last photo together in New Hampshire before he left,

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01:00:08.140 --> 01:00:12.250

which he kept that photo with him the whole time over in England. And, um,

876

01:00:13.080 --> 01:00:17.970

from there, of course, we're separated for 1,017 days. They left on Labor Day.

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01:00:18.150 --> 01:00:19.890

Do you rem may recall the history.

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01:00:19.950 --> 01:00:23.610

He was in one of the lead planes and they dipped their wings to all the wise

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01:00:23.700 --> 01:00:27.930

below as they went by. My mom always talked about that. So I'm pleased that, uh,

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01:00:27.930 --> 01:00:32.530

able to get this published. It's 826 pages of handwritten,

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01:00:33.090 --> 01:00:37.610

original letters. Uh, very happy how it turned out. I've got some stories,

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01:00:37.760 --> 01:00:41.370  
some of the stories and photos in the front, uh,

883  
01:00:41.370 --> 01:00:45.610  
stories in the back post-war about our family. I'm the youngest of six kids.

884  
01:00:46.590 --> 01:00:49.130  
Um, again, I went through some of the excerpts here today.

885  
01:00:49.240 --> 01:00:50.490  
It's really a historical record.

886  
01:00:50.590 --> 01:00:54.970  
My pri my intent was to do it as a historical record for our family.  
Uh,

887  
01:00:55.250 --> 01:00:57.330  
a lot of history of course. And mirrors, as I said,

888  
01:00:57.330 --> 01:01:00.050  
about the whole 93rd Bombardment group. Uh,

889  
01:01:00.050 --> 01:01:04.170  
it's actually already on Amazon retailing at 29 95. Uh,

890  
01:01:04.170 --> 01:01:07.010  
for member pricing it would be \$20. And I'll proceeds,

891  
01:01:07.010 --> 01:01:09.130  
I'm donating to the 93rd Bond Group Association.

892  
01:01:09.270 --> 01:01:12.850  
So if you're interested in that, get with me. Uh, they're available.  
Uh,

893  
01:01:12.850 --> 01:01:14.410  
I'll be able to, I didn't bring them with me,

894

01:01:14.410 --> 01:01:17.570

but I'll be able to ship 'em out to you if you're interested in purchasing one.

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01:01:17.790 --> 01:01:21.490

And, uh, very excited to be able to do that and get that out to our, uh,

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01:01:21.710 --> 01:01:26.650

to our family. So any comments or questions or thoughts? That's all I had, Nick.

897

01:01:27.430 --> 01:01:30.970

How did, how did these guys get from one place to another?

898

01:01:31.040 --> 01:01:33.850

Were they assigned a particular plane? Like,

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01:01:33.880 --> 01:01:38.130

like your dad was a ranking officer. Was he assigned to maybe a lead plane,

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01:01:38.400 --> 01:01:43.090

like going from, from Brook to, to, uh, Algiers or something? I mean, when they,

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01:01:43.840 --> 01:01:47.250

from one place or from Hardwick to Africa? How did they,

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01:01:48.220 --> 01:01:49.210

where did they get there?

903

01:01:49.680 --> 01:01:53.850

They, I think, well each plane had a crew chief, I guess, right. In an engineer.

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01:01:54.670 --> 01:01:56.130

Um, you know,

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01:01:56.990 --> 01:01:59.930

the best glimpse I have is kind of that one I showed you where he had the

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01:01:59.930 --> 01:02:01.690

listing of who he handpicked. Yeah, that's,

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and I don't know why those were selected.

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Probably the top mechanics or whatever, you know, whatever reason that they

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Had to move a lot of manner

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Oh yeah. And equipment. Absolutely.

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Don you have any information on some of that

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01:02:15.010 --> 01:02:16.810

Movement or? The only I've ever been told is, you know,

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01:02:16.960 --> 01:02:19.780

like when they would go down, they would, you had the flight crew,

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you'd have whatever ground crew was gone along.

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01:02:23.040 --> 01:02:26.420

And then I've seen where they would like load in supplies in the bomb base.

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I even know, coming back to the states, some of the planes,

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one of 'em particularly,

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they loaded spare tires up in the bomb base in case they needed a tire on the

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way. Mm-hmm.

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So I'm sure they made use of every nook and crane for equipment and people.

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01:02:41.710 --> 01:02:45.580

Right. Yeah.

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01:02:46.120 --> 01:02:50.860

You read an excerpt earlier in your talk about exchanging money

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for invasion money. Do you know what that is? I do not. You know,

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I saw that too. And I, I,

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I haven't researched that yet enough to find out what it is.

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When he first got over there, he talks about exchanging obviously the,

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the British money. Yeah. In 40, in September 42. And he made the comment that,

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I don't think I'll ever get used to this, or something like that.

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But I saw that as well as for invasion money in Africa.

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I don't anybody else recall. Not invasion money. Yes.

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What if they had,

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were going to be shot down in a packet would be

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German, whatever their, their, uh,

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twenties was French and Spanish because they didn't know where

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they were going to be shot down

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Land.

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So there was a packet that they had along with a map that was

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01:03:39.840 --> 01:03:40.640

on silk.

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Got it.

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01:03:42.330 --> 01:03:46.300

Because I still have the Spanish money that was in

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01:03:46.300 --> 01:03:49.500

Louis. Really? Okay. Well thanks for sharing that.

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01:03:50.610 --> 01:03:51.460

Yeah. Yeah.

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01:03:52.090 --> 01:03:55.060

It's in a rubber brick. If you ever go to an antique shop,

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you can send it to me. I'll help you open it. It's a rubber brick,

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I guess something like eight nine inches square.

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And inside it was coins bonded into it,

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01:04:08.040 --> 01:04:08.873

Map

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The purpose of that, kept it all together and they were, but they got back,

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supposed to turn it back because it had gold coins and stuff embedded

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In it. They

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Were gold sos Yeah.

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And then

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01:04:17.980 --> 01:04:18.860

That Michael

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01:04:19.130 --> 01:04:22.500

Gold was always gold. You didn't care about the brand kind thing,

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01:04:22.500 --> 01:04:25.380

Right? Huh? The people that were in two sides,

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01:04:25.640 --> 01:04:28.860

he had a visitor name Earl Zimmerman.

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01:04:29.400 --> 01:04:32.740

And after the moles raid, he was, uh,

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01:04:33.040 --> 01:04:37.700

interd in Turkey with some of our 93rd guys. You heard him speak about, um,

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01:04:38.400 --> 01:04:42.740

um, Dick Wilkerson. Um, so Earl didn't go well,

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but what he did while he was in Turkey was he

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bought the other pilots gold sovereigns. And when he came home,

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he made his bracelet,

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01:04:55.900 --> 01:05:00.060

a bracelet from all the gold sovereigns from the right.

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Oh yes. Becky,

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Uh, you mentioned Bob Mc a couple of times. Yes.

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And he was a good friend of mine.

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He was?

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Oh, yeah. He came to these reunions.

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01:05:11.530 --> 01:05:12.770

Really? Okay. Yeah.

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01:05:13.590 --> 01:05:18.060

And, um, he was from Winnetka up in Chicago, above Chicago.

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And, um, he said, we waited. I mean, he said,

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we put our hearts into these planes. I think he was Grand chief. Mm-hmm.

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And he said we would wait on the tarmac when come back, wait for our plane.

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It was a very close relationship. Relationship. And he said,

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we didn't expect it to be beat up, you know? Right. In fact,

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like they sent it out. Right. And, uh, wasn't

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01:05:43.060 --> 01:05:46.140

He originally from Ohio? Also him, I think later in life lived Illinois.

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01:05:46.260 --> 01:05:50.940

I just know his Chicago's years, you know? Yep. And, um, let's see,

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01:05:51.160 --> 01:05:53.940

you didn't mention the Sam that been in Gaza. Oh.

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01:05:54.240 --> 01:05:57.860

But that's what daddy would say. He said the sand, it was in the engines.

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01:05:57.860 --> 01:06:01.580

It was in the plane, it was in the tents, it was everywhere.

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And that's probably what your daddy babbled. Yes. Oh, yeah.

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01:06:05.060 --> 01:06:08.180

Cleaning all that out. Yep. And you mentioned Sparks was killed,

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01:06:08.280 --> 01:06:12.700

and I believe that first Johnny Daddy called him Sparky was his copilot. Oh,

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okay. And he said that's where they learned it was flack in the head. And he,

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01:06:17.920 --> 01:06:20.300

he, that's where they learned to wear steel helmets. Oh,

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01:06:20.300 --> 01:06:24.530

Really? Okay. Fascinating. Thanks for sharing that.

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01:06:26.390 --> 01:06:29.410

Any other thoughts or comments? If not, we'll turn it over to Jim Lux.

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01:06:29.410 --> 01:06:32.490

You're gonna take a few minutes to get him set up here. So, uh,

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bear with us for a few minutes, Jim. Thank you. Thank you.

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Um, I, I'd like to first say that I'm honored to be, uh,

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01:06:46.170 --> 01:06:49.570

considered a member of the 93rd Bomb Group. Uh, five years ago.

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I knew nothing about the 93rd Bomb group, except that they, um,

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were involved in the Esti raids. But I have learned a lot since then.

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And, uh, I'm honored to be cons, uh, be a member of the organization.

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01:07:04.070 --> 01:07:07.410

Uh, I've been asked to update what has happened, uh,

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relative to hot stuff and General Andrews, uh, since the,

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the last reunion, uh,

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we have raised over \$13,000,

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01:07:18.430 --> 01:07:22.850

of which we had to use \$2,000 for a plaque that was in put in place

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in Iceland. Uh, it's a,

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01:07:26.970 --> 01:07:30.490

it was a very interesting story on how we got the plaque and,

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and put it in place when I was on the mountain,

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01:07:33.580 --> 01:07:36.570

recovering pieces of the wreckage with a member, the,

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my two friends from Iceland, one of which, uh, had had a book, uh,

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store. He sold it and, uh, spent his spare time,

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01:07:46.590 --> 01:07:48.170

uh, tracking and, and, uh,

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01:07:48.170 --> 01:07:53.130

trying to locate crash sites on Iceland that occurred during World War ii.

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And they have now documented 20 sites, and they're trying to set up, uh,

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set them up as sort of a national memorial locations to protect the, uh,

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what's left of the aircraft. The other is a retired engineer,

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his brother from, uh, Iceland. He,

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he was an executive with Iceland Air and with the two of them I contacted

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via the internet. And, uh, one was on Skype and I had the opportunity to, uh,

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talk to him. And it was like talking to my next door neighbor.

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He invited me to stay with him, and he had a all a four wheel drive vehicle.

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And they took me to the mountain and we were able to recover some pieces of the

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wreckage. But after we were, when we had completed, uh,

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01:08:36.900 --> 01:08:39.700

that operation, we were down at the base of the mountain, he said, Jim,

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there ought to be a, uh, a memorial here,

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01:08:42.380 --> 01:08:46.740

a monument dedicated to hot stuff, general Andrews and those who were killed.

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I said, great idea. I said, unfortunately, we're out in the middle of nowhere.

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I said, what we need to do is find a location along the highway and, uh,

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01:08:56.010 --> 01:09:00.380

with the mountain in the background, and put a monument there. And, uh,

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I had to leave, oh, uh, we went, uh, to,

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to a meeting with the United States Ambassador to Ice Iceland.

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I had arranged that before I went to Iceland. And, um, uh,

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when he, I made the presentation about hot stuff.

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He had been out to the site the year before and, uh,

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had placed the wreath on one of the landing gear.

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And he knew about General Andrews, but he found about the information he had to,

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uh, get about Andrews to present, uh, at, at the unveiling of Andrew's theater.

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He actually got from Iceland, so

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couldn't find it in the us. So, uh,

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we made our presentation and I made the presentation about hot stuff,

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and he was very impressed.

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And I had the Islander make the proposal about a monument.

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And the ambassador really liked the idea. And so I had to leave the country.

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And, uh, my two Islander friends found a location and he

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contacted the ambassador,

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and he and the ambassador went to the little village of gr Devic, uh,

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to make a presentation to the mayor. Liked, he loved the idea as well.

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And so we thought it was, it was a done deal. Well,

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we ran into environmental problems. And, uh,

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01:10:17.660 --> 01:10:20.780

it took nine months before we were able to, uh,

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secure the land.

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And that's now meant we were three months before the 70th anniversary,

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and we decided that, hey, we need to, uh,

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have a monument out there or some something for the anniversary. So,

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uh, we decided to, uh, do it. And my is of friends,

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Dotty, who is very handy at just about everything. He, he reached doors,

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homes now and all. He, uh, got a bulldozer out there, leveled the land,

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post holes, and, uh, used a standard, uh, uh,

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01:10:54.100 --> 01:10:58.300

plaque, uh, form that was, uh, that's used around Iceland.

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He got those and put them in place, but we didn't have the plaque itself,

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01:11:02.960 --> 01:11:05.900

and we were, he was wondering, who can we do to get to do the plaque?

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So I designed the plaque. Well, we,

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my wife and I flew to Iceland after I got the design correct and got it over

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there to the company. And we went over there to pick it up.

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01:11:16.840 --> 01:11:20.780  
And this is on a Tuesday. And they were supposed to unveil it on a Wednesday.

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01:11:21.330 --> 01:11:26.020  
They hadn't even looked at it. And the reason I'm looking at my Iceland,

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01:11:26.040 --> 01:11:28.260  
cuz they're speaking in Icelandic, I didn't know what was going on,

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01:11:28.260 --> 01:11:32.060  
but I could see my friend duddy his face. He was getting grim.

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01:11:32.400 --> 01:11:35.140  
And finally he turned around and said, Jim, they haven't looked at it yet.

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01:11:35.480 --> 01:11:38.620  
And so he, uh, uh, he promised us,

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01:11:38.640 --> 01:11:42.620  
the contractor promised us it would be ready. So at eight o'clock that night,

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01:11:42.640 --> 01:11:45.220  
we ended up over there. Sure enough, they had it finished,

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01:11:45.480 --> 01:11:48.220  
and we took it out to the site. And at 10 o'clock in the evening,

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01:11:48.440 --> 01:11:51.460  
we were installed it. The following morning, we unveiled it.

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01:11:53.940 --> 01:11:57.100  
A very interesting story. But, uh, I wanna, uh,

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thank Nancy Stranger in particular for handling the finances

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and the, uh, donations that have been made. I,

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it would've been very difficult for me to do with all the traveling and all.

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And, uh, she was just very special. Thank you so much, Nancy. Um,

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several things I've kept thank,

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Uh, in July, I made a presentation to the Air Force Academy.

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I was invited to participate in, uh, activities there for, and, uh,

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we met with, uh, several of the historians there at the air, at the academy.

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And, uh,

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apparently it was very successful because I've been invited back to speak in the

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spring, and I'm most proud of that and really appreciative. Um,

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yesterday I gave a presentation to the US Military Academy at West Point,

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and that's why we were a little late getting here last night, last evening.

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And it was well received. And in fact, I made a contact there,

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and I had to write a paragraph last night, as I probably mentioned. Uh,

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and I thought it would be very simple to do well. At one o'clock this morning,

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I finished the paragraph and sent it off because it's awfully hard to describe

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everything in a paragraph that would make people excited and also tell the

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story. But, uh, somehow I, I think I did it We'll find out.

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I, um, on our way here, we stopped by to see Bill Gross.

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Many of you know who Bill is. He was a radio operator on Eager Beaver.

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And, uh, it just had a wonderful day with him and his wife, Christine,

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who was a wasp. And I interviewed both of them on with video.

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And, uh, Bill's best friend was, uh, Ken Jeffers.

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Ken Jeffers was the radio operator on hot stuff, uh, and was killed.

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And he,

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he got quite emotional when he discussed that portion of the story to

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me. Um, he still remembers it very well, uh,

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but Bill wanted to say hello to everyone here. He couldn't be here, but, uh,

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he didn't say, Jim, please, uh,

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wish everyone well in the 93rd Bomb group. So,

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Uh, we are leaving here and going, eventually we'll get to Washington,

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DC where I'm going to be making the presentation to the Smithsonian.

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Uh, the, uh, the, uh, the,

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the person in charge of the 1919 through

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1945, including World War ii, section of the Smithsonian.

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And with the goal of getting a display put in the museum,

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a general Andrews hot stuff, 93rd bomb group display,

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and with pieces of the wreckage that we recovered. Uh,

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01:14:51.880 --> 01:14:56.380

I'm also meeting with the, uh, Iceland Ambassador to the United States.

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And I will be going to joint base Andrews, uh, in, in,

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and make a presentation to them as well. That pretty much brings you up to date,

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uh, on what I've been doing. And, uh, we've been traveling quite a bit.

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And every place I go, I promote, promote this, uh,

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organization and, uh, hot stuff. Now, I didn't realize that, uh,

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I was asked I to show you the PowerPoint presentation

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that I made. We don't have a lot of time. And there is a film on there.

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I showed it last year. But there's, I've modified it, uh,

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for the Military Academy and for the Air Force Academy,

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and also make,

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I make presentations to various organizations such as the Lions Club,

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and did the Order of the De Stallions and the QBs. Uh,

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these are former pilots, QBs, they raise hell during their, their meetings,

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but I'll tell you that you could hear a pin drop when I made the presentation to

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them. And so it's all with the idea of raising funds, getting the word out,

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and, uh, it's, it's worked very well so far. Uh,

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this is the PowerPoint presentation that I made yesterday

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is their hand. Then I will say, think about the great leaders,

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01:16:34.110 --> 01:16:37.110

American leaders in World War ii. Well, which, which ones come to mind?

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01:16:37.970 --> 01:16:42.870

And you'll hear Eisenhower, MacArthur, Patton, uh, Arnold, and,

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01:16:43.090 --> 01:16:47.110

and it goes on and on and ar and, uh,

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01:16:47.260 --> 01:16:49.590

general Andrew's name is never mentioned.

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01:16:50.530 --> 01:16:53.310

And so that's how I usually start the presentation,

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01:16:53.500 --> 01:16:57.510

because he was such a great leader and nobody knows who he is.

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01:16:57.770 --> 01:17:02.670

And I often sp speak to people who have been stationed on Andrew's Air Force

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01:17:02.670 --> 01:17:07.150

Base, didn't know who he was to me, that's shocking. And, uh,

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01:17:07.150 --> 01:17:12.100

and amazing. These are the detailed records, uh, of, uh, Jake,

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01:17:12.600 --> 01:17:16.700

my buddy Jake. And it shows that Shane Shannon was the captain on all the,

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01:17:17.040 --> 01:17:21.060

and hot stuff on, on all of the missions. I kept, uh, one letter.

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01:17:21.340 --> 01:17:25.220

I added one letter here because it describes his crew members to his

family.

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01:17:25.640 --> 01:17:29.620

And there's one crew member on there that he was quite a guy and quite a

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01:17:29.620 --> 01:17:34.100

character. His name was Isel Isel, and he was the, uh,

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01:17:34.130 --> 01:17:39.100

tail gunner on Hut stuff. And he got credit, official credit for Six Kills.

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01:17:39.480 --> 01:17:43.940

And according to Jake, he said he had at least 25 or more kills,

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01:17:43.940 --> 01:17:48.580

but they were unable to confirm he was a real hotshot. And so, uh,

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01:17:48.600 --> 01:17:50.860

you're gonna see more about Jar in a little bit.

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01:17:53.290 --> 01:17:57.980

What I try to do in my presentations is to reemphasize how, uh,

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01:17:57.980 --> 01:18:02.540

hot stuff had completed 25 missions first. And this is a recorded,

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01:18:03.000 --> 01:18:05.620

uh, conversation by general, uh,

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01:18:06.790 --> 01:18:08.180

smart Jacob e Smart.

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01:18:08.640 --> 01:18:11.820

And it was actually a conversation about the Esti raid.

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01:18:12.240 --> 01:18:15.220

But the conversation turned, turned to General Andrews,

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01:18:15.480 --> 01:18:18.740

and he agreed that it was the first to complete 25 missions,

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01:18:18.740 --> 01:18:20.740

even though the bell wore the label.

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01:18:23.200 --> 01:18:24.260

And more recently,

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01:18:24.570 --> 01:18:28.580

like for our memorial service in Iceland,

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01:18:29.160 --> 01:18:31.900

the current Air Force Chief of Staff Mark Wel,

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01:18:32.210 --> 01:18:36.260

Mark Welch wrote a letter that was read at that memorial service.

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01:18:36.400 --> 01:18:40.900

And in that letter he stated that hot stuff was the first to complete  
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01:18:40.900 --> 01:18:44.740

missions. So what I'm going to do now,

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01:18:44.770 --> 01:18:49.300

some of you have seen the film, uh, pieces up most of it, and, uh,

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01:18:49.450 --> 01:18:51.980

unfortunately I forgot to thank you.

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01:18:52.860 --> 01:18:54.580

I forgot to bring the,

1164

01:18:54.680 --> 01:18:59.620

the color film that I have of the 93rd bomb group that I've located

1165  
01:19:00.510 --> 01:19:03.620  
after our last meeting. And, uh,

1166  
01:19:03.820 --> 01:19:08.340  
I will have it at the next one so that you can view it because it's in  
color and

1167  
01:19:08.340 --> 01:19:11.540  
shows many of the air of the aircraft of the 93rd.

1168  
01:19:12.320 --> 01:19:16.780  
But there you'll see a few little snippets in here, the color film,  
and, uh,

1169  
01:19:17.330 --> 01:19:19.300  
this is it, hopefully. Let's

1170  
01:19:19.300 --> 01:19:20.740  
See. How can we get that?

1171  
01:19:21.620 --> 01:19:22.780  
I, I'll, I'll get the copies.

1172  
01:19:28.420 --> 01:19:32.260  
I don't hear any audio. Where's, where's the audio?

1173  
01:19:43.250 --> 01:19:44.083  
It's over there.

1174  
01:19:53.890 --> 01:19:56.900  
It's not that. Oh. Mm-hmm.

1175  
01:20:01.680 --> 01:20:02.513  
Uh, I can,

1176  
01:20:05.320 --> 01:20:06.153  
Uh,

1177

01:20:09.440 --> 01:20:10.540

Yep, I do.

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01:20:23.640 --> 01:20:24.473

That's it.

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01:20:33.370 --> 01:20:38.260

General Charles p Cabell of the United States Air Force was the head of

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01:20:38.260 --> 01:20:42.180

General Half Arnold's Advisory Council at the Pentagon from

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01:20:42.460 --> 01:20:46.500

February, 1942 to October, 1943.

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01:20:47.360 --> 01:20:50.020

The following is from General CA's Memoirs,

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01:20:50.500 --> 01:20:55.180

a man of intelligence published in 1997 on three May

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01:20:55.480 --> 01:20:58.140

the day following the combined Chiefs of staff meeting,

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01:20:58.450 --> 01:21:03.140

general Marshall called In General Acre just before his departure

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01:21:03.240 --> 01:21:04.300

for the United Kingdom.

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01:21:05.380 --> 01:21:09.020

Marshall requested acre to carry a message to General Andrews.

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01:21:09.480 --> 01:21:14.420

The message was that Andrews had been selected to command the entire allied

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01:21:14.420 --> 01:21:19.100

forces that would make the eventual invasion of your cross, the English channel.

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01:21:19.650 --> 01:21:22.140

General Andrews never received the message.

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01:21:23.320 --> 01:21:27.300

It wasn't until February, 1944 the job,

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01:21:27.590 --> 01:21:30.220

given the name Supreme Allied Commander,

1193

01:21:30.360 --> 01:21:33.420

was assigned to General Dwight David Eisenhower.

1194

01:21:42.600 --> 01:21:45.180

The story of the B 24 Liberator Hot stuff.

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01:21:45.200 --> 01:21:48.540

And her crew is one of historic triumph and tragedy.

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01:21:49.400 --> 01:21:51.700

During an interview in 2005,

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01:21:51.890 --> 01:21:56.780

general Jacob e Smart and aid to General Hap Arnold during World War ii

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01:21:57.200 --> 01:22:01.580

agreed that hot stuff and her crew were the first in the eighth Air Force to

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01:22:01.740 --> 01:22:03.060

complete 25 missions.

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01:22:03.610 --> 01:22:08.540

Even though the heralded Memphis Bell B 17 Flying Fortress wears

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01:22:08.540 --> 01:22:09.373

the label.

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01:22:10.290 --> 01:22:14.300

Hutt stuff completed 25 missions three and a half months before the Memphis

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01:22:14.450 --> 01:22:15.240

Bell.

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01:22:15.240 --> 01:22:19.860

But tragedy struck and she and her crew lost their rightful place

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01:22:20.040 --> 01:22:25.020

in American history Hut stuff,

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01:22:25.040 --> 01:22:29.780

and her crew were ordered back to the United States to go on tour to help sell

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01:22:29.840 --> 01:22:33.260

war bonds. Lieutenant General Frank M. Andrews,

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01:22:33.260 --> 01:22:37.420

commander of the European Theater of Operations was ordered to return to

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01:22:37.420 --> 01:22:41.460

Washington dc He contacted his friend, Colonel Ted Timberlake,

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01:22:41.460 --> 01:22:43.900

commander of the 93rd Bombardment Group,

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01:22:44.240 --> 01:22:49.180

and requested to fly back to the States with Captain Robert Shine Shannon in hot

1212  
01:22:49.180 --> 01:22:49.610  
stuff.

1213  
01:22:49.610 --> 01:22:53.740  
Captain Shannon was unaware that General Andrews was bringing members  
of his

1214  
01:22:54.020 --> 01:22:55.900  
staff and others along with him.

1215  
01:22:56.830 --> 01:23:01.380  
Bombardier first Lieutenant Robert Jake Jacobson, copilot,

1216  
01:23:01.670 --> 01:23:05.740  
first Lieutenant John Lentz, Sergeant George Farley,

1217  
01:23:07.440 --> 01:23:08.420  
Leland Durham,

1218  
01:23:09.870 --> 01:23:14.540  
James Craighead and Grant Rondo were bumped in the

1219  
01:23:14.740 --> 01:23:17.540  
airplane to make room for General Andrews entourage,

1220  
01:23:19.170 --> 01:23:24.140  
general Andrews and experienced pilot replaced Lieutenant Lenz as

1221  
01:23:24.180 --> 01:23:25.013  
co-pilot.

1222  
01:23:26.460 --> 01:23:31.460  
Tuff left Boton Field in England for r a f Prestwick Scotland to get  
the

1223  
01:23:31.460 --> 01:23:36.140  
latest weather conditions and refuel before continuing on to Rekick  
Iceland.

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01:23:36.680 --> 01:23:39.700

It was decided to stop at Presswood was not necessary.

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01:23:40.160 --> 01:23:43.900

And they continued on to Iceland on approach to Iceland.

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01:23:44.200 --> 01:23:48.100

Hot stuff encountered unexpected poor visibility due to snow,

1227

01:23:48.260 --> 01:23:49.860

squalls clouds and rain.

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01:23:50.410 --> 01:23:55.340

Captain Shannon made several low passes of a Cal's, r a f airfield,

1229

01:23:55.760 --> 01:24:00.620

but decided to continue on to land at Meek's Field near Keli Vic.

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01:24:01.850 --> 01:24:04.020

Zero visibility prevented him from landing,

1231

01:24:04.520 --> 01:24:07.100

so he decided to return to Cal DNEs.

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01:24:07.600 --> 01:24:12.060

But Hutt stuff crashed near the top of 1100 foot Mount Paal fault.

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01:24:13.000 --> 01:24:17.300

The tail gunner, Sergeant George Giselle, was the sole survivor of the crash.

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01:24:18.560 --> 01:24:20.500

He received only minor injuries,

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01:24:20.640 --> 01:24:24.540

but one of his legs was caught in the tail section and he couldn't get out.

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01:24:25.120 --> 01:24:30.100

The aircraft caught fire and George thought he was going to burn to death or be

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01:24:30.100 --> 01:24:31.660

killed by exploding ammunition.

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01:24:32.350 --> 01:24:37.220

Heavy rain eventually put the fire out and he was rescued approximately 24 hours

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01:24:37.670 --> 01:24:38.503

after the crash.

1240

01:24:43.830 --> 01:24:48.380

Those killed on onboard. Hot stuff included the pilot, captain Robert Shine.

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01:24:48.380 --> 01:24:50.140

Shannon, the co-pilot,

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01:24:50.140 --> 01:24:54.980

Lieutenant General Frank M. Andrews was also the commander of the European

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01:24:54.980 --> 01:24:57.740

Theater of Operations Navigator.

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01:24:57.740 --> 01:25:01.260

Captain James e got Radio Operator,

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01:25:01.650 --> 01:25:03.660

tech Sergeant Kenneth a Jeffers,

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01:25:04.490 --> 01:25:08.860

crew Chief Master Sergeant Lloyd C we Gunner,

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01:25:09.030 --> 01:25:12.660  
staff Sergeant Paul h McQueen, civilian,

1248  
01:25:13.300 --> 01:25:17.780  
a w Leonard Methodist Bishop and Chairman of the Corps of

1249  
01:25:17.980 --> 01:25:21.540  
Chaplains, Brigadier General Charles h Barth,

1250  
01:25:21.730 --> 01:25:25.980  
general Andrews Chief of Staff, Colonel Morrow Rum.

1251  
01:25:26.360 --> 01:25:31.180  
He was a member of General Andrews staff, Colonel Frank L. Miller,

1252  
01:25:31.920 --> 01:25:34.580  
US Army Chaplain Chief of Chaplains,

1253  
01:25:35.110 --> 01:25:38.660  
major Robert H. Humphrey, US Army Chaplain,

1254  
01:25:39.150 --> 01:25:41.620  
Lieutenant Colonel Fred a Chaplin,

1255  
01:25:42.200 --> 01:25:47.020  
US Army Major Theodore C General Andrews

1256  
01:25:47.180 --> 01:25:48.013  
secretary,

1257  
01:25:48.050 --> 01:25:52.220  
captain Joseph T. Johnson General Andrews aid

1258  
01:25:53.880 --> 01:25:56.220  
two memorial services were held in Rekick.

1259  
01:25:56.600 --> 01:26:01.180  
The first one was held for Tech Sergeant Kenneth Jeffers at the

Catholic Church

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01:26:01.180 --> 01:26:02.420

of Christ Land.

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01:26:27.280 --> 01:26:31.900

The second memorial service for the other 13 who were killed in the crash was

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01:26:31.900 --> 01:26:36.420

held at the Domi ship Lutheran Church next to the Parliament Building in

1263

01:26:36.820 --> 01:26:37.900

downtown Rekick.

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01:27:13.330 --> 01:27:18.100

They were buried in the US military plot in Foer Cemetery in

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01:27:18.370 --> 01:27:21.660

Rebi on May 8th, 1943.

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01:27:27.280 --> 01:27:28.700

In 1947,

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01:27:28.850 --> 01:27:33.220

they were exhumed and returned to the United States General,

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01:27:33.220 --> 01:27:37.820

general Anders. This buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

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01:27:40.880 --> 01:27:42.780

In June of 2012,

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01:27:43.380 --> 01:27:48.340

I visited Iceland with the goal of visiting the crash site and

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01:27:48.340 --> 01:27:50.380  
recovering pieces of Hutt stuff, wreckage.

1272  
01:27:51.940 --> 01:27:56.340  
I was fortunate to find two Icelanders who were familiar with the  
crash site,

1273  
01:27:57.570 --> 01:27:59.540  
Doty and Ole Martinson.

1274  
01:28:01.570 --> 01:28:06.380  
They spend much of their time searching and documenting World War II  
crash sites

1275  
01:28:06.840 --> 01:28:10.580  
in Iceland. The day after I arrived,

1276  
01:28:11.080 --> 01:28:15.580  
we were on our way to the crash site near the top of Mount Fardel.

1277  
01:28:16.540 --> 01:28:20.860  
Straight ahead. If you look at the sign with the information,

1278  
01:28:21.120 --> 01:28:25.260  
the eye, right? Oh, and uh, the mountain

1279  
01:28:26.310 --> 01:28:26.980  
Right behind me.

1280  
01:28:26.980 --> 01:28:27.813  
That's the crash site.

1281  
01:28:28.240 --> 01:28:31.660  
How, how about that? It's that close. No. Wow.

1282  
01:28:32.960 --> 01:28:34.820  
What's the name of that mountain again?

1283

01:28:38.680 --> 01:28:42.220

How many kilometers would you say it is to from the road?

1284

01:28:44.460 --> 01:28:46.340

I think it's only about three kilometers

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01:28:46.520 --> 01:28:49.500

Really? Three of the longest kilometers. Oh,

1286

01:28:51.140 --> 01:28:54.700

I was told the mountain was fairly accessible. Maybe the sheep.

1287

01:28:56.280 --> 01:29:01.060

Not to human beings. We have this terrible rattle that, uh,

1288

01:29:01.180 --> 01:29:03.180

they're trying to find out what it is. And we,

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01:29:03.180 --> 01:29:04.660

this is the second time we've stopped,

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01:29:05.320 --> 01:29:09.340

can actually see the road that we came down behind us. Uh,

1291

01:29:09.680 --> 01:29:13.980

and we've been driving now for almost a half hour, and we're only, uh,

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01:29:14.900 --> 01:29:16.580

probably a mile away from the actual road.

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01:29:19.060 --> 01:29:19.893

A uh,

1294

01:29:21.490 --> 01:29:26.260

they forgot to put in four bolts that hold the brakes to the car.

1295

01:29:27.280 --> 01:29:28.113

Oh, no.

1296

01:29:28.880 --> 01:29:31.860

But they're sending someone with equipment to fix it.

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01:29:32.250 --> 01:29:33.020

Okay. And

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01:29:33.020 --> 01:29:37.540

I think maybe that you and only maybe stole on ahead and, and, uh,

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01:29:39.010 --> 01:29:39.940

Okay. And I'll

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01:29:39.940 --> 01:29:43.900

Come back in, uh, half an hour, maybe an hour, and, and, uh, find

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01:29:43.900 --> 01:29:47.300

You. Okie doke. I'm ready. See you later. I'm

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01:29:47.300 --> 01:29:48.133

Sending you off.

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01:29:48.890 --> 01:29:49.600

Okay.

1304

01:29:49.600 --> 01:29:52.660

And, uh, if you don't return,

1305

01:29:53.320 --> 01:29:56.380

if there are an address or a phone number at home. Hope.

1306

01:29:59.030 --> 01:30:03.660

Right. See you later. We're starting up the mountain

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01:30:05.320 --> 01:30:06.153

to the crash site.

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01:30:13.850 --> 01:30:14.200  
This

1309  
01:30:14.200 --> 01:30:15.300  
Is, uh, hillside

1310  
01:30:15.790 --> 01:30:16.623  
Uhhuh.

1311  
01:30:16.850 --> 01:30:17.683  
Very steep.

1312  
01:30:18.080 --> 01:30:18.670  
Yes.

1313  
01:30:18.670 --> 01:30:19.503  
40 degrees

1314  
01:30:19.910 --> 01:30:22.900  
Uhhuh angle.

1315  
01:30:25.350 --> 01:30:29.580  
Three more degrees. Everything went all down.

1316  
01:30:29.800 --> 01:30:30.820  
Is that right? Wow.

1317  
01:30:31.270 --> 01:30:34.700  
We're heading up toward the top cuz that's where the airplane went in.

1318  
01:30:39.880 --> 01:30:42.580  
We keep climbing up and up and it's more, and

1319  
01:30:52.800 --> 01:30:54.380  
he has a piece of metal right there

1320  
01:30:54.920 --> 01:30:55.780  
All over the place.

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01:31:09.760 --> 01:31:11.300

Pieces of the airplane. First

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01:31:11.320 --> 01:31:14.180

You found on the auto visit to cross.

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01:31:15.320 --> 01:31:15.730

Wow.

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01:31:15.730 --> 01:31:16.900

This is just the beginning.

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01:31:18.810 --> 01:31:19.700

Amazing. Huh?

1326

01:31:20.790 --> 01:31:24.660

We're in the actual debris field of where hu stuff crashed.

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01:31:25.240 --> 01:31:29.100

It actually landed up a little bit further, and we're going to head up that way.

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01:31:36.040 --> 01:31:37.940

I'm approaching the top of the mountain here.

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01:31:41.460 --> 01:31:42.340

Ollie's already up there.

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01:31:46.170 --> 01:31:49.980

This is looking toward, uh, Kepler international airport.

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01:31:50.480 --> 01:31:52.260

It was Meeks Field during the war.

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01:31:53.690 --> 01:31:57.020

This is where they tried to land at Meeks Field, but, uh, couldn't.

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01:31:57.600 --> 01:32:01.540

And we're heading back to Caldon when they crashed into this mountain

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01:32:03.280 --> 01:32:07.460

and 30 working his way over to, to some more pieces of the wreckage.

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01:32:07.760 --> 01:32:09.820

And you can see how difficult it is to walk.

1336

01:32:13.780 --> 01:32:16.260

I can't believe these rocks have stayed on the side of the hill.

1337

01:32:16.260 --> 01:32:18.780

You think they'd all rolled down, but they don't.

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01:32:20.850 --> 01:32:22.820

This is part of the main landing gear.

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01:32:23.320 --> 01:32:26.940

The dried up breeze was placed on the landing gear by the United States,

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01:32:26.960 --> 01:32:31.020

imp passer to Iceland, Louis Arga in 2011.

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01:32:32.320 --> 01:32:35.460

We just let FedEx actually know where it is and they come, pick it up

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01:32:36.320 --> 01:32:37.300

And ship it. Right.

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01:32:43.970 --> 01:32:47.220

Many of the parts, uh, tumble down the mountain. And this is a,

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01:32:47.550 --> 01:32:51.540

looks like a prop, a hub here at the, uh,

1345

01:32:51.820 --> 01:32:56.660  
reduction drive gear in the back. This is,

1346  
01:32:56.840 --> 01:33:01.020  
uh, part of the turbocharger from one of the engines,

1347  
01:33:02.240 --> 01:33:05.900  
Uh, part of the landing gear that with the wing struck.

1348  
01:33:06.930 --> 01:33:09.300  
This is part of the webs from the

1349  
01:33:10.000 --> 01:33:10.833  
Mm-hmm.

1350  
01:33:11.360 --> 01:33:15.860  
But, uh, everything was probably done by women in the United States.

1351  
01:33:17.040 --> 01:33:21.700  
And it's a very good job, professional job. If I'd known,

1352  
01:33:21.880 --> 01:33:26.060  
I'd be filmed all day, I would've maybe comped my hair or, or, or

1353  
01:33:27.840 --> 01:33:30.740  
my beard a little. But go to, uh,

1354  
01:33:31.720 --> 01:33:35.220  
for a search party and, and search the rough ground over here.

1355  
01:33:35.320 --> 01:33:39.900  
We know of one piece out there, it's fairly big, which has some, uh,

1356  
01:33:40.530 --> 01:33:43.740  
some letters, has some writing on it. That, that might be interesting,

1357  
01:33:43.910 --> 01:33:44.743  
Uhhuh.

1358

01:33:45.040 --> 01:33:46.660

And maybe we would find something else.

1359

01:33:47.610 --> 01:33:52.260

Okay, let's do it. We're walking in the lava fields,

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01:33:52.610 --> 01:33:56.620

looking for pieces of the airplane that might have blown down the mountain.

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01:33:57.840 --> 01:34:00.340

And there's an engine cowling out here somewhere.

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01:34:00.730 --> 01:34:05.340

Doty located a big piece of wreckage. So did, holy,

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01:34:06.050 --> 01:34:08.860

holy mackerel. Look at this.

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01:34:14.760 --> 01:34:16.060

It has some writing on it.

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01:34:16.800 --> 01:34:17.633

Yep.

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01:34:21.920 --> 01:34:23.780

Number five. One G.

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01:34:25.480 --> 01:34:27.100

Engine number four top.

1368

01:34:28.000 --> 01:34:29.220

How about that? Huh?

1369

01:34:32.670 --> 01:34:34.540

Would you turn that around? There we go.

1370

01:34:41.170 --> 01:34:43.940

Doty and Ollie are down. We,

1371

01:34:44.160 --> 01:34:46.780

we stacked up all the pieces at the bottom of the mountain.

1372

01:34:47.550 --> 01:34:48.540

We're gonna load 'em up.

1373

01:34:49.190 --> 01:34:53.540

We're going to pick up the last two pieces that we found and heading back home.

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01:35:16.470 --> 01:35:20.140

Thank you Doty and Ollie Martinson for taking me up to the mountain.

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01:35:21.220 --> 01:35:25.300

I really do appreciate it. And Jake, this was for you, my friend.

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01:35:28.160 --> 01:35:32.500

On May 3rd, 2013, the 70th anniversary,

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01:35:32.680 --> 01:35:37.060

the crash of hot stuff that took the lives of 14 heroic Americans.

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01:35:37.540 --> 01:35:42.180

A memorial service was held in the Andrews Theater in Kevi, Iceland.

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01:35:42.880 --> 01:35:47.420

The service included speeches by the president of Iceland, er, Grimson,

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01:35:48.160 --> 01:35:51.300

United States Ambassador to Iceland. Louis Aria,

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01:35:52.630 --> 01:35:57.460

ambassador Rie read a message of remembrance from United States Air Force

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01:35:57.470 --> 01:35:59.660

Chief of Staff General Martin Welch.

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01:36:00.240 --> 01:36:03.460

And letters were read from members of General Andrew's family.

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01:36:04.540 --> 01:36:08.740

A memorial plaque was unveiled beside a highway near Mount Fargo. Daville,

1385

01:36:09.120 --> 01:36:10.420

the site of the tragedy.

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01:36:11.420 --> 01:36:15.460

A fundraiser has been set up for a memorial monument that will be placed

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01:36:15.610 --> 01:36:20.220

alongside the plaque on the 75th anniversary of the accident in

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01:36:20.220 --> 01:36:23.220

2018. Iceland's,

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01:36:23.220 --> 01:36:27.900

president Grimson stated after seeing this video that every Icelander

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01:36:27.900 --> 01:36:32.180

should see it. Every American should also see it

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01:36:33.750 --> 01:36:34.570

after the war.

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01:36:34.570 --> 01:36:39.380

General Andrews was honored when Camp Springs Army Airfield in Maryland

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01:36:39.840 --> 01:36:41.700

was renamed Andrews field.

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01:36:42.520 --> 01:36:47.180

Now joint base Andrews the home of Air Force one. Since then,

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01:36:47.440 --> 01:36:50.740

the accomplishments of this great leader have been nearly forgotten.

1396

01:36:51.520 --> 01:36:53.460

The crash of hut stuff was hushed up.

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01:36:53.960 --> 01:36:57.740

And the first heavy bomber in the eighth Air Force to complete 25 missions,

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01:36:57.960 --> 01:37:02.900

and her crew and those on board who were killed were soon forgotten until

1399

01:37:02.960 --> 01:37:07.460

now. This is truly a story of triumph and tragedy.

1400

01:38:01.400 --> 01:38:05.540

Can you hear now? Okay, I'm sorry. Uh, yes. Uh,

1401

01:38:05.540 --> 01:38:09.060

the gentleman that converted the film for me when I found the, uh,

1402

01:38:09.230 --> 01:38:11.180

black and white in the archive,

1403

01:38:11.180 --> 01:38:14.420

someone else had made an inquiry and he created some, uh,

1404

01:38:14.500 --> 01:38:19.220

a a found film on the, uh, in the archives, made copies for him.

1405

01:38:19.960 --> 01:38:24.900

And, uh, he knew my story. And this guy was making a film,

1406

01:38:24.920 --> 01:38:28.660

and I don't know if it's out yet or not on the esti raid. But anyway,

1407

01:38:28.680 --> 01:38:33.140

he contacted him, the gentleman that converted my film,

1408

01:38:33.920 --> 01:38:38.180

and, and, and he asked him, because he had seen my web, the website.

1409

01:38:38.640 --> 01:38:42.340

And he says, well, who, who do you think was the first to complete 25 missions?

1410

01:38:42.600 --> 01:38:45.740

And the guy in Washington said it was hot stuff. And he says,

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01:38:45.800 --> 01:38:47.460

how did you know that? And he said, well,

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01:38:47.530 --> 01:38:51.820

I've been working with this other guy and that, uh, is, is working on a,

1413

01:38:51.980 --> 01:38:55.980

a project on Hut stuff. And he says, well, you know, I've got some film,

1414

01:38:56.120 --> 01:38:58.740

the color film that you converted from me, he says,

1415

01:38:58.740 --> 01:39:00.540

and it has the hut stuff logo in.

1416

01:39:01.320 --> 01:39:05.220

And so that's how I found out because the guy in Washington that did the

1417

01:39:05.220 --> 01:39:08.820

conversion con contacted me and I said, I want a copy. You know,

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01:39:08.820 --> 01:39:11.180

and I got hold of a copy. And it's really interesting.

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01:39:11.210 --> 01:39:16.020

It's shows a lot of the takeoffs and flybys and of the 93rd

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01:39:16.400 --> 01:39:19.180

it, and it's in color. And, but it,

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01:39:19.200 --> 01:39:24.020

it was ironic that the film that I got also contained the Memphis

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01:39:24.330 --> 01:39:25.860

Bell being, uh,

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01:39:26.300 --> 01:39:31.300

commended as they returned from their 25th mission and how they were paraded in

1424

01:39:31.300 --> 01:39:33.420

town and on bases and all that.

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01:39:33.480 --> 01:39:36.420

So I thought that is a truly amazing piece of film.

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01:39:36.860 --> 01:39:41.860

I meant to bring it with me and I did have it, but I left a coffee, uh, with,

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01:39:41.960 --> 01:39:45.260

uh, bill Gross and, uh, with the military academy.

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01:39:45.500 --> 01:39:49.100

I didn't make enough to have one here. But anyway, uh,

1429  
01:39:50.320 --> 01:39:54.420  
and Marshall was extremely impressed with the way he had organized it.

1430  
01:39:54.640 --> 01:39:58.500  
And also they became very close friends along the way. Uh,

1431  
01:39:58.500 --> 01:40:02.020  
general Andos had a d c two and he did the piloting.

1432  
01:40:02.120 --> 01:40:06.580  
And I guess Andrew, uh, general Marshall came along with him.

1433  
01:40:06.640 --> 01:40:08.340  
He outranked Marshall at that time.

1434  
01:40:09.120 --> 01:40:13.700  
But he got into trouble because he was advocating the B

1435  
01:40:13.940 --> 01:40:17.020  
17 bomber. It was a brand new bomber, had just been out,  
unfortunately,

1436  
01:40:17.040 --> 01:40:21.620  
the first one crashed. But, uh, he was a great advocate for bombing.

1437  
01:40:22.000 --> 01:40:26.460  
And the joint chiefs of staff at the time were not in favor of any

1438  
01:40:26.460 --> 01:40:29.060  
offensive military aircraft weapon.

1439  
01:40:29.850 --> 01:40:34.100  
They said it should be defensive. And General Andrews insisted.

1440  
01:40:34.600 --> 01:40:39.540  
And what happened was he was, uh, he was,

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01:40:39.760 --> 01:40:44.740  
uh, ordered back to Washington because General Westover had,

1442  
01:40:45.080 --> 01:40:47.740  
had crashed and, and killed, was killed.

1443  
01:40:48.040 --> 01:40:52.220  
And he was sort of the head of the Air Force at the time. And, uh,

1444  
01:40:52.240 --> 01:40:53.010  
he was offered,

1445  
01:40:53.010 --> 01:40:57.900  
general Andrews was offered the job that eventually went to half  
Arnold.

1446  
01:40:58.680 --> 01:41:03.620  
And he refused it because the job said that he had to stop advocating

1447  
01:41:03.640 --> 01:41:06.540  
the B 17 and he wouldn't do it.

1448  
01:41:06.840 --> 01:41:09.380  
And what they did is they actually ordered B eighteens,

1449  
01:41:09.380 --> 01:41:11.020  
cause they get twice as many of them,

1450  
01:41:11.640 --> 01:41:14.220  
but they were obsolete when they came off the production line.

1451  
01:41:14.960 --> 01:41:19.540  
So he was sent to purgatory because he, he, uh,

1452  
01:41:19.750 --> 01:41:22.220  
still advocated the B 17. And, and he,

1453  
01:41:22.220 --> 01:41:26.140

there was an official meeting where he said we were a fifth grade air force,

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01:41:26.140 --> 01:41:27.700  
and it got out to the world.

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01:41:28.120 --> 01:41:31.780  
And that's how he lost two stars and got sent to Sam, uh,

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01:41:32.040 --> 01:41:35.500  
Sam for Sam and, uh, San Antonio.

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01:41:35.930 --> 01:41:40.100  
Same place that Billy, uh, Mitchell was sent before he retired,

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01:41:40.600 --> 01:41:45.580  
but General Marshall became a, a joint, uh, head of the Joint Chiefs of staff.

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01:41:46.200 --> 01:41:50.380  
And he recognized him and, and summoned him back to Washington.

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01:41:51.000 --> 01:41:51.980  
And so it, uh,

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01:41:52.480 --> 01:41:57.220  
the rest is history because he went on to do the Panama Canal and organized it.

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01:41:57.240 --> 01:42:00.260  
And then he went to North Africa after we entered the war.

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01:42:00.640 --> 01:42:04.420  
And then at the Cassa Bank of Conference, they made him, uh,

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01:42:04.740 --> 01:42:06.420  
European Theater of Operations Commander.

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01:42:06.640 --> 01:42:11.620

And Eisenhower was the North African commander. And it wasn't until,

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01:42:11.880 --> 01:42:13.060

uh, uh,

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01:42:13.210 --> 01:42:17.540

nine months after the crash that the job was giving given to,

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01:42:18.080 --> 01:42:18.913

Uh,

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01:42:19.160 --> 01:42:22.900

Uh, Eisenhower, we're about ready to end here.

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01:42:22.900 --> 01:42:27.220

But I would make a, a comment that, uh,

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01:42:27.570 --> 01:42:31.220

this organization is first class and I really appreciate,

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01:42:31.220 --> 01:42:34.740

and I'm honored to be a part of it, and I thank you very much.

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01:42:45.090 --> 01:42:49.340

Okay. Seeing none, uh, all in favor of approving the minutes as presented,

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01:42:49.440 --> 01:42:53.820

say Aye. Aye. Okay. All opposed by the same sign. Okay.

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01:42:53.820 --> 01:42:57.820

The motion carries. Uh, those were phyllis's minutes. That was,

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01:42:58.040 --> 01:43:02.660

she was the secretary up through the meeting last year. So thank you Phyllis,

1477

01:43:02.740 --> 01:43:07.580  
for serving so well to get that, take care of that responsibility.

1478  
01:43:12.410 --> 01:43:17.100  
Okay. The next, I gotta be careful where I stand. Um, next,

1479  
01:43:17.440 --> 01:43:19.300  
uh, uh,

1480  
01:43:19.360 --> 01:43:23.900  
I'd like to talk a little bit about where we stand in, uh,  
communications.

1481  
01:43:23.970 --> 01:43:25.540  
There's actually, in the bylaws,

1482  
01:43:25.540 --> 01:43:30.300  
there's a place for the president to report back to you on this topic  
of

1483  
01:43:30.540 --> 01:43:32.620  
communication. So that's why it's titled the Way it is.

1484  
01:43:33.000 --> 01:43:35.860  
One of the changes that we're going to, uh, make a little bit,

1485  
01:43:36.280 --> 01:43:41.100  
our current membership is 280. Although I heard someone say to me, oh,

1486  
01:43:41.100 --> 01:43:44.940  
I gotta renew my membership. So it's probably 281, uh,

1487  
01:43:45.490 --> 01:43:48.980  
getting close to that. But this is, uh, uh,

1488  
01:43:49.040 --> 01:43:52.300  
Jim worked hard over the last year to get the,

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01:43:52.560 --> 01:43:57.020  
the membership current on who is and who is not a member. We reported,

1490  
01:43:57.400 --> 01:44:00.100  
we reported to you last time that we're working that project.

1491  
01:44:00.920 --> 01:44:04.060  
He sent out cards and, and worked through there. Uh,

1492  
01:44:04.060 --> 01:44:06.900  
so we actually declined 35,

1493  
01:44:07.160 --> 01:44:11.820  
but a lot of that was due to cleanup of our records as opposed to  
people

1494  
01:44:12.140 --> 01:44:15.020  
actually saying, I don't want to be a member anymore. Uh,

1495  
01:44:15.440 --> 01:44:19.780  
we did have some declines, as you would expect from, uh, people who  
passed away.

1496  
01:44:20.200 --> 01:44:21.900  
And that's, that's a normal thing.

1497  
01:44:22.240 --> 01:44:26.020  
But we've also picked up new members over the course of the year. So,  
uh,

1498  
01:44:26.090 --> 01:44:30.820  
this is a reason we believe this is an accurate representation of

1499  
01:44:31.760 --> 01:44:36.460  
the, uh, status of our membership, uh, interfaces with other  
organizations.

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01:44:36.900 --> 01:44:41.460  
I will talk a little bit about Heritage League in a, in a few slides

and then,

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01:44:41.520 --> 01:44:44.100

and we'll also talk about the Mighty eighth Air Force Museum.

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01:44:44.120 --> 01:44:48.300

So I'm not gonna go any further into those on this slide. Uh,

1503

01:44:48.300 --> 01:44:53.260

next item is the Treasurer's report. I shouldn't get to, oh,

1504

01:44:53.260 --> 01:44:55.540

he's all the way in the back. So Jim, if you would,

1505

01:45:13.570 --> 01:45:14.403

good morning.

1506

01:45:14.690 --> 01:45:15.523

Good morning.

1507

01:45:18.220 --> 01:45:21.340

I was a little late because we were conducting, I shouldn't say we,

1508

01:45:21.850 --> 01:45:26.060

your membership committee was conducting an audit of the books,

1509

01:45:29.080 --> 01:45:33.100

and I haven't been fired yet, so I guess it must have been accepted.

Well,

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01:45:33.100 --> 01:45:34.140

they just haven't had a chance.

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01:45:39.920 --> 01:45:44.620

Um, is that kind of better if I hold it away? Is that better?

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01:45:44.730 --> 01:45:48.900

Yeah, it works. Uh, let's just have a little lesson of mathematics

here. First

1513

01:45:50.570 --> 01:45:51.170

Fund,

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01:45:51.170 --> 01:45:54.460

Fund accounting, which is different than business accounting,

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01:45:55.040 --> 01:45:59.660

is basically you take the money or the s you take the money or assets you had

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01:45:59.660 --> 01:46:02.020

last year, you add your receipts,

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01:46:02.120 --> 01:46:07.100

you subtract out what you spent and what's left over should equal what's on the

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01:46:07.100 --> 01:46:11.380

books, money, assets, whatever. In our case,

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01:46:11.410 --> 01:46:13.220

most of it's money plus the inventory.

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01:46:14.360 --> 01:46:18.500

We don't have any assets like chairs and computers and stuff like that.

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01:46:20.210 --> 01:46:25.070

So if you'll look at the statement on the September, uh,

1522

01:46:25.310 --> 01:46:29.750

30th, 2012 column, and by the way, we're,

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01:46:29.750 --> 01:46:33.390

we're really a calendar year, uh, 5 0 1 C three organization.

1524

01:46:33.410 --> 01:46:36.590  
But if I did the books that way,

1525  
01:46:37.100 --> 01:46:40.310  
we'd be looking at December 31st, 2012,

1526  
01:46:40.730 --> 01:46:42.350  
and the date would be nine months old.

1527  
01:46:43.010 --> 01:46:45.710  
So I've always felt that to be really meaningful to you.

1528  
01:46:46.050 --> 01:46:50.300  
It should be fairly current. So that's why we picked the September 30th date.

1529  
01:46:52.610 --> 01:46:55.780  
Okay, up the top, they're under assets.

1530  
01:46:55.800 --> 01:46:58.300  
You go down that first column to, uh,

1531  
01:46:58.300 --> 01:47:01.700  
30 2001 46 Y, all see that?

1532  
01:47:02.670 --> 01:47:03.660  
Shake your head. Yes.

1533  
01:47:05.730 --> 01:47:09.620  
Then if you go down to the bottom part of the statement where it says receipts

1534  
01:47:09.620 --> 01:47:12.660  
and disbursements on the 2013 column,

1535  
01:47:15.190 --> 01:47:19.090  
the first section there is receipts, donations, little interest,

1536

01:47:20.270 --> 01:47:24.810  
not much, but you all know about that. Uh, member dues, uh,

1537  
01:47:24.810 --> 01:47:28.890  
reunion excess proceeds, PX sales, total receipts,

1538  
01:47:28.890 --> 01:47:33.460  
25,934 below.

1539  
01:47:33.460 --> 01:47:37.740  
That's what we spent. I won't go through that individually,

1540  
01:47:37.880 --> 01:47:41.500  
but for our math lesson here, that's 15,008. 48.

1541  
01:47:42.040 --> 01:47:46.860  
So we're gonna subtract the 15,000 from the 25,000

1542  
01:47:46.860 --> 01:47:50.100  
we took in. We're I had 10,000 around numbers.

1543  
01:47:50.800 --> 01:47:54.820  
You add that to the two 32,000 leftover from 2012.

1544  
01:47:55.520 --> 01:47:57.780  
And that brings us to the up the top,

1545  
01:47:57.840 --> 01:48:00.860  
the page under September 30th, 2013,

1546  
01:48:01.710 --> 01:48:04.060  
40 2002 32.

1547  
01:48:06.480 --> 01:48:08.260  
And I see all these heads shaking. Yes.

1548  
01:48:12.360 --> 01:48:15.260  
So like, uh, Sean Connery said,

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01:48:15.360 --> 01:48:19.860

and the untouchables their end of the lesson. I think that was him.

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01:48:23.450 --> 01:48:28.260

Just a couple of detailed items for clarification and understanding

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01:48:30.230 --> 01:48:34.620

under, uh, receipts this year. We combined, uh,

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01:48:34.970 --> 01:48:38.140

donations. There is a combination of both, uh,

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01:48:38.520 --> 01:48:43.340

the generosity of your members to the 93rd as well as this year.

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01:48:43.340 --> 01:48:46.500

We, we put hot stuff on there, uh, to kind of,

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01:48:48.240 --> 01:48:50.740

uh, separate out so you knew what, what was what.

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01:48:52.620 --> 01:48:56.040

And that's the 15,000 1 56 over in the right-hand side,

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01:48:57.780 --> 01:49:00.280

if we separate out the hot stuff, uh, project,

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01:49:01.170 --> 01:49:05.520

their expenditures are showing on the right hand column toward the bottom, uh,

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01:49:05.520 --> 01:49:09.000

hot stuff expense, uh, 1995.

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01:49:09.900 --> 01:49:14.400

And so they've got about a little short of 11,000 left in the checkbook there.

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01:49:21.660 --> 01:49:26.200

The, um, the normal process for reimbursement,

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01:49:27.420 --> 01:49:31.960

uh, principally is for the publication of the ball of fire. Uh,

1563

01:49:31.960 --> 01:49:35.760

there's postage, there's printing expense as associated with that.

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01:49:36.340 --> 01:49:39.520

And Joanne usually sends me a, um,

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01:49:40.120 --> 01:49:41.800

a bill with all the receipts attached.

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01:49:42.480 --> 01:49:45.640

I reimburse her by check and it goes pretty smooth.

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01:49:46.220 --> 01:49:47.980

But we have complete records of that.

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01:49:48.250 --> 01:49:52.340

There's a couple things that I expend on behalf of the cost of the membership.

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01:49:53.100 --> 01:49:57.820

I pay a secretary about a hundred dollars a month to do the work of the

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01:49:57.850 --> 01:50:02.340

association, and that's the \$1,200 you see there over in expenses.

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01:50:04.280 --> 01:50:05.113

Beyond that,

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01:50:05.400 --> 01:50:09.500

all your officers are total plus volunteers.

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01:50:12.200 --> 01:50:13.900

Any questions on the financial statement?

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01:50:21.970 --> 01:50:22.900

Well, I don't see any

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01:50:24.520 --> 01:50:29.300

One question. I would've, what's the goal of the hot, uh, hot stuff, uh,

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01:50:29.320 --> 01:50:31.300

in terms of what they're trying to raise? How much

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01:50:31.300 --> 01:50:33.140

Time do we know

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01:50:34.240 --> 01:50:37.700

We will? That was me. Sorry.

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01:50:37.880 --> 01:50:41.940

We will have a report on hot stuff. A few minutes interruption. Yeah,

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01:50:41.940 --> 01:50:45.300

we'll just, we'll hold that until Jim comes up and talks to that.

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01:50:46.080 --> 01:50:49.420

Is there a motion to approve the treasurer's report is presented?

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01:50:49.700 --> 01:50:52.300

I so thank you firmly. Is there a second? We have a second.

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01:50:52.440 --> 01:50:56.820

All in favor say aye. Aye. Opposed by the same sign. Okay, thank you.

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01:50:56.840 --> 01:51:00.940

The report is approved. I got a couple other things. Can I do, go for it.

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01:51:03.160 --> 01:51:08.020

Uh, one of the things we return routinely do each year

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01:51:08.880 --> 01:51:13.060

is, uh, I send a conflicts of interest statement out to all the, uh,

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01:51:13.060 --> 01:51:16.140

the officers and folks who are involved in your reunions.

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01:51:16.560 --> 01:51:18.660

And it's pretty straightened forward. Basically says,

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01:51:18.710 --> 01:51:21.100

we'll be good people and not do bad things.

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01:51:22.000 --> 01:51:24.740

And then I send a sheet out during the reunion here,

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01:51:25.270 --> 01:51:27.260

which all of you have signed, which says, yes,

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01:51:27.340 --> 01:51:31.740

I was a good person and didn't do bad things. End of story.

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01:51:33.360 --> 01:51:36.420

Um, as treasurer, I do get involved in the charitable projects,

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01:51:36.420 --> 01:51:40.180

as you probably know by now. Uh, we've got a couple things going.

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01:51:40.180 --> 01:51:44.540

We've got the hot stuff, uh, the donation to the Mighty Eighth Museum,

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01:51:45.160 --> 01:51:49.740

uh, that you approved last year. And that amount to, to, uh, remind you was,

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01:51:50.160 --> 01:51:54.980

uh, \$7,500. Uh, we're also working on a, uh,

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01:51:55.340 --> 01:52:00.100

security system for the Hardwick Museum. Is anybody gonna be reporting on that?

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01:52:00.530 --> 01:52:02.260

Okay. And I won't go further

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01:52:05.910 --> 01:52:07.340

Other than to say,

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01:52:08.750 --> 01:52:11.980

since we last talked about this \$200, let's come in.

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01:52:12.720 --> 01:52:15.780

So we're now down to 1100. Can you imagine

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01:52:17.850 --> 01:52:21.620

what a great group you are? You know, when we need to do things,

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01:52:22.510 --> 01:52:25.940

y'all get it done. So thank you so much. Nice

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01:52:25.990 --> 01:52:26.823

Chart.

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01:52:35.110 --> 01:52:39.300

There is, uh, will you be talking about the documentary possibility?

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01:52:39.930 --> 01:52:42.220

Okay. So I'll, I'll let go of that there.

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01:52:44.810 --> 01:52:48.740

Just again, um, a reminder about, um, practical issues.

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01:52:49.440 --> 01:52:52.900

We have a PayPal facility set up on our website,

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01:52:53.150 --> 01:52:58.140

which means that people that want to pay dues or, or buy merchandise, uh,

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01:52:58.140 --> 01:53:02.860

can go to the website and use a PayPal for with their credit cards to,

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01:53:02.920 --> 01:53:07.260

to purchase or pay dues. It's been a very effective, uh,

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01:53:07.260 --> 01:53:09.820

and practical, uh, thing to use for us.

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01:53:09.880 --> 01:53:13.140

I'm sure a lot of you are use PayPal on your own personal affairs,

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01:53:13.280 --> 01:53:15.260

but for us it's really worked quite well.

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01:53:16.460 --> 01:53:20.260

I think it costs us 2% service fee to use that,

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01:53:20.720 --> 01:53:22.580

and it's just well worth it as a,

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01:53:22.920 --> 01:53:26.180

as a tool for keeping the gears running smoothly.

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01:53:34.340 --> 01:53:38.470

Does anybody have any questions about the px? How we run it, what it does?

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01:53:39.210 --> 01:53:42.910

All the money goes for the charitable projects and it is self-sustained.

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01:53:43.330 --> 01:53:48.270

We try to keep the prices low below retail so that if they're more

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01:53:48.270 --> 01:53:49.910

affordable and you can buy more

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01:53:52.130 --> 01:53:53.510

and don't forget to visit us.

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01:53:57.990 --> 01:54:00.290

Oh, one thing more. Would Mr.

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01:54:00.440 --> 01:54:05.210

Bill Sergeant stand up and take a bow for agreeing to become your new

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01:54:05.390 --> 01:54:08.010

PX manager? Effective, effective Monday.

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01:54:15.190 --> 01:54:18.930

The other day I was praying around like a peacock with a new B 24 shirt,

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01:54:19.990 --> 01:54:24.210

and I was doing that for a purpose to attract a lot of attention about what good

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01:54:24.210 --> 01:54:26.610

looking guy I am and that I parked my hair real nice.

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01:54:27.550 --> 01:54:29.770

But it was really meant for you to see, uh,

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01:54:29.770 --> 01:54:33.690

a new product that just hit the market about two months ago. As it turns out,

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01:54:35.950 --> 01:54:40.370

the artwork on that shirt is a a B 24 from the 93rd.

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01:54:40.370 --> 01:54:45.370

It's the ball of fire three. And it's the same logo that's, uh, on the caps,

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01:54:45.370 --> 01:54:47.970

the 10 caps. It's, it's really a nice shirt.

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01:54:48.000 --> 01:54:49.730

I've got it spread out over at the px,

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01:54:49.790 --> 01:54:54.090

so some of you have seen it and have put some money on it to buy 'em.

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01:54:54.090 --> 01:54:57.930

I will get them and mailed 'em to you if you choose to get them.

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01:54:57.930 --> 01:55:01.450

They're 20 bucks, including shipping except for triple X.

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01:55:01.470 --> 01:55:06.090

That's a little bit more. There's it, nothing else. And no more questions.

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01:55:06.520 --> 01:55:08.050

That answers my report. Thank you.

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01:55:15.670 --> 01:55:19.530

Thanks Jim. Okay, our audit,

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01:55:19.660 --> 01:55:24.450

audit committee report, uh, is done, is presented by the chairman.

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01:55:24.760 --> 01:55:27.530

He's probably surprised to hear that he was the chairman. I forgot to tell.

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01:55:30.110 --> 01:55:32.130

So I, I had a drawing and, uh,

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01:55:32.630 --> 01:55:36.290

Gerald and George agreed to be our members on the audit,

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01:55:36.830 --> 01:55:40.050

but I forgot to appoint the chairman. So, Gerald, you get to make a report.

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01:55:40.070 --> 01:55:41.210

That's the chairman's job.

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01:55:43.440 --> 01:55:44.140

He got to sign

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01:55:44.140 --> 01:55:46.500

First. Anyhow, but I signed second.

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01:55:47.760 --> 01:55:49.140

That's why I put first.

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01:55:53.760 --> 01:55:57.380

You thought I was just being polite. All right. Well,

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01:55:57.440 --> 01:56:01.980

George and I spent some time and, uh, reviewed all the records,

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01:56:02.800 --> 01:56:06.260

um, and we found that everything was perfect.

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01:56:07.720 --> 01:56:12.340

So, uh, I have the report results for John,

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01:56:12.440 --> 01:56:15.900

and I'm not really sure since this is my first chairman's ship. Um,

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01:56:16.290 --> 01:56:19.580

what else I'm supposed to do? Is that it, John? That's it. Okay.

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01:56:26.920 --> 01:56:27.753

Job well done.

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01:56:35.560 --> 01:56:35.800

He

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01:56:35.800 --> 01:56:37.660

Had moments of

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01:56:37.660 --> 01:56:38.493

Experience

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01:56:40.920 --> 01:56:44.660

Resume. Okay.

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01:56:49.680 --> 01:56:54.020

As you know, Joanne hasn't been able to join us, but she did send a report,

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01:56:55.350 --> 01:56:59.740

which I've got. I didn't, I didn't forget the copy of this.

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01:56:59.740 --> 01:57:04.260

I almost made. Uh, and here's, uh, this is Joanne's report. Uh,

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01:57:04.360 --> 01:57:07.980

do my new job. I cannot be there with my 93rd Broom family.

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01:57:08.440 --> 01:57:13.220

Please have the best time to all the veterans if you have not sent

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01:57:13.240 --> 01:57:17.260

in your story. I like some pictures about your time in the 93rd.

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01:57:17.860 --> 01:57:22.420

I encourage you to send them to me so they can be included in the, uh,

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01:57:22.730 --> 01:57:24.260  
qualifier membership forum.

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01:57:25.160 --> 01:57:28.900  
Our members would enjoy honoring you and learning more about you and your

1671  
01:57:28.900 --> 01:57:31.340  
experiences. If you have any questions,

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01:57:31.360 --> 01:57:35.780  
please contact me by phone or email and contact information is always in the

1673  
01:57:35.780 --> 01:57:39.220  
ball fire. So get that. And, uh,

1674  
01:57:39.220 --> 01:57:43.220  
Michael Sellers will also place your story and pictures on our website as a

1675  
01:57:43.460 --> 01:57:47.500  
featured veteran. Thank you. And take care, Joanne. Uh,

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01:57:47.770 --> 01:57:49.420  
just to editorialize on that,

1677  
01:57:49.920 --> 01:57:53.740  
Joanne puts out the ball fire every quarter.

1678  
01:57:54.680 --> 01:57:58.020  
She does it so well. It's just, uh, uh,

1679  
01:57:58.020 --> 01:58:01.420  
something that I appreciate tremendously. Uh, you know,

1680  
01:58:01.460 --> 01:58:03.380  
I joke about the suspense that we,

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01:58:03.380 --> 01:58:08.300

those of us who donate or put articles in, and she,

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01:58:08.480 --> 01:58:13.380

she starts reminding us three weeks ahead and then you get a weekly reminder

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01:58:13.600 --> 01:58:16.380

and then the last week you get a daily reminder,

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01:58:17.660 --> 01:58:18.300

I tried have

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01:58:18.300 --> 01:58:19.460

To put you under some severe

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01:58:19.860 --> 01:58:21.460

Pressure. All wanna

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01:58:21.460 --> 01:58:24.580

Do is get it written and get it in. So I don't, and she stop.

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01:58:24.580 --> 01:58:26.140

She doesn't set you anymore. I know she

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01:58:26.140 --> 01:58:26.450

Still

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01:58:26.450 --> 01:58:27.283

Says

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01:58:28.720 --> 01:58:32.460

It. It is a great process. And we do that, you know, remotely.

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01:58:32.640 --> 01:58:37.580

We don't see one another from year, year to year, but it just,

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01:58:37.640 --> 01:58:41.500

it just flows very smoothly and it's because of her great ability to organize

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01:58:41.500 --> 01:58:43.420

us. So thanks you, Joanne.

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01:58:49.050 --> 01:58:51.940

Next up we've got our historians report. Don.

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01:59:00.050 --> 01:59:04.840

Hello. Okay, tune up closer. Okay. I'm Don Morrison,

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01:59:04.980 --> 01:59:08.040

the historian. Um, just to give you a brief update, um,

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01:59:08.340 --> 01:59:12.720

we get a lot of inquiries both through the webpage and I try to monitor all the

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01:59:12.720 --> 01:59:17.240

different 93rd Facebook pages and watch for anyone asking for something,

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01:59:17.630 --> 01:59:21.080

I'll reply back to 'em through a message and say, what do you know?

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01:59:21.080 --> 01:59:24.720

What are you looking for? Yada yada ya. And then try to answer their questions.

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01:59:25.500 --> 01:59:29.800

Um, done a lot for family. Um,

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01:59:29.950 --> 01:59:33.640

most of them, the late inquiries are coming through from families, kids,

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01:59:34.440 --> 01:59:37.560  
grandkids, nephews, things like that. Um,

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01:59:38.920 --> 01:59:43.920  
I had one last year where I got an email and I think he came in an

1706  
01:59:43.920 --> 01:59:46.520  
email and, uh, basically the general question was,

1707  
01:59:46.520 --> 01:59:50.480  
is what do you know about my dad? Very open-ended. Well,

1708  
01:59:50.480 --> 01:59:51.920  
he was in the airplanes. Okay. Um,

1709  
01:59:53.060 --> 01:59:56.400  
so I got a little further and they gave me a little more information.

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01:59:56.400 --> 01:59:58.680  
So I started digging. I said, well, I can look for flight records,

1711  
01:59:58.910 --> 02:00:02.240  
then look for plane numbers, no artsy photos, et cetera.

1712  
02:00:03.300 --> 02:00:04.840  
And the general gist

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02:00:04.840 --> 02:00:07.520  
Of the email came back was, well, can you do it by tomorrow?

1714  
02:00:09.200 --> 02:00:13.760  
I thought at first that was a, maybe a touch cheeky going, well, you know,

1715  
02:00:13.790 --> 02:00:16.200  
volunteer and now you're giving me a strict deadline.

1716  
02:00:17.110 --> 02:00:21.560

Then he elaborated that his father had passed away, never told him anything,

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02:00:21.900 --> 02:00:26.720

and they wanted to put a memorial board up at his funeral occurring tomorrow.

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02:00:27.780 --> 02:00:30.960

So I basically pulled an all nighter going through all the flight records,

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02:00:31.170 --> 02:00:35.480

found 30, 35 missions, pulled together the serial numbers,

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02:00:35.700 --> 02:00:37.120

the nose art, plain photos,

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02:00:37.420 --> 02:00:40.400

and made a package and sent it to 'em so they literally could go to the local,

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02:00:41.180 --> 02:00:44.320

no advertisement here, printer, and, um,

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02:00:44.980 --> 02:00:47.240

get prints made and then make their board. Um,

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02:00:48.080 --> 02:00:52.200

I guess the only thing that I thought was sad about that I wish he would've

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02:00:52.200 --> 02:00:53.960

asked me six months before.

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02:00:55.940 --> 02:00:59.600

So if you have a question veteran, whatever,

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02:01:00.190 --> 02:01:05.120

tell me what you want to know, and I'll do my dang dang dis to answer.

Um,

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02:01:05.410 --> 02:01:09.520

preferably sooner than later. Um, can't always help.

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02:01:09.670 --> 02:01:13.640

I've had a couple recently where I got all of their missions and was able to

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02:01:13.640 --> 02:01:17.680

give 'em every picture, but one plane. So they're all happy.

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02:01:18.160 --> 02:01:22.240

I had another one who's in early war. The only thing I can find is a crew photo.

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02:01:22.340 --> 02:01:23.880

In the little story of the 93rd.

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02:01:24.440 --> 02:01:28.960

I have figured out that their entire crew after he came off for whatever reason,

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02:01:29.460 --> 02:01:31.120

was lost in 43.

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02:01:31.620 --> 02:01:35.480

So that's probably why he kind of goes into the abyss.

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02:01:36.100 --> 02:01:38.880

He was the sole survivor. He never talked about it,

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02:01:39.120 --> 02:01:41.340

and everyone else was killed so early in the war,

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02:01:41.610 --> 02:01:44.380

even before they really started keeping good flight records.

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02:01:45.140 --> 02:01:47.420

A lot of the early ones, they only listed the pilot's name,

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02:01:47.420 --> 02:01:51.020

and everyone on the crew was just along for the right, per se,

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02:01:51.360 --> 02:01:55.340

on the records at least. So, um, like I say, any questions,

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02:01:56.560 --> 02:02:00.740

pop me a note, call me letters, whatever, and I'll do what I can to help you.

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02:02:01.840 --> 02:02:04.660

So that's the report. Thank you, Donald.

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02:02:13.570 --> 02:02:17.540

Okay. Uh, yeah. Thank, thank you Don. Uh,

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02:02:18.200 --> 02:02:22.340

we pass him all kinds of requests to Don and he just, he handles them.

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02:02:23.000 --> 02:02:27.500

Uh, just to elaborate a little bit. Yesterday morning as we were, uh,

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02:02:27.500 --> 02:02:31.220

getting ready to leave or getting, having lunch and getting ready to leave,

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02:02:31.280 --> 02:02:33.020

for my mistake, uh,

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02:02:33.120 --> 02:02:37.900

two gentlemen just walked into the memorabilia room and they were from up,

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02:02:38.240 --> 02:02:39.220

uh, in Massachusetts.

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02:02:39.440 --> 02:02:42.980

They'd seen in the bowl of fire that we were having the reunion here,

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02:02:43.520 --> 02:02:48.460

and they walked in and said, Hey, my dad was in the three 28th, three 29th.

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02:02:48.490 --> 02:02:52.140

They don't know. He was in cook. He was a, he was a cook. And, you know,

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02:02:52.280 --> 02:02:56.020

and I explained that we had just talked about ground crew, you know,

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02:02:56.020 --> 02:02:57.620

yesterday morning and, uh,

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02:02:57.620 --> 02:03:01.900

that we'd be very interested in helping in whatever way we could, but, you know,

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02:03:01.900 --> 02:03:05.980

so you never know when the next request is gonna come your way. And this,

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02:03:06.040 --> 02:03:09.900

in this case, they walked in the door. That doesn't happen very often, but, uh,

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02:03:10.050 --> 02:03:12.540

from time to time it does. Uh,

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02:03:12.600 --> 02:03:17.020

I'd like to talk a little bit about Heritage League. The, um,

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02:03:17.130 --> 02:03:20.660

this is the successor organization now to the second ada.

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They started out as an auxiliary. They're now a standalone, uh, organization.

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02:03:26.010 --> 02:03:30.620

They did, uh, get their 5 0 1 c three status,

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02:03:31.080 --> 02:03:31.913

uh, this year.

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02:03:32.360 --> 02:03:37.260

So they're in the same educational mold that the 93rd

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02:03:37.320 --> 02:03:42.020

is. And they in fact, uh, followed our, uh, some of the,

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02:03:42.200 --> 02:03:44.460

the information and work that we had done previously.

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02:03:44.460 --> 02:03:48.820

They incorporated into their, uh, 5 0 1 C three, uh,

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02:03:48.820 --> 02:03:52.300

they did have their annual reunion, uh, in Savannah.

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02:03:52.770 --> 02:03:56.260

This is the second time they've had a separate annual reunion.

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02:03:56.330 --> 02:04:00.420

They had done one, uh, five years or so ago in Savannah as well.

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02:04:01.240 --> 02:04:03.100

Uh, and they, they held this one there.

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02:04:03.860 --> 02:04:08.860

Heritage League is made up of a lot of folks like all of us,

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02:04:09.720 --> 02:04:11.700

and they're second and third generation folks.

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02:04:11.700 --> 02:04:15.900

There are some veterans who are still remain active in the Heritage League and,

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02:04:15.920 --> 02:04:20.140

uh, have kind of switched over from second ada. Um,

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02:04:20.660 --> 02:04:22.020

I was looking through their, uh,

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02:04:22.120 --> 02:04:25.460

the report that kind that came out actually while we've been here.

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02:04:26.200 --> 02:04:30.220

And lo and behold, there was Henry Nycam and I went, oh,

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02:04:31.360 --> 02:04:34.300

oh, good. So if there's anything more you wanna add to this report,

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02:04:34.320 --> 02:04:37.540

you can feel free to free to do that. Um,

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02:04:37.730 --> 02:04:42.060

they are going to hold their 2014 reunion in

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02:04:42.450 --> 02:04:45.500

Norwich from May 24th to the 30th,

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02:04:45.630 --> 02:04:49.700

which is the timeframe that we went to Norwich two years ago.

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02:04:50.080 --> 02:04:51.660

That's roughly the same time.

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02:04:51.680 --> 02:04:56.420

And their intent is to be their Cambridge for the Memorial Day

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02:04:56.420 --> 02:05:01.220

service. Is, is part of what I understand is from their agenda. Um,

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02:05:01.960 --> 02:05:05.140

so, uh, if you're not a member of the Heritage League,

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02:05:05.780 --> 02:05:09.420

I encourage you to join, start to read their newsletters and see,

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02:05:09.640 --> 02:05:12.100

see what they're doing. Uh, they have,

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02:05:12.100 --> 02:05:17.100

they take a little bit different approach to how they do their, their work.

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02:05:17.100 --> 02:05:22.060

They're a lot more focused on research and making and doing reports of

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02:05:22.060 --> 02:05:24.940

the research they've accomplished and that sort of thing. As I understand it,

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02:05:24.970 --> 02:05:28.980

I've, I've not been to, uh, I've only been to one of their meetings.

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02:05:28.980 --> 02:05:33.160

And then only briefly, any anything else you wanna add?

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02:05:34.070 --> 02:05:38.600

Well, it, it's, uh, very much like what we do here.

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02:05:39.380 --> 02:05:42.600

Uh, and they,

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02:05:44.710 --> 02:05:49.610

uh, started the Harry League actually before the 93rd broke away from

the

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02:05:49.840 --> 02:05:51.930  
secondary division. And,

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02:05:52.190 --> 02:05:55.170  
but they were never accepted as a a,

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02:05:55.750 --> 02:06:00.050  
as part of the second air division until the

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02:06:00.670 --> 02:06:02.410  
second air division dissolved.

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02:06:02.630 --> 02:06:06.410  
And so now they are the organization for the second air division.

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02:06:10.370 --> 02:06:14.860  
They have very good personnel working and, and running the  
organization.

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02:06:15.400 --> 02:06:19.900  
So, uh, yes, I'm, I'm proud to say I was there when they started.

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02:06:20.450 --> 02:06:23.340  
Okay, great. Thank you. It was nice to see your picture.

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02:06:24.280 --> 02:06:26.540  
Now he was travel with another woman though

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02:06:30.450 --> 02:06:31.283  
That

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02:06:31.410 --> 02:06:32.740  
Another, another daughter.

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02:06:33.850 --> 02:06:34.900  
It's another daughter,

1811  
02:06:36.120 --> 02:06:36.480  
But,

1812  
02:06:36.480 --> 02:06:37.380  
But Johnny does

1813  
02:06:37.380 --> 02:06:39.060  
Keep telling me about the local widow.

1814  
02:06:39.800 --> 02:06:44.220  
Oh, the local widow. Oh, I see. Well, we won't go into that here.

1815  
02:06:45.120 --> 02:06:49.860  
That's for another place. Okay. Uh, next report is, uh,

1816  
02:06:49.920 --> 02:06:53.020  
Jim Root's, uh, update on where we stand for this reunion.

1817  
02:06:59.490 --> 02:07:02.660  
Okay. Financially, we're in, uh, good shape for the results of this reunion.

1818  
02:07:03.070 --> 02:07:06.020  
These are pre preliminary numbers as we have, uh,

1819  
02:07:06.330 --> 02:07:10.020  
typically the month afterwards, we'll have everything finalized. Uh,

1820  
02:07:10.020 --> 02:07:12.740  
59 full-time attendees. This, uh,

1821  
02:07:12.740 --> 02:07:16.420  
weekend eight partials for a total of, uh,

1822  
02:07:16.630 --> 02:07:21.140  
67 of which 10 veterans receipts from the registration fees,

1823

02:07:21.440 --> 02:07:26.260

uh, partial fees and total fees, 20 1006 19 expenses.

1824

02:07:27.440 --> 02:07:31.020

As you can see, the big ticket item is our food and meals here at the hotel.

1825

02:07:31.020 --> 02:07:34.940

When we have, uh, four, four meals at the hotel. It kind of adds up, but it's,

1826

02:07:35.060 --> 02:07:37.780

uh, very convenient, obviously, and, uh, worth the value to,

1827

02:07:38.040 --> 02:07:42.580

to keep things moving along. So, 9,425, uh, meals yesterday,

1828

02:07:42.650 --> 02:07:47.500

nine 90, excuse me, last night. Transportation is also always a big cost.

1829

02:07:48.880 --> 02:07:51.260

Excuse me. I was hoping to be able to, uh,

1830

02:07:52.160 --> 02:07:55.860

reduce that this year by taking advantage of the shuttle here at the airport,

1831

02:07:55.960 --> 02:07:58.260

but that did not, uh, pan out. So we, uh,

1832

02:07:58.260 --> 02:08:03.100

added some transportation here late in the, in the game. So a total of 4,001 50.

1833

02:08:04.520 --> 02:08:04.740

Uh,

1834

02:08:04.740 --> 02:08:08.860

the activities as far as the tours at the New England Air Museum today missed

1835

02:08:09.420 --> 02:08:14.060

yesterday, 2108. Shipping costs for all the materials, uh,

1836

02:08:14.880 --> 02:08:18.540

uh, memorabilia, et cetera. \$1,108,

1837

02:08:19.720 --> 02:08:24.020

but a little bit higher than plan, but, uh, necessary entertainment,

1838

02:08:24.760 --> 02:08:28.860

uh, 500 registration costs for the materials for registration 3 39

1839

02:08:29.880 --> 02:08:30.540

and, uh,

1840

02:08:30.540 --> 02:08:33.420

including the option for Sunday for those of you that are going to the Mark

1841

02:08:33.540 --> 02:08:37.780

Twain house, 1565 in fees for a grand total of 20,185.

1842

02:08:38.440 --> 02:08:43.220

So that difference right now stands at a positive 1,434 balance.

1843

02:08:44.200 --> 02:08:46.740

So we're in the black gym, not the red

1844

02:08:48.810 --> 02:08:49.643

That a party,

1845

02:08:49.960 --> 02:08:52.620

Uh, party time was it. Enter.

1846

02:08:54.480 --> 02:08:59.460

So with a, uh, balance remaining from last year, excuse me.

1847

02:08:59.460 --> 02:09:04.420

So carrying forward the balance so far at 1434 and the carryover surplus balance

1848

02:09:04.450 --> 02:09:07.260

from last year of 1510, actually we're,

1849

02:09:07.260 --> 02:09:11.780

I have a running cash flow at 29 44. Again, not final numbers,

1850

02:09:12.520 --> 02:09:16.580

uh, that'll be finalized if we get all the bills paid, et cetera, in the next,

1851

02:09:16.720 --> 02:09:19.700

uh, two to three weeks here. So unless there are any other,

1852

02:09:19.720 --> 02:09:23.380

any surprises that come along, so in very good shape, uh, expense wise,

1853

02:09:27.720 --> 02:09:29.940

any questions, thoughts, comments?

1854

02:09:39.020 --> 02:09:42.910

Yeah, some, something to keep in mind. We,

1855

02:09:43.100 --> 02:09:46.950

when we plan the reunion, Jim works, has a planning number of 50 people.

1856

02:09:47.650 --> 02:09:51.910

And if we had exactly 50 people, the number left over would be zero.

1857

02:09:52.760 --> 02:09:56.910

Cause that's, that's what we plan to cover all the costs at,

1858

02:09:57.210 --> 02:10:01.510

at 50 folks. So whenever we go over that 50 planning number,

1859

02:10:01.510 --> 02:10:02.830

which we did this year,

1860

02:10:03.700 --> 02:10:08.470

that creates an excess because there's more people sharing in the fixed cost

1861

02:10:08.500 --> 02:10:11.230

than what there were previously. But we always try,

1862

02:10:11.370 --> 02:10:13.990

we don't want to ever end up negative. We have done that.

1863

02:10:14.060 --> 02:10:18.470

That was very unpleasant when we, we did it back in 2005.

1864

02:10:18.630 --> 02:10:21.990

I think we, we came up negative that, you know, so we've,

1865

02:10:22.160 --> 02:10:26.070

we've learned from that lesson and since then we've been able to always be

1866

02:10:26.550 --> 02:10:29.350

positive. So we're not trying to make money on the reason,

1867

02:10:30.050 --> 02:10:34.040

but it ends up we do generate a little bit of excess and we then use that as

1868

02:10:34.040 --> 02:10:37.340

seed money for the next reunion. So, um, you know,

1869

02:10:37.340 --> 02:10:41.180

in the long run it should be a, a zero sum game. Uh,

1870

02:10:41.200 --> 02:10:44.020

but the numbers don't ever work out Exactly right. So, just so you know,

1871

02:10:44.020 --> 02:10:47.140

that's what we're trying to accomplish. Okay.

1872

02:10:47.320 --> 02:10:50.860

You have a report from Jim on the, uh,

1873

02:10:50.860 --> 02:10:54.860

May 8th Air Force Veterans Memorial Project.

1874

02:10:56.050 --> 02:10:59.260

It's this re this is the report it was in your packet. Jim,

1875

02:10:59.260 --> 02:11:00.980

do you want to add anything more to this?

1876

02:11:02.460 --> 02:11:04.140

I can't really expand on our further, John.

1877

02:11:04.770 --> 02:11:08.140

Okay. Uh, bottom line is they have completed,

1878

02:11:09.760 --> 02:11:10.593

uh,

1879

02:11:11.340 --> 02:11:15.340

archiving all of the material from the 93rd for the hundred one veterans that

1880

02:11:15.340 --> 02:11:19.860

they have received and have on hand. Uh, that was a major endeavor.

1881

02:11:20.120 --> 02:11:24.700

We provided the funding to make sure that that was accomplished. Um, you know,

1882

02:11:24.700 --> 02:11:29.460

obviously they don't have all of the material from all of the 93rd veterans now

1883

02:11:29.460 --> 02:11:34.100

that's, you know, there's a lot more guys than that. Uh, but if you do,

1884

02:11:34.960 --> 02:11:38.740

uh, decide to give them your material, your information, uh,

1885

02:11:38.740 --> 02:11:43.180

we encourage you to also provide funding to allow them to pay for the archive,

1886

02:11:43.370 --> 02:11:45.540

because that's how it works. And if,

1887

02:11:45.640 --> 02:11:50.580

if it's a case of family that allows you to have that information available

1888

02:11:50.640 --> 02:11:54.380

for future generations. So it's well worth the investment to do it if,

1889

02:11:54.400 --> 02:11:57.700

if you decide to go that direction. But just, uh, so you know,

1890

02:11:57.730 --> 02:12:01.100

that project is complete and has been, was very successful.

1891

02:12:07.880 --> 02:12:12.100

Uh, folks, just as a point of information, uh, downstairs, you know,

1892

02:12:12.100 --> 02:12:13.820

the PX table is back from the corner.

1893

02:12:14.440 --> 02:12:18.780

The very first panel to the left is all about the museum in Savannah.

1894

02:12:19.480 --> 02:12:21.540

On the tabletop is a, uh, in,

1895

02:12:21.800 --> 02:12:25.940

in a protected folder is a list of 101 names.

1896

02:12:26.640 --> 02:12:31.350

Uh, some included new fellas here. Little louder John. Little louder. Yes.

1897

02:12:31.350 --> 02:12:34.830

Thanks. Okay. Sorry John. Anyway,

1898

02:12:34.970 --> 02:12:39.750

do feel free to check that list to who has contributed there, there archives,

1899

02:12:40.050 --> 02:12:44.630

uh, the names in there are completed archives, uh, which basically means this,

1900

02:12:45.290 --> 02:12:45.950

uh, in me.

1901

02:12:45.950 --> 02:12:50.310

I was privileged to spend a half a day side by side with the research assistant

1902

02:12:50.380 --> 02:12:55.230

down there. And unfortunately, when we originally hired, uh, I shouldn't say we,

1903

02:12:55.780 --> 02:12:58.870

when the museum hired a graduate student to come in and do this project,

1904

02:12:59.690 --> 02:13:02.830

it just had looked at on paper, but it didn't work out.

1905

02:13:03.450 --> 02:13:08.350

So they did replace that person with an experienced librarian, uh, in,

1906

02:13:08.630 --> 02:13:11.070

I think she's in her middle fifties, if that tells you anything.

1907

02:13:11.070 --> 02:13:14.870

And I sat side by side for about three hours with her and watched her,

1908

02:13:14.870 --> 02:13:16.630

what she was doing and the process.

1909

02:13:16.690 --> 02:13:21.670

And I got to do some folders myself before the current management took

1910

02:13:21.670 --> 02:13:22.503

over.

1911

02:13:22.890 --> 02:13:26.830

All the stuff that you fellows had sent in and others all handed up basically in

1912

02:13:26.830 --> 02:13:30.750

a shoebox. Um, not even identified as to,

1913

02:13:32.040 --> 02:13:35.180

uh, the current system they've adopted. Doesn't do it that way. When,

1914

02:13:35.570 --> 02:13:39.540

when archives comes in, to the extent they've got resources, uh,

1915

02:13:39.540 --> 02:13:42.980

they enter them into a catalog, they assign a number, uh,

1916

02:13:42.980 --> 02:13:47.250

they detail what's in the veterans' information. Uh,

1917

02:13:47.250 --> 02:13:49.330

and to give you an example, I picked up one folder.

1918

02:13:49.780 --> 02:13:52.010

There was three different veterans data in there.

1919

02:13:52.350 --> 02:13:54.850

It could have been some black and white pictures from the forties.

1920

02:13:55.350 --> 02:13:59.450

It could have been a letter, uh, to back and forth.

1921

02:13:59.910 --> 02:14:03.770

It could have been discharge papers that could have been on DD two 14.

1922

02:14:03.870 --> 02:14:07.530

That's the best discharge papers, right? Anyway, just could have been anything.

1923

02:14:08.030 --> 02:14:12.650

And so what they were doing at the library is basically entering each

1924

02:14:12.970 --> 02:14:15.450

document into the system. It's pretty tedious.

1925

02:14:17.030 --> 02:14:19.660

So anyway, that's where it's at. So do,

1926

02:14:19.680 --> 02:14:22.980

do check out the list if you wish and if you have any questions. Uh,

1927

02:14:23.540 --> 02:14:24.660

I know that, um,

1928

02:14:25.660 --> 02:14:29.500

I don't know if they have anything on their website about this project

1929

02:14:29.900 --> 02:14:33.220

specifically. Um, but just to throw something out,

1930

02:14:34.770 --> 02:14:38.620

they've completed, as far as I know, and I think what the report says,

1931

02:14:39.200 --> 02:14:43.990

all the 93rd business, but there is the business of all other bond groups.

1932

02:14:44.610 --> 02:14:46.830

Now, whether or not you want to go forward with this,

1933

02:14:46.850 --> 02:14:51.190

but just to suggest maybe we make a contribution since we're the more

1934

02:14:51.430 --> 02:14:52.630

progressive bond group,

1935

02:14:53.240 --> 02:14:57.830

maybe we make a contribution for them to continue their work in archiving.

1936

02:14:58.200 --> 02:15:02.630

Maybe we limit it to bond groups that have been more aligned with some of our

1937

02:15:02.630 --> 02:15:06.150

missions, like P esti, for example. Um, but just,

1938

02:15:06.150 --> 02:15:10.110

just think about it and whether or not you think that'd be appropriate for us.

1939

02:15:10.480 --> 02:15:11.313

Thank you.

1940

02:15:16.980 --> 02:15:18.950

Yeah, I, I'd just like to stay,

1941

02:15:20.130 --> 02:15:24.350

I'd like them to be a lot better than they are. Cause when I went there,

1942

02:15:24.350 --> 02:15:26.430

they didn't have my dad's serial number, right.

1943

02:15:26.430 --> 02:15:27.910

They didn't spell his name right.

1944

02:15:27.970 --> 02:15:30.270

And they weren't interested in hearing anymore about it.

1945

02:15:30.810 --> 02:15:34.260

So I'm not that pleased with Cheryl.

1946

02:15:35.180 --> 02:15:38.100

I, I just from memory, I thought if they, she,

1947

02:15:38.320 --> 02:15:42.860

the lady indicated they have an Excel file of information,

1948

02:15:43.080 --> 02:15:45.100

is that accessible to us?

1949

02:15:45.480 --> 02:15:48.340

Or is that just how she stores her information,

1950

02:15:49.750 --> 02:15:54.090

Gerald? I don't know that, but they are readily accessible. I mean,

1951

02:15:54.090 --> 02:15:55.970

if you had a question about that, um,

1952

02:15:56.070 --> 02:15:58.650

you can certainly send the question to me and I can forward her,

1953

02:15:58.730 --> 02:16:01.370

I can give you the email of the people there. Okay.

1954

02:16:02.980 --> 02:16:05.420

I never have any trouble getting a response back, so

1955

02:16:06.400 --> 02:16:07.233

Me too years.

1956

02:16:09.860 --> 02:16:14.100

I can say since I'm now through that system that with them,

1957

02:16:15.010 --> 02:16:16.460

that they really did have a mess.

1958

02:16:17.560 --> 02:16:20.380

But the new management and the people there are really,

1959

02:16:20.640 --> 02:16:24.460

really wanting to be professional and do it right. And,

1960

02:16:24.520 --> 02:16:28.460

and anyone who feels like they're not doing it right, don't be bashful.

1961

02:16:28.510 --> 02:16:31.780

Cause I had a couple of complaints that I gave them, and they,

1962

02:16:31.800 --> 02:16:34.220

and they quickly did what, what they should do,

1963

02:16:34.220 --> 02:16:38.500

which is backtrack and see if I was right or wrong, and we got that cleared up.

1964

02:16:38.640 --> 02:16:41.140

So rather than be just negative,

1965

02:16:41.680 --> 02:16:45.900

go after 'em if you want 'em to do a better job, but I've found them responsive.

1966

02:16:46.770 --> 02:16:49.860

Okay. Things have changed is what I'm hearing here.

1967

02:16:49.890 --> 02:16:54.700

Yeah. The new guy that's in charge is really Ram riding this particular

1968

02:16:55.140 --> 02:16:59.140

Function. Right. That's all good, you know, and we gotta test them, you know,

1969

02:16:59.170 --> 02:17:02.300

anytime, you know, they start to make progress, they've gotta test

1970

02:17:02.300 --> 02:17:05.740

Them. Well, it was a wreck. There was no question about that. Yeah.

1971

02:17:07.690 --> 02:17:12.420

Okay. Uh, next record is our hot stuff project. Uh, Jim,

1972

02:17:14.650 --> 02:17:19.000

calm down. You're supposed to be cheering and

1973

02:17:23.140 --> 02:17:23.973

you

1974

02:17:29.870 --> 02:17:34.720

Okay. Uh, I heard the question asked, uh, what was the goal, uh,

1975

02:17:35.060 --> 02:17:37.080

on the fundraising effort? And, uh,

1976

02:17:37.260 --> 02:17:40.680

one of the things that I did is I made some inquiries for various monument

1977

02:17:40.830 --> 02:17:44.360

manufacturers and, uh, it,

1978

02:17:44.660 --> 02:17:49.160

it ranged anywhere from 40,000 to 250 or

1979

02:17:49.160 --> 02:17:53.880

300,000. And I said, wow, what are we gonna do here? Well,

1980

02:17:53.960 --> 02:17:58.200

I got to talk to an outfit up in Washington that did the initial design that

1981

02:17:58.370 --> 02:18:02.720

we're, uh, looking at as, uh, an example of a design.

1982

02:18:02.860 --> 02:18:05.680

And they came back with some figures I thought were pretty good.

1983

02:18:06.300 --> 02:18:09.680

So what I did is I set a goal of \$70,000,

1984

02:18:10.460 --> 02:18:13.840

and the goal is to have a monument in place, uh,

1985

02:18:13.860 --> 02:18:18.560

at the 2018, uh, anniversary of the crash.

1986

02:18:19.460 --> 02:18:19.880

Uh,

1987

02:18:19.880 --> 02:18:24.800

I would like to try and get at 70,000 sooner so that we could raise it

up

1988

02:18:24.820 --> 02:18:29.240

to as however high we could get. That way we would have a, a more,

1989

02:18:29.400 --> 02:18:32.200

a better monument. But the one that you saw on there,

1990

02:18:32.540 --> 02:18:37.200

the gentleman quoted me around \$40,000. But,

1991

02:18:37.420 --> 02:18:37.970

uh, uh,

1992

02:18:37.970 --> 02:18:42.440

there are expenses and if it's built in the United States to get it over to

1993

02:18:42.440 --> 02:18:46.680

Iceland and get it installed, and it's not inexpensive to do that.

1994

02:18:47.220 --> 02:18:51.000

So I took a stab at it and just raised a number to

1995

02:18:51.110 --> 02:18:56.000

\$70,000, and we could have a monument similar to that one. Uh,

1996

02:18:56.860 --> 02:19:01.600

the, one of the higher costs is any kind of bronze that needs to be done. So,

1997

02:19:01.940 --> 02:19:05.040

for example, the B 24 in the middle, if you recall, I'm sorry,

1998

02:19:05.040 --> 02:19:07.440

I don't have a slide for it, but, uh,

1999

02:19:08.580 --> 02:19:10.440

any kind of bronze is quite expensive.

2000

02:19:10.740 --> 02:19:14.080

And the more words and letters that you put on a monument,

2001

02:19:14.300 --> 02:19:16.320

it becomes more expensive as well.

2002

02:19:17.140 --> 02:19:21.760

So I set the goal of \$70,000. We have raised, to this point,

2003

02:19:21.960 --> 02:19:26.520

a little over 13,000, and we have in until, uh,

2004

02:19:26.520 --> 02:19:31.100

approximately \$11,116 and some more.

2005

02:19:31.340 --> 02:19:35.140

A few, a few more cents that have come in since then. I think, uh,

2006

02:19:35.150 --> 02:19:40.020

Nancy has a couple hundred dollars or something like that to add to it. Um,

2007

02:19:40.130 --> 02:19:44.980

it's really amazing the response that I've had. Uh, when I give presentations,

2008

02:19:45.540 --> 02:19:50.020

a lot of people hand me cash or they, I give them a card and they'll mail a,

2009

02:19:50.380 --> 02:19:54.980

a contribution. We have, uh, approximately 50 donors, uh,

2010

02:19:54.980 --> 02:19:59.420

several of them, uh, significant. The Andrews family, we have, uh,

2011

02:19:59.420 --> 02:20:04.100  
close to \$3,000 they've donated. And the Royal, let's see,

2012  
02:20:04.180 --> 02:20:09.060  
the ancient Order of Artillery or whatever it's called in Boston,  
Massachusetts.

2013  
02:20:09.760 --> 02:20:12.620  
Uh, the speaker, uh, made a, uh,

2014  
02:20:12.860 --> 02:20:16.180  
a presentation at the anniversary, uh,

2015  
02:20:16.200 --> 02:20:18.980  
of the 70th anniversary in Iceland at the Memorial service.

2016  
02:20:19.460 --> 02:20:23.100  
I didn't know who he was. Turns out that he, he is an,

2017  
02:20:23.100 --> 02:20:26.540  
it's an organization that travels around the world in places,

2018  
02:20:26.980 --> 02:20:31.820  
monuments in place, places where, uh, American battles took place.  
And,

2019  
02:20:31.840 --> 02:20:34.220  
uh, they had been to Iceland the year before.

2020  
02:20:35.160 --> 02:20:40.060  
And I mentioned that the Kayler Institute of Technology organized the

2021  
02:20:40.220 --> 02:20:41.053  
memorial service,

2022  
02:20:41.120 --> 02:20:45.860  
and they knew him and invited him to the presentation or the memorial  
service

2023

02:20:45.960 --> 02:20:50.660

in Iceland. And I got an email from him and he, uh, said, uh,

2024

02:20:50.730 --> 02:20:53.180

I've been invited to speak at the memorial service,

2025

02:20:53.680 --> 02:20:58.220

and I don't wanna step on your shoes. And so it said, anything I can talk about.

2026

02:20:58.760 --> 02:21:01.820

And so I meant, I mean, I had just received a,

2027

02:21:01.900 --> 02:21:04.220

a letter from the Andrews family to be read there.

2028

02:21:04.240 --> 02:21:07.780

So I suggested he read that letter and he says, oh, that's great.

2029

02:21:07.840 --> 02:21:12.500

Now I don't have to prepare a speech. And, uh,

2030

02:21:12.520 --> 02:21:15.420

so we met for the first time in Iceland, and, uh,

2031

02:21:15.920 --> 02:21:19.740

he had made a \$750 contribution himself.

2032

02:21:20.360 --> 02:21:24.740

And then after the presentation and after the memorial service,

2033

02:21:25.460 --> 02:21:28.220

I gave him a copy of the video and presentation,

2034

02:21:29.280 --> 02:21:33.580

and he went to his group and they raised another thousand dollars. So, uh,

2035

02:21:34.050 --> 02:21:37.020

it's been really nice. The other thing I have to say, uh,

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02:21:37.090 --> 02:21:38.820

Nancy's done a superlative job,

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02:21:38.930 --> 02:21:43.220

superlative job on this because she's handled all the money and,

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02:21:43.280 --> 02:21:47.060

and I haven't had to be concerned about it at all. Um,

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02:21:47.280 --> 02:21:50.380

and she keeps good track of it and lets me know who,

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02:21:50.560 --> 02:21:54.260

who sends in donations and contributions. The other person, of course,

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02:21:54.320 --> 02:21:57.100

is Scott Stewart Scott, uh,

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02:21:57.100 --> 02:22:00.700

for everyone that gives \$250 or more. In fact,

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02:22:00.730 --> 02:22:03.420

he's told me to set the price. And, uh,

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02:22:03.520 --> 02:22:07.220

he sends out a ca a copy of Ted's traveling Circus.

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02:22:08.040 --> 02:22:12.340

And so it's, it's been most helpful. He also printed over two,

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02:22:12.440 --> 02:22:16.180

he printed 2000 brochures for, for me, by the way,

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02:22:16.220 --> 02:22:20.100

I have some in the back if you'd like to take them just to read them or send,

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02:22:20.170 --> 02:22:24.060

give them to friends and whoever you think might be interested, uh,

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02:22:24.140 --> 02:22:28.900

I have some back in. But he, he's been just wonderful about it. And he, at all,

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02:22:28.900 --> 02:22:33.500

at his own expense, he hasn't, uh, he's offered to do this. So, uh,

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02:22:33.500 --> 02:22:35.460

we're in pretty good shape. Uh,

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02:22:35.920 --> 02:22:39.300

I'm going to be running a golf tournament in the first week in March.

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02:22:39.920 --> 02:22:41.500

We had it scheduled for this year,

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02:22:41.600 --> 02:22:44.940

but it got all screwed up because of my traveling. And,

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02:22:45.360 --> 02:22:49.740

and so we'll be doing that next year. And, uh, I continue doing, uh,

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02:22:49.900 --> 02:22:52.940

speaking engagements, uh, to anybody that'll listen.

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02:22:54.000 --> 02:22:57.740

So I've spoken to some of you, I know, know who the QBs are,

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02:22:57.840 --> 02:23:02.060

the quiet Birdman there, anything but quiet. But I'll tell you one thing.

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02:23:02.320 --> 02:23:06.380

During my presentation, you could hear a pin drop. And so, uh,

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02:23:06.530 --> 02:23:11.100

also to the Rotary Clubs and other organizations I've made presentations to.

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02:23:11.760 --> 02:23:16.140

So we're in pretty good shape. Uh, and, uh, hopefully next year I'll have a,

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02:23:16.260 --> 02:23:21.100

a better report. Any questions? Thank you.

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02:23:39.970 --> 02:23:44.510

All right. We're still working through this sound system issue, but, uh, uh,

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02:23:44.990 --> 02:23:49.590

I just, before Don talks to us about the security system status. Yeah.

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02:23:49.590 --> 02:23:54.030

Stay behind the screen, Don. Um, something that I haven't talked to Jim about,

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02:23:54.030 --> 02:23:56.670

but it just struck me as he was making his report,

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02:23:57.410 --> 02:23:59.870

is right now he's the spokesperson.

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02:24:00.500 --> 02:24:04.550

He's the person who goes out and makes the speeches. But that speech,

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02:24:04.620 --> 02:24:09.510

that presentation is something that could be exported and any of us could

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02:24:09.510 --> 02:24:14.270

make that presentation to within our circle of acquaintances in our

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02:24:14.460 --> 02:24:17.550

organizations, in our communities. And, uh,

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02:24:17.690 --> 02:24:21.870

if you're interested in doing that and being able to make a presentation,

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02:24:22.490 --> 02:24:23.870

uh, similar to what Jim does,

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02:24:24.030 --> 02:24:27.830

I know that he'd be happy to multiply himself several times over, wouldn't you,

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02:24:27.830 --> 02:24:32.350

Jim? You bet I would. I thought you might. Uh, so, so with that in mind,

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02:24:32.770 --> 02:24:36.190

you know, many of you have, you're in organizations, you're,

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02:24:36.190 --> 02:24:39.950

you're involved in things. There's no reason for you not to tell the story.

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02:24:40.770 --> 02:24:44.990

And for us, it's the, it's the hot stuff story, um,

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02:24:45.210 --> 02:24:48.030

for the country. It's the general Andrew story.

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02:24:48.410 --> 02:24:51.350

And so there's really two elements there that are, you know,

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02:24:51.350 --> 02:24:53.430

you really want to present. And, uh,

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02:24:53.750 --> 02:24:57.910

I just wanna echo what Jim said about Nancy. We, you know, we drafted her,

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02:24:58.290 --> 02:25:00.270

if you remember last year, we had,

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02:25:00.890 --> 02:25:04.390

we drafted her in the meeting to become the, uh,

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02:25:04.390 --> 02:25:08.350

assistant treasurer to handle this project. And, um, she,

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02:25:09.130 --> 02:25:14.070

she said, she said she'd do it, but she didn't know how it would go.

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02:25:14.810 --> 02:25:17.870

And she's been marvelous and wonderful and, uh,

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02:25:17.870 --> 02:25:22.150

really had been a good contribution. And not only on that project,

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02:25:22.450 --> 02:25:26.900

but in, in our officer's meetings, she's been, uh, participating, uh,

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02:25:26.920 --> 02:25:31.460

in those and really is, is, uh, a great addition to our team. So thank you,

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02:25:31.460 --> 02:25:32.580

Nancy. I appreciate that.

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02:25:38.080 --> 02:25:38.913

Yes, Michelle.

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02:25:39.200 --> 02:25:43.340

Um, I had spoken with Jim yesterday. I know he mentioned, um,

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02:25:44.360 --> 02:25:49.100

his work that he's trying to do with the Air Museum in Dayton to acknowledge,

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02:25:49.360 --> 02:25:52.950

um, more fully general Andrews. And I asked him,

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02:25:53.050 --> 02:25:57.590

was there something we could do as the 93rd to help him

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02:25:58.300 --> 02:26:02.830

with that, perhaps a letter writing campaign or something. Um,

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02:26:03.250 --> 02:26:06.470

and you seemed very open to that. Absolutely. Yes.

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02:26:06.570 --> 02:26:09.310

And it seems like it would be helpful if we want to do that,

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02:26:09.410 --> 02:26:13.690

to maybe have a few points to make if we write a letter

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02:26:14.240 --> 02:26:17.930

that would support what you're trying to do and, um,

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02:26:18.580 --> 02:26:19.530

where to send it.

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02:26:20.200 --> 02:26:23.130

Okay. What I could do is distribute each, uh, uh,

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02:26:23.330 --> 02:26:27.570

a brochure and it has the story in here, and, uh, it's, uh,

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02:26:27.640 --> 02:26:32.210

it's rather brief, but I think it covers it adequately. So, uh,

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02:26:34.270 --> 02:26:38.120  
we can distribute, oh,

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02:26:38.780 --> 02:26:43.280  
Jim, let, let's put a, a an article in the next fall of fire to that effect.

2108  
02:26:43.350 --> 02:26:45.760  
Okay. We are going to Dayton next year.

2109  
02:26:46.350 --> 02:26:49.920  
It's certainly appropriate for us to have some kind of a ceremony there.

2110  
02:26:50.350 --> 02:26:53.680  
Poor hot stuff with, with the museum involved.

2111  
02:26:53.820 --> 02:26:58.560  
So that would be kind of the, the essence, uh, from the organization standpoint.

2112  
02:26:58.580 --> 02:27:01.240  
We have already written letters. I,

2113  
02:27:01.390 --> 02:27:04.800  
I've written a letter to them about six months ago,

2114  
02:27:04.940 --> 02:27:09.560  
so we can renew that obviously. Mm-hmm. The next letter will be, Hey,

2115  
02:27:09.560 --> 02:27:14.560  
we're coming to be there and we'd like to, and that, and I'll go from there.

2116  
02:27:14.660 --> 02:27:18.160  
So, okay, individual letters are great. Organizational letters are great.

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02:27:18.340 --> 02:27:20.040

And I think that's a wonderful idea.

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02:27:20.040 --> 02:27:24.960

So we'll get more information in the next ballpark. So be watching that. Okay.

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02:27:25.260 --> 02:27:27.600

Now the man behind the screen is starting getting impatience,

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02:27:27.700 --> 02:27:28.800

so we'll bring him back in,

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02:27:31.910 --> 02:27:36.400

Fell asleep to the suspense. Right.

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02:27:37.180 --> 02:27:37.950

Um,

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02:27:37.950 --> 02:27:42.200

Okay. I'll give the report out on the museum security system. I'll mic, oh,

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02:27:42.200 --> 02:27:43.033

sorry,

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02:27:43.510 --> 02:27:46.960

It's on. Oh, this is easier. Anyways, I got something to lean on. Um,

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02:27:47.230 --> 02:27:51.320

I'll give you kind of a rundown of it. Keeping the story generally short,

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02:27:51.950 --> 02:27:55.160

last year right before the reunion, we talked about doing a security system.

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02:27:55.880 --> 02:27:59.760

I had some pricing on that. Then right before we said, you know,

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02:27:59.760 --> 02:28:02.040

it'd be nice to incorporate some security cameras.

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02:28:02.580 --> 02:28:07.380

We looked at over there and they had what I call more like residential wireless

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02:28:07.470 --> 02:28:12.340

technology. We're like, okay, well that's not too bad, yada yada y. Um,

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02:28:12.720 --> 02:28:16.580

so that's where we came. We got the 2,500, which we thought seemed reasonable.

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02:28:17.600 --> 02:28:19.060

Lo and behold, over the next year,

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02:28:19.570 --> 02:28:21.760

Paul started working with the alarm company over there.

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02:28:21.760 --> 02:28:24.730

We found out that the residential won't work for several reasons.

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02:28:25.660 --> 02:28:30.100

Distance between and the metal structure will wipe out the

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02:28:30.100 --> 02:28:33.820

residential bandwidth, whatever you wanna call it, radio frequency.

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02:28:34.160 --> 02:28:38.380

So that kicked it up to a more commercial wireless. Um,

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02:28:38.650 --> 02:28:43.340

kind of jumping to the end, I was over there in August and met up with Paul.

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02:28:43.760 --> 02:28:48.140

He had gotten a quote from the guy and it was for a four channel,

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02:28:48.610 --> 02:28:53.180

four camera wireless system integrated in with the alarm system. So it was a,

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02:28:53.220 --> 02:28:57.140

a good kit. Uh, but still it was limited at four cameras.

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02:28:57.280 --> 02:29:00.780

We have three huts, really no room for expansion,

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02:29:01.540 --> 02:29:06.180

external or other huts, et cetera. So I got directly with, I took the quote,

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02:29:06.290 --> 02:29:09.540

I've been calling them, my wife hasn't seen the phone bill yet. Um,

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02:29:09.690 --> 02:29:12.180

calling them and working with the alarm company directly,

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02:29:12.410 --> 02:29:16.980

basically where we're at now to get expandability, reliability,

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02:29:17.650 --> 02:29:21.700

longevity, all those long words ending in evidence, um,

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02:29:22.470 --> 02:29:27.260

we've switched over to a wired system. It'll give us a more safe, long-term,

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02:29:27.400 --> 02:29:32.340

et cetera. It has greater expandability. And uh, right now we we're at,

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02:29:32.480 --> 02:29:34.620

we have the ability to have, um,

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02:29:34.900 --> 02:29:39.460

a full security system with an auto dialer that will call out to

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02:29:39.610 --> 02:29:43.620

umpteen cell phones or phones and say, you know, go to these,

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02:29:44.120 --> 02:29:47.420

the museum, we can dispatch the police, that kind of stuff.

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02:29:47.880 --> 02:29:51.420

As well as a camera in each of the three huts. Uh,

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02:29:51.640 --> 02:29:55.500

two external cameras basically kind of criss-crossing the compound.

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02:29:55.880 --> 02:30:00.260

So we see 'em coming, we see 'em going to, um, a full,

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02:30:00.760 --> 02:30:04.100

um, digital recorder that's will be on a continuous loop.

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02:30:04.360 --> 02:30:08.180

So they'll be able to go back and watch both inside and out as well as on real

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02:30:08.180 --> 02:30:10.740

time. And then three monitoring stations.

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02:30:10.800 --> 02:30:14.740

One in the canteen where we typically have a person manned during open days.

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02:30:15.320 --> 02:30:17.380

One in hut three is what they call it.

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02:30:17.840 --> 02:30:20.700

And then one in where the old canteen used to be in the front,

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02:30:20.700 --> 02:30:22.900

which will be where the brains of the whole system are.

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02:30:23.200 --> 02:30:24.580

So we'll have a lot of good coverage,

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02:30:24.920 --> 02:30:26.900

but the big thing is it'll be expandable also.

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02:30:27.280 --> 02:30:32.100

So if and when they can get their hands on another hut, they can erect it.

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02:30:32.160 --> 02:30:37.020

We have the ability to put cameras inside and out, et cetera. And, uh,

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02:30:37.230 --> 02:30:39.860

we've done some good things to make it, uh,

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02:30:40.080 --> 02:30:44.300

the system even look more complicated than it is for the criminals.

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02:30:45.260 --> 02:30:47.900

I won't elaborate because I am on the web, but, um,

2172

02:30:48.910 --> 02:30:52.940

we're making it look bigger and better than it maybe even possibly is.  
Um,

2173

02:30:53.240 --> 02:30:56.620

so that kind of gets you to where we're at and why we're here. Um,

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02:30:57.350 --> 02:30:58.980

going through the pricing, et cetera.

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02:30:59.080 --> 02:31:02.100

The alarm system really wasn't a big shift in the pricing,

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02:31:02.200 --> 02:31:06.220

it was the integration and the upgrading of the cameras. Um,

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02:31:06.640 --> 02:31:08.500

and I don't even have the formal quote yet.

2178

02:31:08.530 --> 02:31:11.580

He's been sending me emails and then his mother passed away.

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02:31:11.760 --> 02:31:14.340

So we've been trying to briefly do it,

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02:31:14.720 --> 02:31:19.020

but when you take the price plus that we're roughly at about

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02:31:19.060 --> 02:31:22.300

3,300 pounds, um,

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02:31:22.300 --> 02:31:27.300

depending on exchange rate and fees. And that does this all the time,

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02:31:27.810 --> 02:31:32.580

it's somewhere between six and say 6,600 is

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02:31:32.580 --> 02:31:34.540

where the number could reside. Uh,

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02:31:35.720 --> 02:31:40.100

the alarm guy has been very helpful to try to keep the costs down and I'm sure

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02:31:40.100 --> 02:31:43.980

he'll continue to do that. But that's kind of where the number will reside out.

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02:31:44.600 --> 02:31:47.180

6 60, 600 right in there. Um,

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02:31:47.840 --> 02:31:52.540

we had the 2,500 from last year. Jim's poster board, he probably took, uh,

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02:31:52.680 --> 02:31:55.580

we had some additional donations. Um,

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02:31:57.560 --> 02:32:01.900

if we could get to where we're at that do the 66,

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02:32:02.360 --> 02:32:06.580

and then if it comes in at 62 or 59, whatever with exchange, we're all good.

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02:32:06.880 --> 02:32:11.500

The last thing I want is exchange to be a dollar over the allotment and then we

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02:32:11.500 --> 02:32:14.300

have to wait another year for you guys all to say, well, yeah, it's a dollar,

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02:32:14.320 --> 02:32:18.180

Don, why didn't you do it? So if it was a dollar, I would pay for it two bucks.

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02:32:18.200 --> 02:32:21.980

No way. Um, so that's kind of the long and short.

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02:32:22.480 --> 02:32:26.100

If you have any questions, I can go into greater detail. Okay.

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02:32:26.400 --> 02:32:30.180

Is there a backup system in case the power goes out? The thing is all,

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02:32:30.250 --> 02:32:34.140

it's on a battery backup. It's okay. And I even asked that. I'm like,

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02:32:34.140 --> 02:32:36.380  
what happens if they cut wires, et cetera? And he goes,

2200  
02:32:36.640 --> 02:32:41.460  
if the system is compromised, it sends the signal. So, cuz that's why  
I, okay,

2201  
02:32:41.700 --> 02:32:43.460  
I show up, I cut the outside camera,

2202  
02:32:43.890 --> 02:32:48.060  
then I cut the inside camera and then I cut the alarm and, and he's  
like, oh no.

2203  
02:32:48.060 --> 02:32:52.780  
He goes, if the system is breached, it sends the auto dialer and uh,

2204  
02:32:53.810 --> 02:32:58.500  
yeah, you know, it's, uh, it's set up well that way. Um,

2205  
02:32:59.160 --> 02:33:00.180  
any other questions?

2206  
02:33:03.760 --> 02:33:05.700  
Are you looking for a motion of approval?

2207  
02:33:08.440 --> 02:33:10.900  
I'm not sure how we, what are you looking for?

2208  
02:33:13.210 --> 02:33:17.820  
Yeah, okay. Uh,

2209  
02:33:18.040 --> 02:33:22.740  
you saw the chart that Jim shook and he was working to a 6,300,

2210  
02:33:22.740 --> 02:33:27.220  
which is that mid range number between the kind of the low and the  
high that,

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02:33:27.280 --> 02:33:31.780

uh, we're looking at. So the numbers around 6,300 is what we're thinking.

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02:33:32.360 --> 02:33:36.820

We have all bought 1100 already designated.

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02:33:37.280 --> 02:33:39.180

Now we can allow that to just,

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02:33:39.240 --> 02:33:42.940

we can allow that to continue as a project to just, you know,

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02:33:43.200 --> 02:33:47.460

get the additional money donated or we can vote to

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02:33:47.930 --> 02:33:49.820

fund the difference, whatever it is,

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02:33:49.820 --> 02:33:54.700

between what we raise and what's required so that they can move ahead

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02:33:54.700 --> 02:33:58.020

on the project in order. Um, as I look at it,

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02:33:58.440 --> 02:34:03.420

I'd prefer to see us have a motion to fund the difference if it's, uh,

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02:34:03.440 --> 02:34:07.740

1100 or 1400 or, you know, whatever that exact number is.

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02:34:08.600 --> 02:34:12.820

Um, and that'll allow us to finish this project and, you know,

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02:34:12.840 --> 02:34:13.700

in a timely manner.

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02:34:13.890 --> 02:34:18.740

Otherwise we'll have to wait until the last dollar is donated outta Don's pocket

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02:34:19.400 --> 02:34:24.140

to not the last two. Yeah, that's for the last one.

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02:34:24.600 --> 02:34:25.433

So

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02:34:25.690 --> 02:34:26.523

Here a second.

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02:34:27.010 --> 02:34:29.340

Okay. Fernley made the motion. We have a second.

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02:34:29.520 --> 02:34:32.100

Is there any further discussion on the project? I

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02:34:32.280 --> 02:34:36.940

Got a question. Has did not, uh, got competitive twice. Well,

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02:34:37.720 --> 02:34:39.260

He went with the alarm. Okay.

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02:34:39.520 --> 02:34:42.820

He went with the alarm company he's used in the past. Um,

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02:34:43.370 --> 02:34:45.860

they're a local company. I've actually talked to him.

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02:34:45.860 --> 02:34:49.940

His dad was actually r a f and he's actually got his dad's uniform in there.

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02:34:50.520 --> 02:34:54.980

So he is already giving us kind of the CYA number already.

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02:34:55.680 --> 02:34:59.140

Uh, and in talking to Paul and talking to other people I know in that area,

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02:35:00.530 --> 02:35:04.020

he's got a good reputation and he's got a good system. And Paul,

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02:35:04.160 --> 02:35:08.100

the old alarm system he's had for years and he's never had a

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02:35:08.870 --> 02:35:09.700

false alarm.

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02:35:09.700 --> 02:35:13.220

I don't know what else you would call it where he says he's known other museums

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02:35:13.240 --> 02:35:15.780

cuz they all talk other companies,

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02:35:15.780 --> 02:35:19.780

they have a lot of fail or false alarms and problems, et cetera.

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02:35:20.440 --> 02:35:23.860

So we tried to stay with what was known. And even when I talked to the guy,

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02:35:23.860 --> 02:35:27.340

he's like, my dad's stuff's there. So I mean, he's really worked well with us.

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02:35:27.370 --> 02:35:31.190

It's just, like I say, some of the snafu was the, uh, the,

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02:35:31.490 --> 02:35:35.950

the building causing us problems where we had to go to a real high and then we

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02:35:35.950 --> 02:35:39.390

backtracked, et cetera. So I think in the end we've got a class system.

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02:35:39.820 --> 02:35:41.110

It's just been a long road.

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02:35:43.180 --> 02:35:46.390

Will that be it accessible from our, uh, webcams?

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02:35:47.130 --> 02:35:48.510

Can we get to see that

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02:35:50.530 --> 02:35:55.070

The cameras? I don't think so. I know when,

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02:35:55.170 --> 02:35:57.110

in some of the reading I was reading, I'm sorry.

2252

02:35:57.310 --> 02:36:00.710

I know in some of the reading I was reading, um,

2253

02:36:02.530 --> 02:36:03.590

you know what I mean, um,

2254

02:36:05.630 --> 02:36:08.350

I think it's accessible through the system.

2255

02:36:08.430 --> 02:36:09.830

I don't think it would be open to the public,

2256

02:36:10.330 --> 02:36:13.670

cuz you can understand that could be another issue. Um,

2257

02:36:15.330 --> 02:36:17.150

but I think they have to have a, um,

2258

02:36:17.610 --> 02:36:20.630

an internet connection to do that at the museum.

2259

02:36:20.630 --> 02:36:21.750

They don't have an internet connection.

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02:36:21.750 --> 02:36:25.030

That's why they have to use the auto dialer with the cell phone sims card.

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02:36:25.930 --> 02:36:29.630

So I would assume if we ever got the internet, there would be a way that,

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02:36:29.630 --> 02:36:31.550

you know, we could monitor from here.

2263

02:36:31.770 --> 02:36:36.470

Now bear in mind it's not luxurious cameras, it's for security purposes. So,

2264

02:36:36.690 --> 02:36:39.990

um, but I know that's a feature they can have. But with the internet,

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02:36:40.140 --> 02:36:42.270

without having internet there, I don't think that's,

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02:36:43.650 --> 02:36:46.110

and you wouldn't wanna open that up to bandwidth because if it was over

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02:36:46.430 --> 02:36:47.260

wireless,

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02:36:47.260 --> 02:36:52.150

then Bill turning his camera on and letting it stream 24 7 to Colorado is

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02:36:52.150 --> 02:36:56.190

gonna rack him up, you know, \$4 million a year in web access. So,

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02:36:56.810 --> 02:36:59.790

but no, it looks like a really good system and uh, like I said,

2271

02:36:59.790 --> 02:37:04.750

the whole intent was expandability, durability, longevity, you know,

2272

02:37:04.770 --> 02:37:08.790

and then very reliable. Cuz I told him, I said, if it's not a good alarm system,

2273

02:37:08.790 --> 02:37:11.430

it's worthless. So, and he understands that.

2274

02:37:12.580 --> 02:37:14.230

John, hold on a minute.

2275

02:37:14.310 --> 02:37:15.700

I have another question from Buddy.

2276

02:37:15.960 --> 02:37:20.700

No, I actually have I, uh, give the

2277

02:37:28.750 --> 02:37:32.750

A Whoa. Well that takes the motion to different direction.

2278

02:37:34.880 --> 02:37:39.070

Thank you, sir. It needs to be done, no question.

2279

02:37:39.970 --> 02:37:43.910

Um, what was the motion I've been hearing here?

2280

02:37:43.930 --> 02:37:45.750

Here's what Bob said. He said,

2281

02:37:46.180 --> 02:37:51.030

when we get the final amount between what we raise and what we need,

2282

02:37:52.000 --> 02:37:53.950  
he'll write the check for the final amount.

2283  
02:38:09.570 --> 02:38:12.950  
That's, uh, now to step back a moment,

2284  
02:38:13.290 --> 02:38:17.990  
we have a motion and a second to fund it from the organization.

2285  
02:38:19.460 --> 02:38:23.190  
Coffers. Uh, all in all opposed,

2286  
02:38:24.540 --> 02:38:26.790  
okay, wait a minute. Sorry. Go ahead Nick. Um,

2287  
02:38:27.380 --> 02:38:30.230  
That may have taken care of my question.

2288  
02:38:30.970 --> 02:38:34.350  
Is it an open-ended motion? Whatever it costs,

2289  
02:38:35.330 --> 02:38:36.190  
we will take care

2290  
02:38:36.190 --> 02:38:39.190  
Of up to or is it up to? Yeah,

2291  
02:38:39.290 --> 02:38:43.230  
up up to it would be up to \$7,000. But, um,

2292  
02:38:43.700 --> 02:38:45.910  
that would be my, my thinking.

2293  
02:38:46.130 --> 02:38:50.910  
So that's just to give plenty of the motion is that we would

2294  
02:38:50.910 --> 02:38:55.030  
fund the difference between what we raise and what we need up to

2295

02:38:55.030 --> 02:38:59.150

\$7,000. He, he's right, we need to have an upper limit on number.

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02:38:59.890 --> 02:39:04.350

Um, now given what Bud said, uh,

2297

02:39:04.700 --> 02:39:08.870

this is one of those motions that, uh, you know, you gotta be careful how you,

2298

02:39:09.090 --> 02:39:09.923

you vote here.

2299

02:39:10.370 --> 02:39:15.310

All those opposed to the motion that we fund the difference up to \$7,000.

2300

02:39:16.690 --> 02:39:17.523

Wait, wait a minute.

2301

02:39:18.990 --> 02:39:23.530

He can resend his motion and you don't have to vote yes or

2302

02:39:23.530 --> 02:39:26.810

No. Okay. Yes, you're right. Thank you, Henry.

2303

02:39:27.690 --> 02:39:32.690

I forgot about that option. I haven't had this happen. I'll be honest with you.

2304

02:39:33.490 --> 02:39:38.330

I, I'm up here thinking, okay, how do I do this? Um, I would, I would agree.

2305

02:39:39.150 --> 02:39:39.983

Now

2306

02:39:42.390 --> 02:39:45.890  
the reunions we've been doing over there tend to be, um,

2307  
02:39:46.150 --> 02:39:50.850  
of course they're smaller. Last time we had 20 ish rough number, uh,

2308  
02:39:51.170 --> 02:39:54.170  
veterans, family, et cetera. Um,

2309  
02:39:55.550 --> 02:40:00.210  
we did a three day official, 93rd reunion. Saturday,

2310  
02:40:00.210 --> 02:40:02.410  
Sunday, Monday, Norwich on Saturday.

2311  
02:40:02.510 --> 02:40:06.690  
Sunday was Hardwick and out at the airfield. Monday was at Mattingly,

2312  
02:40:06.910 --> 02:40:10.570  
the cemetery near Cambridge. And then at Adjourns, uh,

2313  
02:40:10.630 --> 02:40:14.740  
we did like a pre alternate extension where they hit

2314  
02:40:15.310 --> 02:40:18.380  
local non-related World War II sites.

2315  
02:40:18.600 --> 02:40:22.740  
You went to Royal Gardens and flowers and stuff.

2316  
02:40:23.270 --> 02:40:27.540  
There was no airplane wreck. So I wasn't interested, sorry. Um, but  
um,

2317  
02:40:28.290 --> 02:40:33.180  
there's kind of a pre and then the official, um, like I say,

2318  
02:40:35.200 --> 02:40:37.580

we just need to look at, you know, um,

2319

02:40:37.600 --> 02:40:39.940

and you can get with me at the reunion and we can talk,

2320

02:40:40.160 --> 02:40:42.420

you can email me or letters, whatever.

2321

02:40:42.940 --> 02:40:45.580

I want to try to get a good count of potentially,

2322

02:40:45.880 --> 02:40:50.140

who was for sure only 14? Yeah, next year,

2323

02:40:50.170 --> 02:40:54.740

only 14, maybe 14, maybe 15 or for sure 15.

2324

02:40:55.080 --> 02:40:57.700

Cuz I've had a lot of people tell me they want to really go back,

2325

02:40:57.920 --> 02:40:59.540

but they can't swing it for 14.

2326

02:41:00.720 --> 02:41:03.980

And then of others that have said they really want to go in 14 because of yada

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02:41:03.980 --> 02:41:07.300

yada y. So, um, we're really trying to accomplish it.

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02:41:07.320 --> 02:41:11.900

We do have some scheduling logistic issues around Memorial Day

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02:41:12.090 --> 02:41:13.740

next year, um,

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02:41:13.910 --> 02:41:17.540

which may prevent that from happening exactly on that timing.

2331  
02:41:18.480 --> 02:41:19.420  
And to be honest,

2332  
02:41:20.720 --> 02:41:24.700  
the ending at Duxford at the memorial service is really kind of a high point.

2333  
02:41:25.010 --> 02:41:28.420  
Okay. So if you can't get that to coincide timing wise,

2334  
02:41:29.000 --> 02:41:32.260  
it just becomes a long weekend in England. Not that that's not a nice time,

2335  
02:41:32.290 --> 02:41:36.660  
it's just, uh, it's not got the same punch, if you know what I mean.  
Um,

2336  
02:41:37.760 --> 02:41:41.140  
so like I say, that's kind of the thinking. Um, you know,

2337  
02:41:42.320 --> 02:41:44.700  
if you're thinking about it, but you're not even sure,

2338  
02:41:44.760 --> 02:41:48.180  
at least let me know that so we can get a rough head count because that,

2339  
02:41:48.640 --> 02:41:51.540  
as in here, transportation costs are high over there,

2340  
02:41:51.540 --> 02:41:54.420  
they're astronomical cuz of their fuel cost, et cetera.

2341  
02:41:54.680 --> 02:41:59.500  
So the better count I can get before I start coming up with the dollar amount

2342  
02:41:59.500 --> 02:42:02.060  
exactly, the better off we are. Uh,

2343  
02:42:02.060 --> 02:42:05.100  
last year we really lucked out and we basically brought it in on right  
on

2344  
02:42:05.100 --> 02:42:09.260  
target. Um, but as you can imagine,

2345  
02:42:09.440 --> 02:42:13.900  
the fuel is a huge cost of it. So if you're thinking about it,

2346  
02:42:13.940 --> 02:42:18.340  
I can start dialing in on it and then we can go from there. Any  
questions,

2347  
02:42:18.780 --> 02:42:21.060  
comments? Yes. Would

2348  
02:42:21.060 --> 02:42:24.180  
You wanna try and coordinate it with the Heritage League?

2349  
02:42:25.270 --> 02:42:26.780  
We've looked at that. The,

2350  
02:42:28.900 --> 02:42:31.460  
I guess the option for 14 is, um,

2351  
02:42:32.270 --> 02:42:35.580  
especially if we don't do anything in 14 with the 93rd,

2352  
02:42:36.130 --> 02:42:39.820  
someone could go and attend with the Heritage League. The Heritage  
League.

2353  
02:42:39.920 --> 02:42:43.740  
Do you remember the dates are, um, what's, they're like six, seven

days long.

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02:42:44.010 --> 02:42:46.420

They have a very long drawn out. Um,

2355

02:42:46.960 --> 02:42:50.580

the thing that we've done here when I did the reunions and continued on,

2356

02:42:50.580 --> 02:42:54.220

and then when we did it over there, we tried to be very mindful that, um,

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02:42:54.600 --> 02:42:56.660

the distances, the walking, um,

2358

02:42:57.170 --> 02:43:00.060

England is not as handicapped accessible.

2359

02:43:00.060 --> 02:43:03.780

Their idea of handicapped accessible is only two flights of steps. Um,

2360

02:43:04.280 --> 02:43:06.780

so you gotta think along those lines. Um,

2361

02:43:07.200 --> 02:43:11.300

and I know this is feeding lie to England, um, but we gotta think about that.

2362

02:43:11.900 --> 02:43:12.900

I don't know logistically,

2363

02:43:12.920 --> 02:43:16.620

but I think a seven day reunion coinciding ours with theirs,

2364

02:43:16.680 --> 02:43:19.620

that's a little much. Um, but I mean,

2365

02:43:19.620 --> 02:43:22.420

I'm sure there's something that could be worked out if someone particularly had

2366

02:43:22.420 --> 02:43:26.580

to go this year and the 93rd didn't have it, they could,

2367

02:43:27.320 --> 02:43:29.740

you know, plug in and out for a particular portion.

2368

02:43:33.720 --> 02:43:36.820

Any other questions? I mean,

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02:43:37.280 --> 02:43:40.940

the other thing to think about anyone who's been there, I kind of like the,

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02:43:40.940 --> 02:43:45.060

you know, hit noise that was the local haunts, hit Hardwick where they lived,

2371

02:43:45.080 --> 02:43:49.420

and then Mattingly, if there's anything else particular that someone goes, well,

2372

02:43:49.420 --> 02:43:50.253

while I was there,

2373

02:43:50.320 --> 02:43:55.260

we should go here because of its significance to 93rd vets, et cetera.

2374

02:43:55.800 --> 02:43:59.180

We can certainly look at changing up the agenda. It's just,

2375

02:43:59.350 --> 02:44:02.340

those are the kind of three points we had before. Um,

2376

02:44:03.800 --> 02:44:06.700

but always open to new ideas. As long as it's not flowers,

2377

02:44:07.320 --> 02:44:11.140

Um, oh, you wanna go to,

2378

02:44:13.240 --> 02:44:14.073

oh s\*\*t,

2379

02:44:15.720 --> 02:44:18.020

As long as it's all a with patches, I'm okay.

2380

02:44:18.400 --> 02:44:19.233

Um,

2381

02:44:26.880 --> 02:44:30.060

So you need to get with Don and tell him your preference,

2382

02:44:30.200 --> 02:44:33.940

if you at all interested in going, let him know, you know, what,

2383

02:44:34.050 --> 02:44:36.140

what works for your schedule. Uh,

2384

02:44:36.200 --> 02:44:40.900

we went on the last one and the Memorial day ceremony was very,

2385

02:44:40.900 --> 02:44:45.580

very meaningful. And, you know, so you really, you know,

2386

02:44:45.580 --> 02:44:49.620

if you switch off of that, you're changing the, the thing. And it was the,

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02:44:49.800 --> 02:44:54.580

the final day we built up to it. So, um, you know, I just,

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02:44:54.740 --> 02:44:57.700

I just think that works, works pretty well. Um,

2389  
02:44:58.250 --> 02:44:59.260  
Take your breath away.

2390  
02:44:59.260 --> 02:45:03.140  
Yeah, we'll take your breath away. That's, that's right. Okay.

2391  
02:45:04.440 --> 02:45:08.260  
I'm moving to the, uh, bylaw revisions. Actually,

2392  
02:45:08.620 --> 02:45:12.660  
I think if I move to the agenda, this is where, uh,

2393  
02:45:14.840 --> 02:45:18.260  
Ray comes in first. Ray,

2394  
02:45:21.960 --> 02:45:24.260  
I'm not sure if I've got the agenda in or out of order,

2395  
02:45:24.280 --> 02:45:26.700  
but I'm gonna have Ray talk next and then Peter,

2396  
02:45:26.840 --> 02:45:28.300  
and then we'll go to the bylaw change.

2397  
02:45:29.130 --> 02:45:30.500  
Well put that hat back on.

2398  
02:45:33.730 --> 02:45:35.220  
He's out of the sun. We on.

2399  
02:45:43.790 --> 02:45:44.623  
Thank you, John.

2400  
02:45:45.740 --> 02:45:47.260  
I hope I'm still among friends.

2401  
02:45:49.770 --> 02:45:53.580

Back in the days when the 93rd bomb group was part of the

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02:45:54.440 --> 02:45:56.980

United States Army Air Corps,

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02:45:58.270 --> 02:46:00.260

there was an unwritten law.

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02:46:02.160 --> 02:46:05.900

And that law was never, never to be broken.

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02:46:08.230 --> 02:46:11.380

And that law, as many of you might remember,

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02:46:12.440 --> 02:46:16.300

was never, never volunteer.

2407

02:46:20.720 --> 02:46:22.260

I'm about to break that law.

2408

02:46:25.640 --> 02:46:28.140

27 missions wasn't enough for me.

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02:46:28.780 --> 02:46:31.780

I would love to fly one more mission.

2410

02:46:34.160 --> 02:46:36.980

My only problem is I don't know the target

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02:46:38.760 --> 02:46:40.820

and I would need help with the target,

2412

02:46:42.840 --> 02:46:46.140

but nothing would plead me more. I've gotten objectives.

2413

02:46:47.700 --> 02:46:50.460

The objective is to put prayer

2414  
02:46:52.200 --> 02:46:56.580  
and God back into the US school system,

2415  
02:46:57.400 --> 02:46:58.233  
the public.

2416  
02:47:05.180 --> 02:47:10.060  
I have no idea how that will be accomplished. And I know it'd be a  
long,

2417  
02:47:10.060 --> 02:47:14.100  
hard road, but if one person could knock it down,

2418  
02:47:15.640 --> 02:47:17.700  
we should be able to put it back together.

2419  
02:47:20.930 --> 02:47:21.610  
Amen.

2420  
02:47:21.610 --> 02:47:25.740  
Amen. Amen. Amen. That's all I had, John. Thank you very much.

2421  
02:47:41.280 --> 02:47:45.220  
One thing I've always admired about the 93rd is we don't think small.

2422  
02:47:47.120 --> 02:47:51.300  
We think big. And, uh, if you're,

2423  
02:47:51.520 --> 02:47:55.820  
if you got ideas about that and, uh, you wanna talk 'em over with Ray,

2424  
02:47:55.940 --> 02:47:59.620  
I encourage you to do that. And I, I don't know, you know,

2425  
02:47:59.620 --> 02:48:02.940  
as an organization where we go with that, but as individuals, we,

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02:48:03.360 --> 02:48:07.980  
we are limited only by what we decide to limit ourselves to. So, uh,

2427  
02:48:07.980 --> 02:48:10.220  
that's a great challenge. Uh, Peter,

2428  
02:48:10.960 --> 02:48:11.793  
Yes,

2429  
02:48:13.170 --> 02:48:15.630  
We go from the profound to the sublime.

2430  
02:48:26.710 --> 02:48:29.880  
It's really good to be back. I've been away for about 12 years,

2431  
02:48:30.620 --> 02:48:35.000  
but it's really good to be back and see all you folks very much. Thank you.

2432  
02:48:39.300 --> 02:48:40.640  
Um, I'm Pete Ash.

2433  
02:48:40.900 --> 02:48:45.320  
My dad is Alfred Ash and he's finished his long awaited book.

2434  
02:48:45.430 --> 02:48:48.000  
It's taken him six years, but he has completed that.

2435  
02:48:48.800 --> 02:48:51.360  
I have one copy that, uh, hey,

2436  
02:48:52.350 --> 02:48:54.640  
careful if it disappears, I know who's got it.

2437  
02:48:57.260 --> 02:49:00.480  
And I just wanna let y'all know that that book will be available.

2438  
02:49:00.610 --> 02:49:02.440

First training will be November 11th.

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02:49:02.940 --> 02:49:07.260

I'm going to speak with the PX supervisor about getting it in the PX for the

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02:49:07.260 --> 02:49:11.180

93rd. Uh, so it'll have better availability and uh,

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02:49:11.950 --> 02:49:16.660

we'll just take it from there and see how our sales go. It covers my dad's life.

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02:49:16.770 --> 02:49:17.160

Well,

2443

02:49:17.160 --> 02:49:21.660

he wrote the whole thing for memory and it covers my dad's life from the time he

2444

02:49:21.660 --> 02:49:25.740

was a kid in Beaverton, Michigan. Everybody know where Beaverton, Michigan is?

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02:49:26.540 --> 02:49:27.500

A is one.

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02:49:27.560 --> 02:49:31.980

Jim Root is Beaverton really small town in, uh,

2447

02:49:31.980 --> 02:49:34.060

central Eastern Michigan. I'll give you a clue.

2448

02:49:34.060 --> 02:49:38.860

It's near Gladwin if you know where Gladwin is. Yeah. Okay. Jim and,

2449

02:49:38.920 --> 02:49:39.570

uh,

2450

02:49:39.570 --> 02:49:43.860

goes through his childhood and up to the time that he enters the Army Air Corps,

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02:49:44.000 --> 02:49:47.780

the outbreak of the war, all of it, all of his experience with the 93rd,

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02:49:48.080 --> 02:49:52.540

he has established the 93rd bomb group as being his true home.

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02:49:52.890 --> 02:49:56.700

Because prior to that, living in the Depression in Beaverton, Michigan,

2454

02:49:57.290 --> 02:50:00.900

sometimes he didn't even know where he was like, where is Beaverton? I did it.

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02:50:00.900 --> 02:50:05.460

What is it? Well, there's not much here. So the 93rd bomb group,

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02:50:05.520 --> 02:50:10.340

my dad said is his real home. And he loves all you folks. Uh,

2457

02:50:11.000 --> 02:50:12.740

my brother will share this. Uh,

2458

02:50:12.740 --> 02:50:17.500

my brother and my dad were speaking on Tuesday night. Uh, my dad's in, uh, uh,

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02:50:17.730 --> 02:50:22.220

Brentwood at a retirement facility. My brother lives in Franklin. He sees him.

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02:50:22.320 --> 02:50:24.220

My brother sees my dad three days a week,

2461  
02:50:25.640 --> 02:50:29.380  
and they're watching TV Tuesday evening of this week. And my dad said to Dave,

2462  
02:50:29.440 --> 02:50:30.340  
he said, Hey, Dave,

2463  
02:50:31.440 --> 02:50:34.660  
you think you could wrap me up and put me in the car and take me up to

2464  
02:50:34.660 --> 02:50:38.900  
Connecticut? Dave goes, wow. Wow. Yeah, if you want to go, I'll take you.

2465  
02:50:38.900 --> 02:50:40.500  
He said, yeah. I said, I really want to go,

2466  
02:50:40.520 --> 02:50:44.820  
really want to go to this reunion and see my old buddies and whoever shows up.

2467  
02:50:45.000 --> 02:50:48.660  
And Dave said, well, dad, think about it for a few minutes.

2468  
02:50:50.120 --> 02:50:53.580  
So about an hour went by. Dad says,

2469  
02:50:54.080 --> 02:50:55.180  
that's not a good idea,

2470  
02:50:56.360 --> 02:51:00.380  
but he would love to hear from each and every one of you people. Um,

2471  
02:51:00.680 --> 02:51:03.500  
and he will respond. If you send him a letter or correspondence,

2472  
02:51:03.560 --> 02:51:05.180  
he will respond guaranteed.

2473

02:51:05.690 --> 02:51:09.020

What I'm gonna do this evening at dinner is I'm gonna bring my roster that I

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02:51:09.180 --> 02:51:12.700

received in my itinerary packet, and I'd like to pass around to every table,

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02:51:12.730 --> 02:51:17.540

have everybody sign it, and we'll send it to him. And we'll have, I have a card

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02:51:17.640 --> 02:51:21.780

For us also sign so I can mail it when, as soon as I get back to California too.

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02:51:22.360 --> 02:51:23.380

That's, I'll

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02:51:23.380 --> 02:51:25.980

Get the address. I can mail it from Connecticut. That's even better.

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02:51:27.000 --> 02:51:28.420

That's great. That's great.

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02:51:28.420 --> 02:51:30.660

We'll also have a card that I'm gonna pass around at the table.

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02:51:30.660 --> 02:51:35.020

Everybody sign it. He'll love it. That's all I have to say. Um,

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02:51:35.520 --> 02:51:39.300

if you're interested, there are order forms downstairs in the PX for the book.

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02:51:40.280 --> 02:51:42.020

Um, there's a number of bookmarks.

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02:51:42.020 --> 02:51:44.740

Please take one of those as a souvenir or remembrance,

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02:51:44.940 --> 02:51:48.300

whatever you want to call it. And, uh, we'll go from there. Glad to be here.

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02:51:48.300 --> 02:51:49.133

Thank you.

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02:51:57.850 --> 02:52:02.660

Okay. Thank you, Peter. Um, he and I talked about that yesterday, uh,

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02:52:02.660 --> 02:52:06.340

during our travels. And I, I thought it'd be worthwhile for y'all to hear,

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02:52:06.770 --> 02:52:09.500

hear from him what I heard. Um,

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02:52:10.420 --> 02:52:14.540

Al Ash was the president of the organization, I don't know,

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02:52:14.600 --> 02:52:18.180

12 years ago. Fernley. Yeah. Right. Yeah. Something, something like that.

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02:52:18.920 --> 02:52:23.500

He was the person who really started us on a new path.

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02:52:23.840 --> 02:52:24.660

Yes. Yeah.

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02:52:24.660 --> 02:52:29.620

I was lucky enough to be his helper and he later on passed

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02:52:29.620 --> 02:52:33.620

the baton to me. But we stayed in touch. He and I, and,

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02:52:33.760 --> 02:52:36.180

and I really encourage everybody to do that.

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02:52:36.370 --> 02:52:40.700

He's a wonderful man and he's dedicated his life to the 93rd.

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02:52:41.620 --> 02:52:46.300

I, I've made personally sure that he had every reunion DVD that

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02:52:47.210 --> 02:52:50.420

he's been with us. Okay.

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02:52:50.890 --> 02:52:55.100

Okay, great. Uh, the next item of, uh, business is, uh,

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02:52:55.220 --> 02:53:00.060

a bylaw changes motion. We talked about this last meeting in,

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02:53:00.360 --> 02:53:01.220

uh, Seattle,

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02:53:01.450 --> 02:53:06.180

that we would be bringing you a recommendation to change our bylaws.

And, uh,

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02:53:06.180 --> 02:53:09.940

we also published the revised, the,

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02:53:09.960 --> 02:53:13.620

the draft of the revised bylaws in the last Ball of fire.

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02:53:13.840 --> 02:53:17.700

So this shouldn't be a completely new topic to you. Um,

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02:53:19.410 --> 02:53:22.140

what, uh, what we passed out is the,

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02:53:22.400 --> 02:53:27.140

the red line document that shows all the changes. And there's, uh,

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02:53:27.280 --> 02:53:30.820

I'm not gonna go through every one of them. Some of them are strictly editorial,

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02:53:31.560 --> 02:53:34.660

but, uh, the majority of them were driven by

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02:53:37.000 --> 02:53:39.020

really two things. Uh,

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02:53:39.040 --> 02:53:44.020

the second Air Division Association ending their organization resulted in

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02:53:44.020 --> 02:53:48.420

us having a number of references to the second ADA in our, in our bylaws.

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02:53:48.420 --> 02:53:52.260

So those need to be, needed to be removed. And then, uh,

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02:53:53.760 --> 02:53:58.500

the, then the other main area is, well, first of all,

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02:53:58.560 --> 02:54:01.380

one of those was to remove a, one of our officer positions,

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02:54:01.380 --> 02:54:05.420

which was the vice president to the second ada, which we no longer needed.

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02:54:06.210 --> 02:54:10.460

Then, uh, there were duties that were listed under the Ball of Fire, uh,

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02:54:11.000 --> 02:54:14.780  
editor that didn't belong under the ball fire editor.

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02:54:14.980 --> 02:54:17.340  
So we moved them to where they need to be properly.

2521  
02:54:17.520 --> 02:54:20.100  
So those are the major changes. Uh,

2522  
02:54:20.240 --> 02:54:24.940  
as you look through there on the first page, uh, you'll see that you have,

2523  
02:54:25.280 --> 02:54:25.960  
on your copy,

2524  
02:54:25.960 --> 02:54:30.660  
you have an x over a word called the where we were gonna delete during

2525  
02:54:30.710 --> 02:54:35.100  
World War ii. Uh, in our officer meeting on Thursday. Uh,

2526  
02:54:35.160 --> 02:54:38.300  
we were not, we hadn't achieved the consensus on that,

2527  
02:54:38.440 --> 02:54:41.020  
and we weren't ready to bring it to you as a recommendation.

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02:54:41.520 --> 02:54:44.860  
So we're recommending, we're not recommending to change anything there.

2529  
02:54:44.920 --> 02:54:48.740  
But I didn't wanna, I'd already printed all these, they said I didn't,

2530  
02:54:48.960 --> 02:54:53.020  
it was easier to do an X and to reprint 'em all. So that's where we,

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02:54:53.170 --> 02:54:56.900  
that that is not a change. That's just gonna stay the way it is. In other words,

2532  
02:54:56.920 --> 02:54:59.980  
we delete the deleted it. Right, delete the deleted.

2533  
02:55:02.400 --> 02:55:04.980  
Um, so on the, uh,

2534  
02:55:06.600 --> 02:55:10.620  
the other changes, uh, as, as you go through, you can,

2535  
02:55:10.680 --> 02:55:15.060  
you can see where they are, uh, on, uh,

2536  
02:55:16.520 --> 02:55:21.100  
on page two is the first place where one of the duties from the Ball of Fire

2537  
02:55:21.210 --> 02:55:23.260  
show up on item H.

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02:55:23.640 --> 02:55:27.420  
The historian actually is responsible for, uh,

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02:55:27.420 --> 02:55:28.860  
providing instructions and,

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02:55:29.000 --> 02:55:31.460  
and information about where to archive your information.

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02:55:31.460 --> 02:55:35.380  
And that's something Don's been doing for a period of time. Uh,

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02:55:35.400 --> 02:55:39.700  
Joanne wasn't doing it. So when we realized that we had that in the wrong place,

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02:55:39.720 --> 02:55:44.540

that's one of the changes there. Um, the,

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02:55:45.840 --> 02:55:49.500

uh, next move of the duties was on page,

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02:55:50.040 --> 02:55:54.860

on the last page where we moved duties from Joann's job

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02:55:55.290 --> 02:55:56.500

into the webmaster,

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02:55:56.500 --> 02:56:01.020

which is to put organizational membership information on the

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02:56:01.050 --> 02:56:02.940

website. The webmaster does that,

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02:56:03.240 --> 02:56:07.740

not not their coordination or qualifier editor.

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02:56:08.800 --> 02:56:13.660

Um, are there any questions on any of the changes that are in the, uh, proposed,

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02:56:14.360 --> 02:56:18.820

uh, bylaws? Well, first, first of all, let me step back.

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02:56:19.160 --> 02:56:23.220

Is there a motion that we change the bylaws to make these changes? I so move.

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02:56:23.360 --> 02:56:28.260

Is there a second? Okay. We have motion from Fernley. Several seconds. Uh,

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02:56:28.360 --> 02:56:32.420

now any questions or discussion regarding the motion that's on the

table?

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02:56:35.530 --> 02:56:39.900

Okay. So the motion is that we adopt the revised bylaws as amended.

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02:56:40.280 --> 02:56:44.860

All in favor say aye. Aye. Opposed by the same sign. Okay.

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02:56:44.860 --> 02:56:47.580

The motion carries. Thank you. Uh,

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02:56:48.050 --> 02:56:48.883

Agreeable.

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02:56:51.280 --> 02:56:56.180

You are agreeable. I disagree. All right.

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02:56:56.180 --> 02:57:00.820

We'll disregard everything on that side of the room for the moment.  
All right.

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02:57:00.820 --> 02:57:03.740

At one of our, uh, recent, um,

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02:57:04.860 --> 02:57:08.020

officers meetings, and for those of you that are new, uh,

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02:57:08.020 --> 02:57:11.740

about every two months, so six times a year we do a,

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02:57:11.900 --> 02:57:16.140

a teleconference for all the officers. Uh, and they,

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02:57:16.450 --> 02:57:20.420

they are have typically been at five o'clock on a Sunday afternoon.

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02:57:20.600 --> 02:57:21.820

So the people on the West Coast,

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02:57:21.930 --> 02:57:26.540

it's two and so forth coming across the country. Uh, but, uh,

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02:57:26.680 --> 02:57:30.340

we talk about whatever issues there are going on. We,

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02:57:30.560 --> 02:57:34.540

we get updates through the course of the year on these various projects that

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02:57:34.540 --> 02:57:39.420

you're hearing about now on an annual basis, uh, to keep us current.

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02:57:40.000 --> 02:57:44.580

But in one of, um, in our last call, which was, uh, I don't know,

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02:57:44.720 --> 02:57:49.660

six weeks ago or four weeks ago, I think, uh, we talked about the idea of,

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02:57:50.000 --> 02:57:54.780

of putting together an educational video that we would have

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02:57:54.780 --> 02:57:59.780

available to anybody that was interested in knowing more about the 93rd.

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02:58:00.320 --> 02:58:05.100

And we wanted to base that on the group's experience at

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02:58:05.100 --> 02:58:08.300

Hardwick. So part of the, the, uh,

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02:58:08.550 --> 02:58:11.180

video would involve this, uh,

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02:58:11.680 --> 02:58:16.180

what's there in Hardwick today and that story. And then, uh,

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02:58:16.480 --> 02:58:21.380

and, and tell the entire story of the organization. Um, Michael has,

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02:58:21.680 --> 02:58:25.180

uh, has been thinking about it and kind of working through it.

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02:58:25.180 --> 02:58:27.260

I'm gonna ask him to talk to, uh,

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02:58:27.600 --> 02:58:31.340

the project a little bit more to help explain it and elaborate it for you.

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02:58:31.340 --> 02:58:32.660

And then we'll get back to the motion.

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02:58:33.970 --> 02:58:35.060

He's gonna roll my camera.

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02:58:36.300 --> 02:58:37.470

I'll run your camera. Michael.

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02:58:39.050 --> 02:58:42.950

I'm, we are. Oh yeah. Um,

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02:58:44.350 --> 02:58:49.270

I guess it was, it was the last, uh, phone call, but I think it was even,

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02:58:49.890 --> 02:58:52.830

it might have been four months ago where we initially talked about it.

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02:58:53.220 --> 02:58:57.830

This is brand new. It's something, uh, that initially was talked about Hardwick,

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02:58:58.010 --> 02:59:01.710  
and maybe going back there and, and videoing that. And, uh,

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02:59:01.710 --> 02:59:05.350  
going in more detail about what, uh, Hardwick is about it.

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02:59:05.350 --> 02:59:08.790  
It's something I do professionally. I edit and I, uh, you know,

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02:59:08.790 --> 02:59:11.510  
I've studied films, so I could definitely take on the project.

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02:59:12.780 --> 02:59:17.070  
What was also discussed is maybe to reach out to people in England,  
uh,

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02:59:17.070 --> 02:59:20.230  
production companies there, and get a price from them. Uh,

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02:59:20.540 --> 02:59:24.310  
obviously if the price works out, they're there, they could shoot it.  
Uh,

2597  
02:59:24.330 --> 02:59:28.790  
we would've to do a lot of homework on our side as far as treatments  
and, uh,

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02:59:28.790 --> 02:59:31.670  
what we want the story to be, uh, and send that over.

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02:59:31.690 --> 02:59:34.870  
And they would've to follow that. We would've to send maybe people  
out, uh,

2600  
02:59:34.870 --> 02:59:36.350  
also to meet with them and shoot that.

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02:59:36.490 --> 02:59:41.030  
So it's really comes down to price and planning and what works out,

uh,

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02:59:41.030 --> 02:59:42.150

best for the 93rd.

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02:59:42.450 --> 02:59:46.950

But the idea and the core of the project is kind of there. Uh,

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02:59:47.140 --> 02:59:48.710

it's not in detail though. Uh,

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02:59:48.730 --> 02:59:51.950

it needs to be fleshed out and it's something that, uh,

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02:59:51.950 --> 02:59:53.070

they've approached me about.

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02:59:53.150 --> 02:59:56.670

And I can write a treatment and I can kind of go over what I would think it

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02:59:56.670 --> 03:00:01.110

would be. Um, and they should do the same, uh, with people in England as well,

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03:00:01.450 --> 03:00:05.830

or any other production company the 93rd wants to maybe seek out. Um,

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03:00:05.830 --> 03:00:10.270

but I would be interested to do it, uh, myself as well. And I can, uh,

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03:00:10.370 --> 03:00:14.830

submit the proper paperwork, uh, to get approved or to at least be looked at.

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03:00:15.770 --> 03:00:19.320

Um, that's really all that that project is at right now.

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03:00:19.470 --> 03:00:20.960  
It's not even in a treatment phase.

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03:00:21.460 --> 03:00:24.600  
The one other thing I did talk to on the phone with Jim about,

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03:00:24.600 --> 03:00:29.320  
which I'll make it a little public now, is to even get more focused,

2616  
03:00:30.260 --> 03:00:34.480  
is we could do a video, we could do a dvd, we could put it in, um,

2617  
03:00:34.480 --> 03:00:38.040  
the PX and we could try to sell it and all that. Um,

2618  
03:00:38.140 --> 03:00:40.160  
or in addition to that,

2619  
03:00:40.290 --> 03:00:44.000  
maybe make a direct route to the museums. Um,

2620  
03:00:44.500 --> 03:00:45.520  
and uh,

2621  
03:00:45.520 --> 03:00:50.160  
what I discussed on the phone with Jim is at the Mighty eight Air  
Force.

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03:00:50.160 --> 03:00:53.200  
They have a great, uh, I believe it's a Quonset hut,

2623  
03:00:53.220 --> 03:00:54.920  
one of the sort of replicas.

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03:00:55.460 --> 03:00:59.620  
And you walk in there and there's some benches and they have a little  
screen and

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03:00:59.620 --> 03:01:01.820  
stuff. Um, it would be great.

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03:01:02.530 --> 03:01:06.340  
What I'd really like to do is get rid of that exhibit in there and put  
ours in

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03:01:06.340 --> 03:01:08.820  
there. And, and that would,

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03:01:08.820 --> 03:01:13.020  
that's an excellent example of like an entrance way into our video or  
something.

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03:01:13.560 --> 03:01:15.940  
Um, and it's, it kind of equals,

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03:01:16.120 --> 03:01:20.500  
if we were gonna go show this at a movie theater, our venue,

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03:01:20.680 --> 03:01:23.860  
our exhibition are, they're museums. Um,

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03:01:23.880 --> 03:01:28.180  
and if we could get the mighty eighth and if we could get maybe 2, 3,  
4 other

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03:01:28.180 --> 03:01:31.460  
people to sign on even before we shoot this thing,

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03:01:31.490 --> 03:01:35.500  
even before we invest the money and say, yeah, we'll show your project  
and,

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03:01:35.560 --> 03:01:37.900  
you know, we'll be good for it to deliver it,

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03:01:38.290 --> 03:01:42.700  
then maybe that's the route to go and know that it would live in there

for a

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03:01:42.700 --> 03:01:46.380

while. And we would try to get a commitment from them. Um, so,

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03:01:46.400 --> 03:01:49.380

and the video would only be, you know, when people go to these things,

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03:01:49.440 --> 03:01:52.980

the museums, it can't be more than 15 minutes.

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03:01:53.090 --> 03:01:57.420

It's gotta be around that time. So really we're not talking big,

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03:01:57.510 --> 03:01:59.260

we're talking like a lot of information,

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03:01:59.400 --> 03:02:03.660

really squeeze it into a nice 15 minute package. Um,

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03:02:04.100 --> 03:02:07.100

I personally don't think the 93rd should spend gobs of money on it.

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03:02:07.100 --> 03:02:11.700

Cause I think we can get our story across, um, and very short, concise way.

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03:02:12.170 --> 03:02:16.940

Plus with pe people today, shortest attention. It's very short attention span.

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03:02:17.560 --> 03:02:21.300

So people aren't gonna pay attention to, unless we have a big budget,

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03:02:21.680 --> 03:02:26.180

unless we're really gonna go for the sky and shoot it on IMAX and ask Steven

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03:02:26.380 --> 03:02:29.460

Spielberg and Ron Howard to show up. We're gonna have to spend a lot of money.

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03:02:30.040 --> 03:02:32.860

Uh, so I'm thinking short, concise,

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03:02:33.480 --> 03:02:36.500

try to hit the museums and we still get our word across.

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03:02:36.640 --> 03:02:41.220

And if we can plaster the 93rd across that, that's even better. Um,

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03:02:41.240 --> 03:02:43.300

so that was my initial idea. You have a question?

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03:02:43.620 --> 03:02:47.340

I, I just had a thought. I know you're trying to keep it kiss real.

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03:02:47.340 --> 03:02:50.820

Keep it simple sweetie. Yeah. But, um,

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03:02:51.240 --> 03:02:56.060

any thoughts about maybe having Tom Broca and NBC involved if you wanted

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03:02:56.080 --> 03:03:00.860

to go big since he said that you were the greatest generation of all

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03:03:00.860 --> 03:03:04.500

time. That's right. And it could become a big thing to really get,

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03:03:04.880 --> 03:03:05.860

You could even

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03:03:05.860 --> 03:03:07.220

Funding for hardwood. Yeah.

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03:03:07.360 --> 03:03:11.980

For the experience I've had in getting famous people are people that, uh,

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03:03:12.040 --> 03:03:16.100

you know, of Greek prominence, uh, in the public. It's tough.

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03:03:17.200 --> 03:03:21.260

Um, and we do have the 93rd, we do have the legacy of the 93rd and,

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03:03:21.400 --> 03:03:22.300

and what they've done.

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03:03:22.320 --> 03:03:26.260

And that's partly why Jim was able to kind of get him to say that, uh,

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03:03:26.260 --> 03:03:27.540

at his news desk there,

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03:03:28.040 --> 03:03:32.780

to get these people to come out and for us to maybe go over and

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03:03:32.840 --> 03:03:36.020

get a video camera. It's possible. I mean, I do live in New York City,

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03:03:36.340 --> 03:03:40.980

I do work in New York City, so I could walk right over and do that.

Uh,

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03:03:41.000 --> 03:03:42.500

but to make that initial connection,

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03:03:42.880 --> 03:03:46.660

it sometimes takes a lot of energy just to go do that. Uh,

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03:03:47.200 --> 03:03:51.260

I'm not saying that we couldn't do it, but it is, it's for like, for,

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03:03:51.360 --> 03:03:54.460

for this reunion, I wanted to get Gary Sinise to show up.

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03:03:55.320 --> 03:04:00.180

He is completely in, uh, follows the groups around. He has his own band.

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03:04:00.280 --> 03:04:05.220

He performs, he talks. We tried, couldn't do it. Um,

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03:04:05.620 --> 03:04:08.940

I think Brian Williams, Brian Williams recently had,

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03:04:09.180 --> 03:04:11.900

I think he had knee surgery, but he, you know,

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03:04:12.080 --> 03:04:14.620

he was another one maybe to show up. We've actually,

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03:04:14.710 --> 03:04:18.900

we've been trying to do little things like that. So, uh, maybe with a,

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03:04:18.980 --> 03:04:23.020

a video project like this, since it goes over such a big expanse of time,

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03:04:23.040 --> 03:04:27.700

it could be possible. Um, it's something not out of the question. Yep.

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03:04:28.000 --> 03:04:32.780

We think the first thing is decide what we want to get across. Do that.

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03:04:33.560 --> 03:04:36.420

And at least I would think we want to phase, you know,

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03:04:36.480 --> 03:04:39.860

not only the early personnel 43,

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03:04:40.640 --> 03:04:45.180

but their replacements and the pre dday flyers. You know, like right.

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03:04:45.310 --> 03:04:50.260

First grade on Berlin and then the post dday and those guys

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03:04:50.280 --> 03:04:53.940

who finished up in 45. And you know,

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03:04:54.100 --> 03:04:57.900

I look at some of our accomplishments on our uh, banner,

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03:04:58.560 --> 03:05:01.540

but there are a lot more. Right. That should go in

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03:05:01.540 --> 03:05:02.700

There. No, that's true.

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03:05:02.840 --> 03:05:06.820

And that's something I think that needs to be proposed in a treatment,  
uh,

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03:05:07.040 --> 03:05:07.560

to the group.

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03:05:07.560 --> 03:05:08.250

You know,

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03:05:08.250 --> 03:05:12.500

it's gonna be hard cause Don's having enough trouble finding things in  
the

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03:05:12.620 --> 03:05:16.500

archives, but the old photos and films,

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03:05:17.080 --> 03:05:18.860

if they're any existing,

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03:05:19.280 --> 03:05:22.860

We have enough of that actually. We have. Yeah. I've seen a lot.

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03:05:23.040 --> 03:05:27.700

Don has lots of film footage. He has, he has a lot of photos,

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03:05:28.030 --> 03:05:31.140

stuff that I've used in films of mine that I've got permission from.

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03:05:31.200 --> 03:05:33.940

And you know, it's in the national archives as well. Um,

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03:05:33.940 --> 03:05:36.060

that I don't think will be a problem, believe it or not.

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03:05:36.320 --> 03:05:36.620

Um,

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03:05:36.620 --> 03:05:41.580

I know there's one we've been talking about that is in every documentary I've

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03:05:41.580 --> 03:05:45.980

seen and he doesn't know that he may have a lead to.

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03:05:46.250 --> 03:05:49.420

It's a film of the 93rd. Mm-hmm. Flying left to right.

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03:05:50.330 --> 03:05:54.580

They're probably in turbulence cause they're bouncing around relative to each

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03:05:54.580 --> 03:05:58.620

other. Right. And I don't know how much that film is.

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03:05:58.780 --> 03:06:02.500

I assume maybe they have the whole mission where they did originally.

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03:06:02.690 --> 03:06:03.360  
Yeah.

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03:06:03.360 --> 03:06:04.540  
It would be nice to have

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03:06:04.540 --> 03:06:08.180  
That. Yeah, it would be great. I mean, as an editor when I put stuff together,

2711  
03:06:08.280 --> 03:06:10.300  
having all these assets,

2712  
03:06:10.360 --> 03:06:13.820  
the sources to go to right away is, uh,

2713  
03:06:13.930 --> 03:06:17.820  
it's really crucial to be able to have that. And again, I mean my proposal,

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03:06:18.000 --> 03:06:21.460  
if I was to do this project, uh, and if they were to go, uh,

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03:06:21.460 --> 03:06:24.220  
with maybe what I would present, it's gonna be short though.

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03:06:24.220 --> 03:06:29.060  
It's gonna be about 15 minutes or so. Um, cuz I would want people to come in,

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03:06:30.000 --> 03:06:33.020  
see it, get the experience and leave. So, um,

2718  
03:06:33.020 --> 03:06:35.540  
some of the ideas that you're talking about, we could definitely hit on.

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03:06:35.670 --> 03:06:39.380

We're gonna have to move it along and try to get everything in there.  
Um,

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03:06:40.240 --> 03:06:41.980

Or we could just throw it on YouTube.

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03:06:42.840 --> 03:06:47.500

We could throw it on YouTube as well, which I'll transition to.

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03:06:47.500 --> 03:06:48.820

Do you want me to transition to Mike Michael?

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03:06:49.010 --> 03:06:52.620

Okay. Just add one quick comment about Tom. Bro, I, who doesn't love Tom Broka,

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03:06:52.620 --> 03:06:54.700

right? Yeah. Um, you know, he is very,

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03:06:54.700 --> 03:06:58.300

we actually have an indirect connection to him. One of our veterans, uh,

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03:06:58.300 --> 03:07:02.580

Harold Secor, you recognized that name Harold, uh, you know, passed away,

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03:07:02.680 --> 03:07:06.190

but it's kind of an interesting connection. But his, uh,

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03:07:06.490 --> 03:07:10.830

his wife's wife remarried, uh, her new husband's, uh,

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03:07:10.890 --> 03:07:12.910

stepdaughter's, Dawn Frat Angelo,

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03:07:13.010 --> 03:07:17.350

who was an NBC correspondent and was Tom Broca's, uh, assistant.

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03:07:17.890 --> 03:07:20.950

So I connected with her. She put me in connection with Tom and his group.

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03:07:21.230 --> 03:07:22.630

I never spoke with Tom directly,

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03:07:22.630 --> 03:07:25.110

but he was gracious enough to do that video for us for years.

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03:07:25.710 --> 03:07:28.230

I have invited him to the reunions every year, but, uh, again,

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03:07:28.230 --> 03:07:30.270

this schedule hasn't made it, but, you know,

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03:07:30.270 --> 03:07:33.630

I'm gonna continue working with 'em and, and Dawn to see if we can get him to,

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03:07:33.690 --> 03:07:38.430

uh, maybe help continue with some other other things as well. So, uh, we,

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03:07:38.480 --> 03:07:40.550

we've continued to try to, to get him involved.

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03:07:41.260 --> 03:07:43.470

Yeah. A lot of that too is uh,

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03:07:44.970 --> 03:07:46.310

how do we incorporate those guys?

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03:07:46.330 --> 03:07:50.350

Do we just go solely on our own with our own information, our own, uh,

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03:07:50.590 --> 03:07:53.510

archives that we have. I talked to Don earlier,

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03:07:53.560 --> 03:07:57.670

which I think is a great idea and I think needs to be incorporated in a small

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03:07:57.670 --> 03:07:59.710

amount. It probably could is go back to Hardwick,

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03:08:00.090 --> 03:08:04.390

go over some of the current areas and then it's literally a morph into the old

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03:08:04.390 --> 03:08:08.350

areas using footage, uh, photos and stuff. It'd be really interesting.

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03:08:08.350 --> 03:08:12.430

That's something that excites me when I put that stuff together and like,

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03:08:12.430 --> 03:08:12.710

you know,

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03:08:12.710 --> 03:08:16.150

you're literally standing on this spot and you can just transform into the old

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03:08:16.220 --> 03:08:17.053

what it was.

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03:08:17.390 --> 03:08:21.150

I see two different, I kind of see two different though. I see,

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03:08:21.150 --> 03:08:25.390

like you say that 15 minute third experience advertisement. Right.

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03:08:25.890 --> 03:08:30.630

But what I've always liked to do with the photos then and now I think it'd be

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03:08:30.630 --> 03:08:35.190

pulled, it'd be longer, but do a tour around, be it hard,

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03:08:35.410 --> 03:08:38.990

how you get any reunion, be it norridge and or hard,

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03:08:39.010 --> 03:08:43.870

but you could kind of film it and then as you film you fade away and you go back

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03:08:43.970 --> 03:08:45.230

to a wartime pitch. Yeah.

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03:08:45.450 --> 03:08:50.430

Or wartime video clip and you could zoom in and out from today and back.

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03:08:50.490 --> 03:08:53.190

And I tried to do that low tech with the mini tour.

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03:08:53.630 --> 03:08:57.350

I gave him a booklet with wartime photos. So we pulled up and said, okay,

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03:08:57.350 --> 03:09:00.630

look out your left window. Now look at pitcher five,

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03:09:00.630 --> 03:09:05.110

that's a control tower with your fancy quiz, bang, fade in and out.

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03:09:05.690 --> 03:09:07.150

We could do it really cool. Right.

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03:09:07.150 --> 03:09:09.670

And you could really watch it morph in and out, so. Right.

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03:09:09.870 --> 03:09:11.230

I kind of see almost two,

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03:09:11.290 --> 03:09:14.710

but that would be an awesome thing for a hard way cuz that gives you the

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03:09:14.710 --> 03:09:17.510

perspective. If I've talked to people who have driven around, they're like,

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03:09:17.940 --> 03:09:19.990

there's a couple Hudson field, they can't,

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03:09:20.020 --> 03:09:24.710

they can't see what's there because they don't have the reference. Right.

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03:09:25.350 --> 03:09:26.670

I mean, the ultimate in your head,

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03:09:26.850 --> 03:09:29.870

the ultimate is to see that aerial photo of the,

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03:09:29.930 --> 03:09:34.630

the old air base and then with the remaining huts that are there to just get a

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03:09:34.790 --> 03:09:37.830

reference of where that is. That's really neat to be able to kind of see, wow,

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03:09:37.830 --> 03:09:40.910

this was all over here. This is all kind of corn fields now,

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03:09:40.930 --> 03:09:44.950

or Turkey farms and we're just kind of down to what we have left.

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03:09:45.410 --> 03:09:46.870

And, and I think that's a good point.

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03:09:46.930 --> 03:09:51.910

The focus is on hardware of this project unless you want to change it.

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03:09:52.120 --> 03:09:55.780

Right. It's about hardware. It's not about leste, for example. It's,

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03:09:55.810 --> 03:09:57.460

it's at hard work.

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03:09:57.730 --> 03:09:59.580

Yeah, that's that's a good point. Yeah.

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03:09:59.920 --> 03:10:03.860

So that's the mission. If we change it, we can change it.

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03:10:04.720 --> 03:10:06.260

That's the way it's presented.

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03:10:07.930 --> 03:10:09.020

Okay. Um,

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03:10:10.120 --> 03:10:14.740

Jim just reminded me the buses will be ready on time. Um, so we've gotta,

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03:10:14.910 --> 03:10:16.380

we've gotta press on a little bit.

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03:10:16.730 --> 03:10:20.820

What we wanted to bring to you in this meeting was a concept

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03:10:21.880 --> 03:10:26.700

and to ask for you to authorize us to spend up to 25 do a hundred

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03:10:26.700 --> 03:10:30.860

dollars to proceed with the initial concept development and estimate.

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03:10:31.560 --> 03:10:35.660

Now the officers have the authority up to 2,500 as it is.

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03:10:35.800 --> 03:10:38.140

But we wanted you to hear about this project.

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03:10:38.400 --> 03:10:42.740

We wanted you to know that this is a direction we'd like to go,

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03:10:43.120 --> 03:10:47.140

but to get started we've gotta start spending some money and get, you know,

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03:10:47.290 --> 03:10:49.860

develop this idea into something more robust.

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03:10:50.660 --> 03:10:55.380

I can detect a fair amount of enthusiasm for the concept and,

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03:10:55.560 --> 03:10:58.420

and I think it's something well worthwhile. And the sooner we do this,

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03:10:58.420 --> 03:11:02.340

the better hard you know, just, uh, taking care of it is,

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03:11:02.400 --> 03:11:06.580

is consistent with the goal of the organization. And, uh,

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03:11:07.240 --> 03:11:11.380

I'd like to, uh, proceed. Is there a motion that we, uh,

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03:11:12.770 --> 03:11:14.900

authorize that authorizes uh,

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03:11:14.900 --> 03:11:19.260

the expenditure to proceed with initial concept development and estimate? So,

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03:11:19.610 --> 03:11:23.180  
okay. There's a motion. A second. Second. Okay. A second. Um,

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03:11:23.640 --> 03:11:26.140  
is there any other, uh, discussion?

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03:11:27.300 --> 03:11:31.020  
I would just like to also say that we might consider, um,

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03:11:31.210 --> 03:11:33.630  
once it gets moving along,

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03:11:34.350 --> 03:11:38.670  
consider the possibility of documentary film festivals as an outlet  
too.

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03:11:39.530 --> 03:11:39.940  
So

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03:11:39.940 --> 03:11:40.700  
Cool idea

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03:11:40.700 --> 03:11:45.350  
That might be, might require slightly larger video,

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03:11:45.770 --> 03:11:46.603  
but

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03:11:46.680 --> 03:11:51.290  
Yeah, I, I do have some experience. I currently have a film, uh,

2811  
03:11:51.290 --> 03:11:52.810  
that we just submitted to Sundance,

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03:11:52.990 --> 03:11:57.410  
so I've been through the Can you repeat the comment? Oh, sorry.

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03:11:57.710 --> 03:12:01.970

We didn't hear film festivals. She was saying if we do get, uh,

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03:12:02.450 --> 03:12:07.210

a film done that also we look in the outlet of submitting the film

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03:12:07.530 --> 03:12:12.130

festivals and that it's a very viable option too. And,

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03:12:12.150 --> 03:12:14.370

and again, I'm not here to cut down anything.

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03:12:14.710 --> 03:12:19.690

It is efforts on every single side to be able to do that

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03:12:19.690 --> 03:12:20.523

stuff.

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03:12:20.590 --> 03:12:23.930

And I know when I was talking to these guys to try to keep it simple in the

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03:12:23.930 --> 03:12:27.570

beginning and then if it is, if it does turn out to something that,

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03:12:27.890 --> 03:12:31.210

I mean I could give my 2 cents if it's festival worthy. Uh,

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03:12:31.210 --> 03:12:34.730

cuz sometimes when you edit a piece that you have to do for museums or whatever,

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03:12:34.950 --> 03:12:37.250

it has to be not, I'm not saying it needs to be plain,

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03:12:37.510 --> 03:12:39.570

but you need to really spit out a lot of stuff.

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03:12:39.630 --> 03:12:44.010

And sometimes festival is very arty and they try to look for nice slow shots and

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03:12:44.010 --> 03:12:46.490

all that stuff and sometimes that's not what we're doing,

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03:12:46.550 --> 03:12:47.850

but that's a definite option.

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03:12:49.280 --> 03:12:52.820

Yeah. I want to put us in, I want us to put in for the Con Film Festival.

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03:12:53.300 --> 03:12:54.133

I wanna go,

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03:12:55.700 --> 03:12:59.220

I, I know the, the founder of a documentary film testing.

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03:12:59.220 --> 03:13:00.053

Okay, there you go.

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03:13:00.250 --> 03:13:04.580

Okay, great. Uh, we will be looking for help on this project,

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03:13:04.800 --> 03:13:08.140

so if you're interested in helping, uh, you know,

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03:13:08.160 --> 03:13:11.820

please let one of the officers know and we will get you plugged into the,

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03:13:12.000 --> 03:13:16.900

the team that's, uh, working for it. Um, all in favor of the motion,

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03:13:17.080 --> 03:13:21.420

say aye. Aye. Opposed by the same sign. None. Okay.

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03:13:21.420 --> 03:13:23.180

The motion carries. Um,

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03:13:25.740 --> 03:13:27.320

you gotta be really quick. Okay.

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03:13:27.660 --> 03:13:28.360

Really quick.

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03:13:28.360 --> 03:13:31.560

I just want to thank my dad for helping me out with the webcast back here.

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03:13:31.590 --> 03:13:32.423

He's clicking,

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03:13:35.700 --> 03:13:36.533

Uh,

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03:13:38.820 --> 03:13:42.360

He says it's not the first time and it's not. I've been doing it since I was 10.

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03:13:42.500 --> 03:13:47.440

So yeah, real quick on the webcast is that,

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03:13:47.460 --> 03:13:51.280

uh, it's a new thing. This is the second year that we've been trying it.

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03:13:51.420 --> 03:13:56.200

We beefed up the equipment, I think the 93rd for, uh, we approved some money.

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03:13:56.300 --> 03:13:58.400

Uh, we actually got a donation from Pratt and Whitney,

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03:13:58.620 --> 03:14:02.560

so it kind of counterbalance the money. Uh, but we have new equipment

back here.

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03:14:02.560 --> 03:14:07.200

It's working great. Uh, we have a personnel, he's doing fine,

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03:14:07.300 --> 03:14:11.560

but I'm gonna need to bring somebody, uh, probably, uh, me and another person,

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03:14:11.560 --> 03:14:13.480

maybe another person to kind of run it all.

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03:14:13.540 --> 03:14:16.480

I'm just trying to see what's involved. The other thing is,

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03:14:16.480 --> 03:14:20.240

is that the turnout is not that great so far. And I hate to say that,

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03:14:20.300 --> 03:14:24.800

but we've had about 250 people click on, but they don't stay.

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03:14:25.280 --> 03:14:29.320

I would say it's a max of 10 people that have been watching us and just like

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03:14:29.320 --> 03:14:31.920

we've talked about Al Ash wishes he could be here.

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03:14:32.550 --> 03:14:35.440

Well I have it on my phone right here.

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03:14:36.460 --> 03:14:41.200

You can literally watch it in your chair at home. And the thing is,

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03:14:41.220 --> 03:14:45.400

is that we need to get that across to everybody. We sent cards out,

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03:14:46.000 --> 03:14:48.960

I did the Facebook thing, but I think it's a lot of people,

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03:14:48.960 --> 03:14:53.520

maybe just a technology issue of not being able to click on and go,  
wow,

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03:14:53.520 --> 03:14:55.920

there it is. He can see everybody. They're all here.

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03:14:55.960 --> 03:14:59.320

I have a camera up there in the light. I got my camera here.

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03:14:59.550 --> 03:15:00.800

I've got one camera here.

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03:15:01.230 --> 03:15:04.640

I've got four cameras out here and I've got two mics and they can hear

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03:15:04.640 --> 03:15:08.520

everybody. So it's really a thing where if they want to see it,

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03:15:08.830 --> 03:15:12.960

they just have to go to 93 bg.com and it's there, it pops up,

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03:15:13.350 --> 03:15:17.080

it's for free. No registration, no nothing. I made it as easy as  
possible.

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03:15:17.860 --> 03:15:22.400

So it's really about Dayton. The next one to get this out and get the  
word out,

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03:15:23.020 --> 03:15:23.580

um,

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03:15:23.580 --> 03:15:27.560

to let people know that they just have to sit in front of that  
computer or go to

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03:15:27.560 --> 03:15:31.840

the website on an iPhone or Android phone and pop it up. It's that simple.

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03:15:31.840 --> 03:15:35.560

It'll come right up. Um, and that's all I got. Thank you

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03:15:40.980 --> 03:15:41.780

Jim.

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03:15:41.780 --> 03:15:45.680

Jim, thank you Michael. Jim, I, I had a question for Michael whether or not Oh,

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03:15:45.680 --> 03:15:47.680

Jim has a question for Michael. Yep.

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03:15:49.140 --> 03:15:53.020

Question, will this weekend be available for rebroadcast in

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03:15:53.020 --> 03:15:57.540

Some way? That's a good question. Rebroadcast, uh, these are being recorded.

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03:15:58.240 --> 03:16:00.460

The thing is, is that it,

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03:16:00.490 --> 03:16:04.620

it's tough to get a big audience for this because we do a little talking for

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03:16:04.620 --> 03:16:06.660

about five minutes, and then we eat for like two hours.

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03:16:09.880 --> 03:16:14.500

So I'm gonna go back, look at the videos,

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03:16:15.400 --> 03:16:18.220

cut them down a little bit, and I'm gonna put 'em on the website.

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03:16:18.220 --> 03:16:20.100

It's gonna take me a little bit to get them up there,

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03:16:20.120 --> 03:16:24.420

but these are being recorded. We paid well.

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03:16:25.460 --> 03:16:29.700

Somebody's on it right now. Delay. Yeah, he's on a little delay,

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03:16:29.700 --> 03:16:32.420

but he just brought it up on his phone here. The thing is,

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03:16:32.420 --> 03:16:35.540

is I've gotta cut 'em down. I'll put 'em on the website and, uh,

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03:16:35.540 --> 03:16:37.900

they will be up there. We paid this year,

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03:16:38.040 --> 03:16:40.900

we approved the money to pay for the bigger membership for the month,

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03:16:41.400 --> 03:16:46.180

and it's able to record online, uh, and give us more hours. So, yes,

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03:16:46.560 --> 03:16:47.580

that's, thank

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03:16:47.580 --> 03:16:50.540

You. You thought maybe that's why some of the people cut out.

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03:16:50.550 --> 03:16:52.060

Cause they don't want to watch us eat.

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03:16:52.960 --> 03:16:54.220

Uh, that's exactly why

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03:16:55.450 --> 03:16:57.580  
Show more of some of the education

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03:16:57.580 --> 03:16:58.380  
Session. Well, yeah. The thing,

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03:16:58.380 --> 03:17:01.380  
what we're gonna do in Dayton is we're gonna adjust the schedule a little bit.

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03:17:01.430 --> 03:17:03.700  
Maybe not do Thursday, just due Friday.

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03:17:03.960 --> 03:17:08.060  
Really just kind of cut it down to what we actually need to show. Okay.

2901  
03:17:11.060 --> 03:17:15.900  
I was watching, uh, Lucy Ball or something. Oh, okay. Thank you Michael.

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03:17:16.160 --> 03:17:21.060  
Uh, moving along. In 2014 reunion, we selected a day in Ohio. I have been,

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03:17:21.080 --> 03:17:24.500  
uh, in contact with the visitors bureau. I've been working with, uh,

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03:17:24.900 --> 03:17:27.300  
actually solicited, uh, quotes from eight different hotels.

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03:17:27.990 --> 03:17:32.740  
We've narrowed it down, uh, to one of two, actually, I'm in final negotiations.

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03:17:33.320 --> 03:17:36.180  
Uh, we set up a theme as the American B 24 Legacy,

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03:17:36.520 --> 03:17:38.580  
as our theme for the reunion in Dayton.

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03:17:39.460 --> 03:17:43.180  
Proposed summary and scheduled activities and dates is very similar to this one.

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03:17:43.180 --> 03:17:47.900  
There was a lot of questions early on about, uh, a, uh, swing band,

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03:17:47.930 --> 03:17:52.820  
jazz festival that we attended, uh, in the previous Dayton, unfortunately,

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03:17:52.820 --> 03:17:56.500  
with the cutbacks, the, uh, band of Swing and the or band of flight.

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03:17:56.640 --> 03:18:00.980  
And the other, uh, swing bands in the area are not, uh, doing anything in the,

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03:18:01.040 --> 03:18:03.780  
in the, uh, summer or the fall timeframe.

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03:18:03.780 --> 03:18:07.900  
They have a festival going in January coming up. But anyway, so I, uh,

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03:18:07.900 --> 03:18:11.820  
I left the dates at the same timeframe at this point in October. Uh,

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03:18:11.820 --> 03:18:15.220  
very similar schedule of Thursday events, Friday events.

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03:18:15.230 --> 03:18:19.020  
We'll spend a lot of time at the US National Air Force Museum. Of course,

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03:18:19.680 --> 03:18:23.260  
I'm working with Wright Patterson to get on their base for officer's

club and

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03:18:23.260 --> 03:18:27.530

dinner and, and dance and proposal there firmly. You have a question?

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03:18:28.080 --> 03:18:31.250

Yeah. I would like you to at least, uh, uh,

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03:18:31.250 --> 03:18:36.250

raise the question of whether or not October is the month that we should be

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03:18:36.250 --> 03:18:36.910

gather.

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03:18:36.910 --> 03:18:39.090

Yep. John, you wanna address that? We talked about that at

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03:18:39.090 --> 03:18:40.610

Our, I think we need some dialogue.

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03:18:40.840 --> 03:18:45.090

Okay. We, we had some the other day, and, uh, that's still open at this point.

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03:18:45.160 --> 03:18:49.340

I've had quotes for this timeframe. We can certainly change it. Uh, but, uh,

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03:18:49.340 --> 03:18:51.860

maybe John can speak to that in a minute around the, uh, the dates.

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03:18:53.040 --> 03:18:54.980

But at this point, uh, as I said, I've,

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03:18:55.010 --> 03:18:59.460

I've had them quote for these particular dates of availability. Um,

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03:19:00.000 --> 03:19:04.860

so, uh, again, very similar, uh, agenda. Looking at, uh,

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03:19:05.360 --> 03:19:08.780

uh, the four day weekend at this point, working with the, uh,

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03:19:08.780 --> 03:19:11.300

final negotiations with the Dayton Marriott downtown.

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03:19:11.440 --> 03:19:13.900

So I know how great this worked out right at the airport.

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03:19:14.200 --> 03:19:16.900

The Dayton Airport does not have a facility or hotel as,

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03:19:17.040 --> 03:19:21.020

as good and accommodating. Uh, so we're looking at the downtown location,

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03:19:21.020 --> 03:19:25.380

which is nine to 10 minutes away from the Air Force Museum and from some of the

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03:19:25.380 --> 03:19:30.180

other activities and events at Bright Pad. Um, so working on that.

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03:19:30.200 --> 03:19:33.460

And then other potentially events and attractions. Um,

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03:19:33.490 --> 03:19:36.340

there's a very nice aviation heritage National Park.

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03:19:36.350 --> 03:19:41.060

There is the Wright Brothers Aviation Center. There's the, uh, Packard Museum.

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03:19:41.290 --> 03:19:42.123

Also,

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03:19:42.180 --> 03:19:43.013

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03:19:43.570 --> 03:19:46.820

There's the Veterans Walkways, a nice outdoor park. Uh,

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03:19:46.820 --> 03:19:49.820

Huffman Prairie Flying Field is where the Wright Brothers, uh,

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03:19:50.200 --> 03:19:52.820

do a lot of preliminary work. There's, uh, an outdoor garden.

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03:19:52.850 --> 03:19:56.820

It's called Allwood Metro Park with a trees missing. Uh,

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03:19:56.820 --> 03:19:57.940

there's a Victoria Theater,

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03:19:58.040 --> 03:20:02.820

really nice dinner theater type event looking at the National Aviation Hall of

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03:20:02.820 --> 03:20:04.260

Fame as a separate organization.

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03:20:04.720 --> 03:20:07.340

And there's a great shopping dining district called Oregon.

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03:20:07.680 --> 03:20:10.020

Oregon Shopping and Dining Area. So the other

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03:20:10.020 --> 03:20:13.300

Thing to think about is we did a Uber boat, right? Correct.

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03:20:13.400 --> 03:20:16.420

Yep. One of our activities. Thank you Don. Don mentioned the riverboat crew.

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03:20:16.490 --> 03:20:17.820

That was very successful as well.

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03:20:17.880 --> 03:20:21.620

So I'll be looking into that and if anybody else has other ideas for me,

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03:20:21.620 --> 03:20:24.020

don't hesitate to get them to me. And, uh, we'll

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03:20:24.100 --> 03:20:26.700

Investigate here. Again. Is that on the north side of downtown?

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03:20:27.480 --> 03:20:31.620

Uh, I think it's right downtown area. It could be the north side, I think Paul.

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03:20:31.620 --> 03:20:34.500

Oh, right. Somewhere there when I was TDY in the eighties.

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03:20:34.930 --> 03:20:35.763

Okay.

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03:20:36.000 --> 03:20:36.833

It was pretty nice.

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03:20:36.930 --> 03:20:39.500

Well, this seen, yeah, the brochure and the, um,

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03:20:39.760 --> 03:20:40.980

the lady at the visitors bureau office

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03:20:41.050 --> 03:20:43.500

That is downtown now. Back then,

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03:20:43.500 --> 03:20:45.940

they said you didn't want to walk downtown at night.

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03:20:46.340 --> 03:20:47.620

I personally haven't been there yet.

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03:20:47.720 --> 03:20:52.700

I'm expecting to go down and visit the area. Uh, uh, next, uh, uh,

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03:20:52.800 --> 03:20:56.140

spring, they'll have there hosting us for a visit. So, uh,

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03:20:56.220 --> 03:20:58.860

I plan to go down there and take a look at all the venues that we're kind of

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03:20:59.140 --> 03:21:00.420

focusing on. So we'll take a look at that.

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03:21:00.770 --> 03:21:02.060

It's been revitalized,

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03:21:02.200 --> 03:21:03.700

Has it quite a bit. Yeah. Okay.

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03:21:05.280 --> 03:21:07.700

So she says it's been revitalized quite a bit in the last years,

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03:21:07.700 --> 03:21:08.940

So it's been 25 years.

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03:21:09.320 --> 03:21:10.153

So, Jim,

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03:21:11.430 --> 03:21:16.180

Given that none of us are getting any younger each year, including myself,

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03:21:17.440 --> 03:21:21.100

I'd like to know what the consensus is of folks or what the thing it is for

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03:21:21.100 --> 03:21:25.380

maybe having one day in the hotel of downtime,

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03:21:25.850 --> 03:21:30.500

looking at films or other educational venues as opposed to going on tour.

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03:21:30.770 --> 03:21:32.780

Nothing against tours. We learned a lot.

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03:21:32.960 --> 03:21:35.100

We had a great time yesterday that worked out.

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03:21:35.480 --> 03:21:40.310

But is there any thinking about that sort of thing in the educational

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03:21:40.310 --> 03:21:44.310

Sense? So Jim's question is about planning more downtime in the schedule.

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03:21:44.390 --> 03:21:46.580

I know it gets very hectic. It gets kind of tiring.

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03:21:46.970 --> 03:21:49.980

I've tried to reduce it off and on. And then we, uh, you know,

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03:21:49.980 --> 03:21:52.980

we go back to certain events. So I'm wide open as far as, uh,

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03:21:53.180 --> 03:21:55.100

planning more downtime. What are your thoughts on that?

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03:21:55.100 --> 03:21:59.060

Well, my own opinion is, I get confused when you schedule, you know,

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03:21:59.060 --> 03:22:02.340

an education session session and to work.

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03:22:02.920 --> 03:22:06.980

And I'd like to see it one or the other Okay. Myself.

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03:22:07.520 --> 03:22:09.820

So it coincides with what he's saying.

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03:22:10.010 --> 03:22:13.100

Okay. Anybody else? See some heads nodding.

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03:22:14.680 --> 03:22:15.580

So we try and, uh,

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03:22:15.820 --> 03:22:18.980

cram a lot into the weekend while we're all together for the once a year even.

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03:22:19.120 --> 03:22:23.220

And I know it's, it can be tiring, but, uh, be fulfilling as well.

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03:22:23.220 --> 03:22:25.900

But any other comments, if you have other comments, please, uh,

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03:22:27.160 --> 03:22:30.020

get with me and I will try and incorporate that into the schedule. So,

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03:22:30.670 --> 03:22:31.503

thank you.

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03:22:37.560 --> 03:22:42.420

Uh, really there's, there's nothing sacrosanct about how we do the reunions,

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03:22:43.060 --> 03:22:46.500

although we do have to have an annual business meeting that is in our bylaws.

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03:22:46.500 --> 03:22:47.240

We gotta do that.

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03:22:47.240 --> 03:22:51.220

So the only thing we have to get together for is an annual business meeting.

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03:22:51.670 --> 03:22:55.940

Everything else is on the table and open the discussion to include the dates we

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03:22:55.940 --> 03:23:00.380

have, um, since I've been coming. We've had two reunions in the summer,

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03:23:01.320 --> 03:23:03.180

uh, Savannah. Uh,

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03:23:03.200 --> 03:23:07.980

the consensus was that it was really a bad idea and it was a bad idea.

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03:23:08.240 --> 03:23:10.700

The timing was, well,

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03:23:11.400 --> 03:23:14.700

our goal there was to try to attract more families,

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03:23:14.930 --> 03:23:18.620

more kids to attend. And that's the first one Emma came to.

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03:23:18.760 --> 03:23:21.900

So from our viewpoint, all in all, it was a success,

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03:23:22.040 --> 03:23:26.740

but it was kind of hot is, is all we can say. And then in Dayton,

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03:23:26.760 --> 03:23:31.300

we met in the summer there to take advantage of the concert that they,

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03:23:31.450 --> 03:23:34.300  
that they had. And I think it was August 1st or, you know,

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03:23:34.300 --> 03:23:39.220  
it was a date like that we had intended with this date and trip to go back to

3015  
03:23:39.220 --> 03:23:43.620  
that schedule if that was available. As Jim said, it wasn't available. So,

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03:23:44.240 --> 03:23:47.900  
uh, those are the kind of the off date dates that we've tried.

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03:23:47.900 --> 03:23:52.900  
Other than that we've always met in the second or third week of October,

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03:23:53.400 --> 03:23:56.580  
MS has been the tradition and it's,

3019  
03:23:57.490 --> 03:24:01.100  
there's nothing magic about it. It's just when we decided to start meetings. So,

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03:24:01.880 --> 03:24:06.220  
uh, you know, we're open to whatever is su suitable, the membership,

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03:24:06.640 --> 03:24:09.540  
but as soon as I say, what's good for you and what's good for you,

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03:24:10.210 --> 03:24:12.740  
then we start to get into the, okay,

3023  
03:24:12.740 --> 03:24:15.100  
well that doesn't work for me and that doesn't work for me.

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03:24:15.120 --> 03:24:18.180  
So we have that issue. And I don't want to just cut off the

discussion,

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03:24:18.200 --> 03:24:21.060

but I just, you know, that's kind of where it has. Uh,

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03:24:21.520 --> 03:24:25.500

And usually the fall, no matter where we go in the United States,

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03:24:25.720 --> 03:24:26.780

the weather is good.

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03:24:27.390 --> 03:24:32.100

Tends to be good. Yeah. Yeah. Tucson was a little warm as it turned out,

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03:24:32.240 --> 03:24:34.300

but that was an unusual. Warm

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03:24:34.300 --> 03:24:34.980

Was warm,

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03:24:34.980 --> 03:24:39.860

Yeah. Hot. But that was unusual for Tucson at that time. Yeah. And, uh,

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03:24:40.120 --> 03:24:40.500

you know,

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03:24:40.500 --> 03:24:45.180

I was most concerned that we would be here and there'd be a hurricane roaring up

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03:24:45.180 --> 03:24:47.020

the east coast and, you know,

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03:24:47.090 --> 03:24:51.260

we'd be sitting here with buckets of rain coming down on that roof instead of

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03:24:51.260 --> 03:24:55.060

the sunshine. But, you know, it did, it didn't work out. So we're,

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03:24:55.080 --> 03:24:59.620

we are open to, to changing those days and we're open to your ideas on that.

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03:25:00.520 --> 03:25:04.900

Um, given that Jim only gave me nine more minutes, and he talks along,

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03:25:06.160 --> 03:25:09.540

uh, I do wanna get into the candidate cities for 2015.

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03:25:09.730 --> 03:25:13.420

It's been very helpful to be planning a year ahead because it,

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03:25:13.440 --> 03:25:17.940

it allows us to come to you with a kind of a, a developed concept.

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03:25:19.080 --> 03:25:22.660

Uh, this is the selection criteria we use. Um,

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03:25:22.920 --> 03:25:27.060

we don't always achieve every single one of 'em. Uh, uh,

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03:25:27.080 --> 03:25:31.620

but this is what we're looking for. Uh, these are the dates for 2015.

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03:25:31.680 --> 03:25:34.540

And this is just presuming that we continue with the, the,

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03:25:34.540 --> 03:25:38.380

what we've been doing. So that's nothing magic there. Uh,

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03:25:38.450 --> 03:25:43.140

this is where we have been and where we're going. Um, we've had,

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03:25:43.520 --> 03:25:47.500  
we will have had 14 reunions through Dayton. Uh,

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03:25:47.500 --> 03:25:51.460  
Dayton is a repeat Savannah we've been to three times. Uh,

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03:25:51.620 --> 03:25:54.980  
I think those are the only ones that we've, uh,

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03:25:55.070 --> 03:25:59.620  
we've actually done more than once. And you can see the other places  
we've been,

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03:25:59.640 --> 03:26:02.860  
for those of you that have joined the last couple three years,

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03:26:02.880 --> 03:26:06.340  
you missed a lot of gray cities that we, we were able to take  
advantage of.

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03:26:07.040 --> 03:26:07.980  
Excuse me, it's

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03:26:07.980 --> 03:26:11.260  
2001, correct. For Savannah. Yeah, yeah,

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03:26:11.370 --> 03:26:13.820  
Yeah. That's what I went there. That's what I was told.

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03:26:14.200 --> 03:26:17.900  
We went there before we went over to,

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03:26:18.850 --> 03:26:21.100  
with the second air division to England.

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03:26:23.400 --> 03:26:24.140  
2001

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03:26:24.140 --> 03:26:24.973

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03:26:25.480 --> 03:26:27.620

That's what I've been told. I, I don't

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03:26:27.620 --> 03:26:28.453

Think

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03:26:30.640 --> 03:26:34.540

We don't have. I'll change it. That's wrong. I'll be happy to change it. But

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03:26:35.630 --> 03:26:36.463

Don't believe

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03:26:38.040 --> 03:26:41.300

We did. We don't have the England ones on here. You know, I just,

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03:26:41.350 --> 03:26:45.420

these are the 93rd annual meetings. Uh,

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03:26:45.420 --> 03:26:48.140

I've got six cities as candidates. Uh,

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Omaha was at last year as a potential candidate and received some

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03:26:52.820 --> 03:26:57.020

significant votes. Uh, you can see some of the things that, uh,

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03:26:57.160 --> 03:27:02.020

are available to us there. Uh, Orlando, Florida is,

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uh, has also been a candidate for several years. Uh, we have a,

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03:27:06.680 --> 03:27:10.420

the Fantasy of Flight Museum in, uh, Polk City, which is a,

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a little bit of a drive there, but they do have a B 24.

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That's one of the few we haven't seen. Uh,

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03:27:16.140 --> 03:27:19.060

you can see some of the other things that, uh, are available there.

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03:27:20.620 --> 03:27:23.540

I did put Disney World on, I thought, uh,

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03:27:24.030 --> 03:27:28.060

added this year is, uh, a return to New Orleans.

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03:27:29.400 --> 03:27:33.460

Uh, part of that's driven by the dramatic improvement in the,

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03:27:33.850 --> 03:27:37.740

what used to be the D-Day Museum when we were there last time and is now the

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03:27:37.940 --> 03:27:41.900

National World War II Museum and just, uh,

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03:27:41.900 --> 03:27:45.780

the great reunion we had there with the 93rd. And then subsequent to that,

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03:27:45.780 --> 03:27:48.940

the second ADA had a reunion there, which worked out very well.

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03:27:49.040 --> 03:27:53.980

So that's New Orleans, Dearborne, Michigan used to say Detroit,

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03:27:54.220 --> 03:27:56.340

Michigan. And we decided that that wasn't very popular.

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03:27:56.600 --> 03:28:01.460

So we try for Dearborn and see if we could get a little bit different reaction

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03:28:01.490 --> 03:28:06.220

from you all. Um, this one, uh, there is an air show there,

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03:28:06.220 --> 03:28:08.620

thunder over Michigan. And, uh,

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03:28:08.730 --> 03:28:12.100

some of our guys were there two years ago and took part in it.

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03:28:12.100 --> 03:28:14.660

That's a summertime, uh, event. Uh,

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Michigan in the summertime is generally pleasant. They have their moments,

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03:28:19.560 --> 03:28:22.940

but generally the weather can be good. And that's early, right?

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It's is that like in May or something? No, it's a, two years ago.

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03:28:28.800 --> 03:28:32.000

I think it was August. I haven't checked the dates this year, but, uh,

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03:28:32.000 --> 03:28:36.960

Rayanne and I drove up for it. And we, you know, I remember being in August,

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03:28:37.250 --> 03:28:41.720

there is a, a Navy version of a B 24. It's a one of b B 24.

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03:28:41.720 --> 03:28:45.680  
Funny tale. Kind of looks strange, John.

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03:28:46.620 --> 03:28:51.600  
And the Willow Run plant, I heard it was finally shut down after continued.

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03:28:52.220 --> 03:28:56.040  
It was sold by Ford, the Chrysler, and now it's shut down.

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03:28:56.140 --> 03:28:58.120  
So I don't know if there's anything there anymore.

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03:28:58.500 --> 03:29:02.120  
Uh, there, there may not be. This that was,

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03:29:02.190 --> 03:29:04.840  
this is kinda making the point that this is where they were built.

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03:29:04.950 --> 03:29:05.720  
They're trying to

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03:29:05.720 --> 03:29:07.080  
Save park. Oh, they are?

3104  
03:29:07.230 --> 03:29:12.160  
Yeah. Yeah. Another new candidate city is Huntsville,

3105  
03:29:12.190 --> 03:29:16.720  
Alabama. Um, what, I went there on a business trip, uh,

3106  
03:29:16.720 --> 03:29:21.320  
just recently. And, uh, lo and behold, there's a Sheraton Hotel in the airport.

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03:29:21.560 --> 03:29:24.400  
I thought, wow, that's kind of interesting. It's,

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03:29:24.640 --> 03:29:26.040  
I think that's gonna work in Hartford.

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03:29:26.100 --> 03:29:29.120  
So maybe we should think about that for Huntsville. Uh,

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03:29:29.170 --> 03:29:31.600  
Huntsville is a couple hours outside of Atlanta,

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03:29:31.860 --> 03:29:35.480  
so you also can fly into Atlanta and drive. Um,

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03:29:35.780 --> 03:29:37.760  
it is the home of, uh,

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03:29:38.030 --> 03:29:42.640  
army aviation and missiles and rockets and space. Uh,

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03:29:42.640 --> 03:29:45.960  
there's a big, uh, space center there. Um,

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03:29:45.990 --> 03:29:50.760  
it's also where they took the German scientists after World War

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03:29:50.820 --> 03:29:54.560  
ii, settled them in Huntsville and had them working on rockets.

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03:29:54.560 --> 03:29:59.240  
So there's a big German community there. Kind of an interesting mix.  
Uh,

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03:29:59.260 --> 03:30:03.720  
and then, uh, back on this year as a candidate is, uh, Monterey,  
California.

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03:30:04.420 --> 03:30:09.240  
Uh, we've, uh, we've tried to go east coast, west coast, uh,

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03:30:09.640 --> 03:30:14.360  
occasionally, and then center last year. We're West coast, uh, this year.

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03:30:14.940 --> 03:30:18.720  
Uh, we're east coast. We're center next year. Uh,

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03:30:19.490 --> 03:30:22.490  
I think you all have copies of the map that show where our members are.

3123  
03:30:23.150 --> 03:30:25.770  
We have 42 members in California.

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03:30:26.110 --> 03:30:30.490  
So going to California has, you know, has some appeal from the majority,

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03:30:30.790 --> 03:30:33.010  
the large number of members there. You know,

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03:30:33.010 --> 03:30:38.010  
we also have Florida as a candidate. We've done Texas, uh, not too long ago.

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03:30:38.010 --> 03:30:39.620  
So we don't currently have a candidate there.

3128  
03:30:39.680 --> 03:30:42.980  
But we're trying to give you choices that, you know, will,

3129  
03:30:42.980 --> 03:30:45.620  
will allow us to go to the members. So those are the six cities.

3130  
03:30:46.240 --> 03:30:50.420  
I'm gonna run through 'em again. Oops. Omaha, Orlando,

3131  
03:30:51.520 --> 03:30:54.820  
new Orleans, Dearborn, Huntsville,

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03:30:55.680 --> 03:31:00.460

and Monterey Voting. You're allowed One vote yes.

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03:31:01.120 --> 03:31:04.660

One vote on, uh, it's by a show of hands, the first vote,

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03:31:05.160 --> 03:31:09.420

we eliminate the bottom three cities. We will vote,

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03:31:09.550 --> 03:31:11.220

we'll count 'em. And, uh,

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03:31:11.370 --> 03:31:15.660

then the bottom three cities will take out and the second vote selects the

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03:31:15.660 --> 03:31:17.060

finals. So

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03:31:19.670 --> 03:31:23.670

Jim's gonna help me count. He's doing the counting.

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03:31:24.130 --> 03:31:26.430

How many would like to go to Omaha, Nebraska?

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03:31:29.240 --> 03:31:30.990

Raise your hand please. Nice and high

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03:31:32.620 --> 03:31:34.310

Numbers. Just the first time.

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03:31:35.380 --> 03:31:37.590

Yeah. Anybody here in the room can vote? Anybody

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03:31:37.590 --> 03:31:40.950

In the room can vote nice and tall. Hold your hand up nice and high.

3144  
03:31:42.340 --> 03:31:43.173  
Okay.

3145  
03:31:51.100 --> 03:31:52.230  
Okay. Put your hands down

3146  
03:31:52.250 --> 03:31:53.750  
Please. Orlando, Florida.

3147  
03:31:57.220 --> 03:32:01.510  
This is gonna become our new National Capital Region. No votes.

3148  
03:32:03.210 --> 03:32:06.830  
No Orleans, new Orleans, Louisiana. Wonderful.

3149  
03:32:06.830 --> 03:32:08.350  
Louisiana. Hands

3150  
03:32:08.380 --> 03:32:09.390  
Nice and high for no. Orleans.

3151  
03:32:14.540 --> 03:32:18.630  
Nine. Okay,

3152  
03:32:19.540 --> 03:32:20.373  
good.

3153  
03:32:20.950 --> 03:32:21.870  
Airborne. Michigan.

3154  
03:32:22.180 --> 03:32:23.430  
Nice and high. Your Dearborn,

3155  
03:32:24.070 --> 03:32:24.903  
Dearborn.

3156  
03:32:26.080 --> 03:32:27.790

Hands are up. Going, going, gone.

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03:32:28.790 --> 03:32:31.550

I got one. I see it. I gotcha.

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03:32:32.660 --> 03:32:34.030

Okay. Huntsville, Alabama.

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03:32:34.540 --> 03:32:35.870

Nice. High for Huntsville.

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03:32:40.220 --> 03:32:41.053

Okay.

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03:32:41.890 --> 03:32:43.150

And Monterey? California.

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03:32:44.280 --> 03:32:46.070

California. We're driving California.

3163

03:32:51.860 --> 03:32:53.430

Well, we're kind of swinging the boat here.

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03:32:54.780 --> 03:32:56.630

Nice and high. One hand only. I

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03:32:56.650 --> 03:32:57.483

Saw that.

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03:33:11.580 --> 03:33:12.510

Okay, so what do we got?

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03:33:21.200 --> 03:33:22.033

Three top.

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03:33:23.050 --> 03:33:27.910

The three top voter vote getters are California at Monterey,

3169  
03:33:29.270 --> 03:33:32.550  
Omaha, and Orlando. So now your choice is,

3170  
03:33:37.300 --> 03:33:40.700  
I didn't vote for it. Nobody for it. New Orleans. Okay. New Orleans.

3171  
03:33:40.890 --> 03:33:43.980  
It's New Orleans. Really? So we got Omaha.

3172  
03:33:44.960 --> 03:33:49.060  
New Orleans is your second choice. And Monterey.

3173  
03:33:50.890 --> 03:33:52.100  
Okay, so we

3174  
03:33:52.100 --> 03:33:55.660  
Get music. Do we get music with the boat? Like California here?

3175  
03:33:55.660 --> 03:33:56.330  
You're very common.

3176  
03:33:56.330 --> 03:34:00.340  
Well, we can, we can try that. Alright,

3177  
03:34:01.720 --> 03:34:05.500  
now that you've had a moment to reflect, how many would like to go to  
Omaha,

3178  
03:34:05.700 --> 03:34:06.533  
Nebraska?

3179  
03:34:08.370 --> 03:34:10.060  
Okay. Nice and high. Steady.

3180  
03:34:20.080 --> 03:34:24.660  
You guys. Just raise your hand. Y'all hands up. Leave them up. Make  
your,

3181  
03:34:24.850 --> 03:34:25.860  
this is the last count.

3182  
03:34:31.920 --> 03:34:36.220  
Say everybody hands up. Hands up. Hands up. Omaha, leave your arm up.  
One arm.

3183  
03:34:36.230 --> 03:34:40.380  
Thank you, Omaha. Nice and high. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. I

3184  
03:34:40.380 --> 03:34:41.213  
Haven't.

3185  
03:34:44.060 --> 03:34:44.900  
Phyllis. Oh,

3186  
03:34:48.300 --> 03:34:49.133  
Omaha,

3187  
03:34:54.670 --> 03:34:55.503  
Thank you.

3188  
03:34:58.330 --> 03:35:00.220  
Okay. New Orleans, Louisiana,

3189  
03:35:11.490 --> 03:35:13.350  
and Monterey, California.

3190  
03:35:13.940 --> 03:35:15.230  
Mask them high. Leave them up.

3191  
03:35:25.810 --> 03:35:26.030  
Are

3192  
03:35:26.030 --> 03:35:27.070  
You just fixing your hair or you,

3193

03:35:31.050 --> 03:35:31.990  
Is that somebody you know?

3194  
03:35:36.730 --> 03:35:39.670  
What's that? Keep your hands high again. Last double count. What we got.

3195  
03:35:41.470 --> 03:35:42.303  
Monterey?

3196  
03:35:42.410 --> 03:35:43.243  
Yes,

3197  
03:35:52.040 --> 03:35:52.873  
Right here.

3198  
03:35:57.300 --> 03:36:00.830  
Okay. The vote is New Orleans. Uh,

3199  
03:36:01.350 --> 03:36:04.470  
a distant third as it turned out at nine. Uh,

3200  
03:36:05.590 --> 03:36:09.790  
Monterey at 19 in Omaha. 21.

3201  
03:36:11.930 --> 03:36:14.110  
We are gonna go to Omaha, Nebraska.

3202  
03:36:14.500 --> 03:36:15.333  
Alright,

3203  
03:36:16.810 --> 03:36:21.590  
Now you can go there anytime in the summer up till about October.

3204  
03:36:21.770 --> 03:36:23.430  
And then after that, you don't want to go to

3205  
03:36:25.590 --> 03:36:26.423

December.

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03:36:27.500 --> 03:36:29.830

Okay? So that's our Canada City.

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03:36:31.130 --> 03:36:34.790

Now I'll mention that I did take two cities off and replace them.

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03:36:35.080 --> 03:36:38.820

We took off the National Capital region cuz for five years it hadn't gotten one

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03:36:38.820 --> 03:36:42.220

boat. And even though there's a lot to do there.

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03:36:42.220 --> 03:36:44.940

And then we took off Salt Lake City, Utah,

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03:36:45.110 --> 03:36:49.140

cause of the elevation and the challenges re related to that.

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03:36:49.680 --> 03:36:51.540

So those are the two that came off.

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03:36:51.920 --> 03:36:55.700

And you saw the two new ones that we're in there. Okay. Uh,

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03:36:55.760 --> 03:36:58.300

that's all the business we have scheduled.

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03:36:59.160 --> 03:37:03.740

Is there any anything else that we need to cover last minute?

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03:37:03.990 --> 03:37:08.300

Other than the schedule? Okay. The meeting of the turn.

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03:37:09.510 --> 03:37:12.340

Don't go anywhere cause Jim's gonna review the schedule real quick.

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03:37:17.130 --> 03:37:18.740

Okay. Let's talk about today's schedule.

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03:37:20.460 --> 03:37:23.180

A few minor wording changes from what has printed,

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03:37:23.400 --> 03:37:27.580

but the bus leaves at 1130 for the front lobby. We are not taking, uh,

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03:37:27.840 --> 03:37:32.460

groups of 10 at one time. On the hotel shuttle, we are taking one bus.

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03:37:33.000 --> 03:37:36.380

So be on the bus at 1130 departure, 1130 departure.

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03:37:37.680 --> 03:37:40.500

If for some reason you missed the bus, it's only eight minutes away,

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03:37:40.680 --> 03:37:44.980

the shuttle from the hotel could take you over. But again, we're taking one bus,

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03:37:45.160 --> 03:37:49.340

not two, just one big bus. Any abled body bodied,

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03:37:50.010 --> 03:37:54.060

male strong guys that we are, uh, if there's a standing,

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03:37:54.300 --> 03:37:57.020

a need for standing room asking you guys to stand in the aisle.

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03:38:01.730 --> 03:38:02.900

Okay. Good evening everybody.

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03:38:05.380 --> 03:38:08.860

I didn't want to start until the spotlights were all, you know, they were on me.

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03:38:08.920 --> 03:38:09.820

It was all about me.

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03:38:13.220 --> 03:38:14.780

I can't see a thing out of this.

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03:38:16.480 --> 03:38:19.500

I'm gonna be half blind by the time we're done here. Well,

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03:38:19.500 --> 03:38:21.700

welcome to our dinner this evening. Uh,

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03:38:22.060 --> 03:38:25.540

I think we're gonna have a good dinner and a good program. Uh,

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03:38:25.840 --> 03:38:30.380

you may have noticed that we've had folks join us since the last time we

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03:38:30.640 --> 03:38:34.780

got together, even this morning. Um, and I'll,

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03:38:34.880 --> 03:38:37.860

I'm not gonna do these in any particular order, but, uh,

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03:38:37.890 --> 03:38:40.220

Rick and Rory arrived just as we,

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03:38:40.480 --> 03:38:43.620

the good friends arrived just as we were departing from the museum.

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03:38:47.040 --> 03:38:48.820

And, and they were so happy to be here.

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03:38:48.860 --> 03:38:50.540

I don't know what it took 'em to get here,

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03:38:50.600 --> 03:38:53.740

but they were really pleased to get here. So, uh, welcome.

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03:38:53.830 --> 03:38:57.500

We're glad to see you again. Um, we have,

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03:38:58.030 --> 03:39:02.820

let's see here. Uh, Lori Betis, where's Lori at? Okay,

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03:39:03.180 --> 03:39:04.740

Laurie, stand up.

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03:39:08.480 --> 03:39:12.980

And she kind of showed up this morning at the business meeting and Jim was

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03:39:13.080 --> 03:39:17.580

giving her a hard time already. I I thought that's really interesting. You know,

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03:39:17.580 --> 03:39:19.900

something. I don't know you wanna say anything? Laurie,

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03:39:21.880 --> 03:39:22.940

her mother will be here tomorrow.

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03:39:33.190 --> 03:39:34.023

Great.

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03:39:37.000 --> 03:39:41.380

And, uh, right in front of me, just feet away.

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03:39:41.740 --> 03:39:45.380

I could reach out and touch her. Is Sam. And I'm not,

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03:39:45.460 --> 03:39:49.900

I don't know that I figured out what your last name was. She's Sandy's,

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03:39:50.480 --> 03:39:54.140

uh, Sandy Comstock's granddaughter. And what?

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03:39:55.000 --> 03:39:59.780

And your great-granddaughter. So you are welcome to join us. She's,

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03:40:00.150 --> 03:40:02.300

she's, uh, filling in the contingent.

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03:40:02.680 --> 03:40:06.540

We needed a 13 in between our Tann and our 16. So she's just,

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03:40:06.630 --> 03:40:11.180

she's just right. So, we'll, we'll be glad to have her here.

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03:40:13.760 --> 03:40:15.780

And whatever you do, don't call her Samantha.

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03:40:18.850 --> 03:40:20.420

Okay. Um,

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03:40:20.970 --> 03:40:25.100

also joining us are Anita Ferraro and Steve Ferraro.

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03:40:26.170 --> 03:40:30.540

Okay. They're, They're actually not sitting together.

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03:40:30.570 --> 03:40:34.420

That must be a seating problem. We have. Uh,

3264

03:40:35.450 --> 03:40:38.620

yeah. You see each other often enough. Uh,

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03:40:38.810 --> 03:40:42.780

they are not new to the reunion. It's just been a while since we've seen them.

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03:40:43.420 --> 03:40:48.260

I think we decided the last reunion you were at was in Savannah, is that right?

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03:40:48.800 --> 03:40:53.660

Dayton. Wow. And, and Dayton before that. So, uh, that they,

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03:40:53.660 --> 03:40:56.140

they've been around a while. And, uh,

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03:40:58.440 --> 03:41:03.170

they, your father, your husband were members of the same crew that,

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03:41:04.150 --> 03:41:08.210

uh, uh, Harold Veto was on. Right.

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03:41:08.910 --> 03:41:10.690

So that, that's how, that's that connection.

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03:41:11.550 --> 03:41:16.330

And then joining us in time for pictures, a very stylish entrance, you know,

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03:41:16.790 --> 03:41:18.010

was, is, uh,

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03:41:18.040 --> 03:41:22.210

Colonel Peter Ram Betsy and his son Peter.

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03:41:24.630 --> 03:41:25.463

And

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03:41:29.880 --> 03:41:33.290

this is your first reunion, is it not? Yep. And, uh,

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03:41:33.290 --> 03:41:35.890

they live an hour or so away from here. So we,

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03:41:36.000 --> 03:41:39.770

they were able to join us for dinner and, uh, be with us, uh, this evening.

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03:41:40.830 --> 03:41:42.050

Uh, uh,

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03:41:43.440 --> 03:41:47.700

you want to talk about how you're related to the 93rd for me?

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03:41:58.460 --> 03:41:59.660

I was assigned, uh,

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03:41:59.830 --> 03:42:03.780

shift overseas on the Queen Elizabeth with 13,

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03:42:04.090 --> 03:42:08.860

15,000 other guys. And, uh, when we got to, uh,

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03:42:10.400 --> 03:42:11.300

You got 30 seconds

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03:42:14.060 --> 03:42:14.893

Finished then.

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03:42:20.010 --> 03:42:21.500

Okay. So, uh, then, uh,

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03:42:21.500 --> 03:42:25.820

we went into Glasgow Garden and then we shipped down south.

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03:42:25.840 --> 03:42:29.900

And next thing I know was that I was at hardware. And, uh,

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03:42:30.380 --> 03:42:32.100

I was lucky to get into that outfit.

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03:42:32.720 --> 03:42:37.380

And I assigned for the three 30th and after to doing so many missions from the

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03:42:37.380 --> 03:42:41.180

three 30th. Suddenly they reactivated the three 29th.

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03:42:41.200 --> 03:42:43.780

And I got shipped over there to get that on my feet.

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03:42:44.280 --> 03:42:47.740

And I don't know why they thought I could do it, but anyway, and, uh,

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03:42:47.850 --> 03:42:51.340

flew from there and I became a lead crew throughout,

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03:42:52.200 --> 03:42:55.220

did my 30 missions came home. And, uh,

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03:42:55.220 --> 03:42:57.860

that's how I became with the 93rd. Yeah.

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03:43:09.430 --> 03:43:13.940

We're, we're pleased you could join us. And, uh, you're welcome. And, uh,

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03:43:14.560 --> 03:43:18.020

you're among friends here. Believe me. I hope

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03:43:22.820 --> 03:43:24.220

nobody's gonna take your wallet.

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03:43:26.440 --> 03:43:31.260

At least not un not forcibly. We might ask you to volunteer. Give somewhere.

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03:43:32.570 --> 03:43:34.540

There's not a lot of flack around.

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03:43:34.540 --> 03:43:35.373  
Here

3303  
03:43:39.360 --> 03:43:40.780  
we go. Lease. You know,

3304  
03:43:42.890 --> 03:43:44.060  
He's gonna upstage me.

3305  
03:43:46.220 --> 03:43:47.980  
I could get those spotlights turned around.

3306  
03:43:51.040 --> 03:43:55.540  
And I have one more name on here and, uh, I'm not sure who who it is.

3307  
03:43:55.540 --> 03:43:58.900  
It's Jake, so, oh, that's right.

3308  
03:43:59.600 --> 03:44:04.060  
That's Vernon Swing's grandson. Is it Jake? Is that right?

3309  
03:44:04.920 --> 03:44:07.860  
Uh, Blake. Blake. I knew that. I did.

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03:44:08.260 --> 03:44:09.700  
I couldn't remember Jake. So

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03:44:10.170 --> 03:44:11.003  
This is Blake.

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03:44:15.320 --> 03:44:18.260  
Uh, you wanna tell us where you're from? Blake? Um, I'm

3313  
03:44:18.260 --> 03:44:22.620  
From California. Um, but I'm living in Washington DC right now. Um,

3314  
03:44:22.840 --> 03:44:25.860

and yes, I am the grandson of, uh, Fern over here.

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03:44:26.120 --> 03:44:28.580

So I am pleased to be here and nice to meet everyone.

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03:44:29.030 --> 03:44:29.863

Thank you. Great.

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03:44:39.450 --> 03:44:44.220

Instead of prepared the food tonight that is going to nourish all of our bodies.

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03:44:44.880 --> 03:44:47.260

We ask all of this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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03:44:47.930 --> 03:44:48.763

Amen.

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03:44:51.890 --> 03:44:55.420

Okay, Jim, do you have any instructions on how the, how the meal's gonna work?

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03:44:55.520 --> 03:44:56.353

Yes, I do.

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03:44:58.530 --> 03:44:58.820

Good

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03:44:58.820 --> 03:45:01.220

To go. I lost my boys. We're going to, uh,

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03:45:01.220 --> 03:45:03.340

everything is set up out in the hallway in the mezzanine.

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03:45:03.340 --> 03:45:05.660

So we're gonna start from this side. Go out the

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03:45:05.660 --> 03:45:06.493

Doorway here,

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03:45:06.920 --> 03:45:07.753

Get your meeting,

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03:45:08.840 --> 03:45:13.250

this other group serving both sides of the buffet table.

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03:45:13.910 --> 03:45:16.650

Uh, it's a wonderful, uh, dinner. So please this table first,

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03:45:16.670 --> 03:45:18.090

if you would go out, out and around

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03:45:23.150 --> 03:45:23.983

You.

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03:45:52.370 --> 03:45:54.300

Okay. Let's get settled in your seats, please.

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03:46:03.150 --> 03:46:05.820

Thank you, Fernley. Well,

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03:46:05.840 --> 03:46:10.700

I'm extremely pleased to introduce a man who spent many years with Pratt and

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03:46:10.700 --> 03:46:14.900

Whitney. One of our, uh, main goals in coming to the Hartford area,

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03:46:15.320 --> 03:46:18.540

era area was to, uh, uh, be in,

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03:46:18.600 --> 03:46:20.340

in the close proximity of Pratt and Whitney,

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03:46:20.360 --> 03:46:24.660

who was a manufacturer of the engines for the B 24. Unfortunately,

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03:46:24.660 --> 03:46:27.220

we are not able to get to a tour of the manufacturing plant,

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03:46:27.400 --> 03:46:30.100

but the president and ceo, David Hess,

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03:46:30.100 --> 03:46:34.020

was kind enough to allow their historian, excuse me.

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03:46:34.240 --> 03:46:38.780

And again, a man that has worked there at the company for his program director,

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03:46:38.840 --> 03:46:41.580

uh, in the sales engineering groups for many years,

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03:46:41.720 --> 03:46:44.380

and is really the resident expert on the engine. So,

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03:46:44.890 --> 03:46:48.740

Jack Connors is here to, uh, talk a little bit about the engine.

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03:46:48.740 --> 03:46:51.740

He's had some handoffs on the tables to look at. And again,

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03:46:51.740 --> 03:46:55.220

I'll let him introduce himself. And I'm pleased to, uh, to have Jack, uh,

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03:46:55.340 --> 03:46:56.173

Connors with us tonight.

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03:46:56.630 --> 03:46:57.463

Thank you very much.

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03:46:58.610 --> 03:47:00.100

This microphone should work for you.

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03:47:02.930 --> 03:47:07.820

Okay. That's really an honor for me to be here tonight. I feel so humble,

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03:47:08.080 --> 03:47:12.540

uh, cause I, uh, in World War II, 1942,

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03:47:12.660 --> 03:47:17.420

I enlisted in the Army Air Corps wanted to be a pilot cuz nothing like being a

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03:47:17.420 --> 03:47:20.820

pilot. Alright, so what happened?

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03:47:21.020 --> 03:47:25.740

I find out I'm a colorblind. I'm, I'm dyslexic. And, uh,

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03:47:26.680 --> 03:47:30.820

if it wasn't for the commanding officer there, I never, I went, went into, uh,

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03:47:30.920 --> 03:47:34.580

become a weather forecaster after that. And, you know,

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03:47:34.580 --> 03:47:36.540

you know how wrong a weather forecaster is.

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03:47:39.330 --> 03:47:40.780

I've been wrong so many times.

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03:47:42.730 --> 03:47:47.140

It's not a disaster because that qualified me to be a husband.

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03:47:47.760 --> 03:47:49.980

I'm used to being, I'm used to being wrong,

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03:47:51.250 --> 03:47:52.140

Even I'm right.

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03:47:57.400 --> 03:48:00.900

So you look, see, I'm a Irish extraction a hundred percent.

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03:48:01.680 --> 03:48:03.860

You're looking at the luckiest guy in the world.

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03:48:03.970 --> 03:48:08.780

I've had so many wonderful things happen to me. I, when I, uh, first I,

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03:48:09.100 --> 03:48:13.260

I could not, uh, be a pilot, became a weather officer. And then, uh,

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03:48:14.480 --> 03:48:15.313

on, uh,

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03:48:15.340 --> 03:48:20.220

I think it was August 14th, 1945 and the Rapid City,

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South Dakota all ready to go to, uh,

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China for,

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03:48:25.460 --> 03:48:30.220

for forecast weather for the flights into Japan for the invasion of

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Japan. And then all of a sudden, we're all ready to go.

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03:48:34.240 --> 03:48:37.300

And the commanding officer says, you guys are not going any place.

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03:48:37.330 --> 03:48:40.100

It's all over two ADR bombs that did the job.

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03:48:40.720 --> 03:48:45.500

So whenever I hear someone complain about the atomic bomb, I say, I,

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03:48:45.740 --> 03:48:50.220

I saw nothing wrong that saved my life. Okay,

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03:48:50.280 --> 03:48:53.020

that's oh two light. Geez. Get back.

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03:48:53.140 --> 03:48:57.300

A little guy like me doesn't talk like this. Uh, I,

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03:48:57.860 --> 03:49:00.820

I talked to, uh, Jim sometime ago, and, uh,

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03:49:01.560 --> 03:49:06.460

he wanted me to talk about something about, uh, Pratt and Whitney.

And, uh,

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03:49:06.560 --> 03:49:10.620

the 1830 engine, that's one of the Pratt Pratt Whitney's best engines.

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03:49:10.850 --> 03:49:15.340

They made 175,000 of them in production. And, uh,

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03:49:15.370 --> 03:49:19.860

talking about Mr. Wrencher, those are the three things I want you  
tore.

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03:49:20.140 --> 03:49:22.980

Remember tonight, I'll, I'll go through them as we go on.

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And you notice in the handout,

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03:49:25.520 --> 03:49:30.300

my great granddaughter says she loves Army Air Corps boys.

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03:49:32.390 --> 03:49:37.140

She's a little sweetheart. So, I'll, I'll start in here.

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This,

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this will not be a high powered technical discussion because of the,

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03:49:43.060 --> 03:49:47.940

the mixture of the audience. And, uh, what I will try to do is,

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uh, get through something in about a half an hour,

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03:49:50.360 --> 03:49:52.380

and then I'm gonna stay here as long as you want.

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Anybody want de detailed questions and, uh, things like that. But, uh,

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the focus would primarily be on the 1830. And, uh, well, let's,

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let's get started. First of all,

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be surprised how many people confuse, uh,

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Francis Pratt and Amos Whitney with the engine company.

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These guys had nothing to do with their aircraft engines. Uh,

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Fran Francis Pratt and Amos Whitney used to work,

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03:50:22.120 --> 03:50:26.220  
uh, for Colt Manufacturing, making guns. And, uh,

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03:50:26.220 --> 03:50:29.260  
the time period is the Civil War. In 1860,

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03:50:29.510 --> 03:50:33.980  
those two young machinists got together and formed the famous Pratt  
Whitney

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03:50:34.610 --> 03:50:38.980  
Company. They manufactured precision making machines.

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03:50:39.800 --> 03:50:43.740  
Now, remember Eli Whitney, he, uh, was the engineers,

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03:50:43.820 --> 03:50:47.020  
I think around 1790. He graduated from Yale,

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03:50:47.560 --> 03:50:52.100  
and he's credited besides the cotton, cotton gin, he's credited with,  
uh,

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03:50:53.200 --> 03:50:55.700  
the, uh, ability to, uh,

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03:50:56.090 --> 03:51:00.940  
manufacture large numbers by spreading the, the work around. In other  
words,

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03:51:01.680 --> 03:51:06.020  
before, uh, Eli Whitney, uh, uh,

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03:51:06.180 --> 03:51:09.740  
a gun manufacturer, he'd make the whole thing, the, the wooden parts,

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03:51:09.760 --> 03:51:14.100  
the metal parts, everything. And, uh, Eli Whitney says,

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03:51:14.140 --> 03:51:17.220  
well have somebody do the wooden parts. Someone else do the trigger part,

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03:51:17.280 --> 03:51:20.460  
the barrel, and all this kind of stuff, ma then we have mass production.

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03:51:21.240 --> 03:51:24.620  
Now that was right. When you get all the parts into the assembly room,

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03:51:25.120 --> 03:51:27.140  
you find out that they don't always go together.

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03:51:28.080 --> 03:51:32.660  
So they have a group called the fitters, F I t T E R S, the fitters.

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03:51:32.660 --> 03:51:36.700  
They have little files and they take the parts that are too big and they file a

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03:51:36.700 --> 03:51:39.340  
little here and there. Enough things can go together.

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03:51:40.240 --> 03:51:44.380  
Now things change with, uh,

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03:51:44.380 --> 03:51:45.980  
Francis Pratt and Aus Whitney,

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03:51:46.530 --> 03:51:50.860  
they decided we could machine within one 50000th of an inch

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03:51:52.450 --> 03:51:57.020  
unheard of in 1860. So they actually did those kinds of things.

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They were so good that the German,

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the Maza rifle and the 18 hundreds,

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03:52:07.730 --> 03:52:12.260

they had the Germans to bring that over here to have these guys  
machine it

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03:52:12.490 --> 03:52:16.140

because the Germans could not do it. And, uh,

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their company lasted about till 1900 because Francis Pratt died.

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And then Amos Whitney stayed on for a little while, but then they,

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they sold the company to Niles Beaman Pond, a a big, uh,

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big company. And I think the,

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03:52:33.440 --> 03:52:37.780

the Pratt Whitney division of that big company of outta business in  
the late

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fifties, early sixties. But they, they,

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03:52:41.970 --> 03:52:43.420

they were known from all over the world.

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03:52:44.720 --> 03:52:47.220

So now you know that they have nothing to do with aviation.

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03:52:49.970 --> 03:52:52.340

That, that, that's a shock, I suppose. But, uh,

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03:52:55.080 --> 03:52:58.220

now let me, before I go to Ensler,

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03:53:01.490 --> 03:53:06.260

logically after threat, maybe I should give you the Ula story too, uh,

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Mr. Ensler. And, uh, I'll, I'll,

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03:53:11.220 --> 03:53:14.460

I'll hold the 1820, uh, technical stuff later,

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cuz some people not perhaps not interested and he can go. But that's all right.

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Uh, here's the story in Wrencher. Uh, he,

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his father came from Germany. His father came over at age eight.

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And, uh, he's, uh, within a short time, he became an orphan, a man of,

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uh, a young fellow of tremendous, uh, uh, ambition.

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Uh, and he, uh, had, uh,

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03:53:44.100 --> 03:53:48.900

I think about four sons. Uh, the oldest, I think was George.

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The second one was Frederick. Frederick is Frederick Resler,

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who went on to found the Pratt Whitney. And, uh,

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you, you can see the how, uh, smart, uh,

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eventually was he, uh,

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in 1917 when the war started World War I, he rushed,

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uh, uh, to enlist in the Army. And they, as,

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because of his experience in business,

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they assigned him to work, uh,

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representing the government for the manufacturer of his spano Suza engines for

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the French, as you remember, the, the Spad airplane had that engine.

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And, uh, at the, after the war,

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the people that put Wright Martin together, they, uh,

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were so impressed with Mr. Ensler, who was a captain in the, uh,

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army Air Service. They asked him, when you get out of the, uh, air service,

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how would you like to head up a new engine company we're forming?

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It's called right Aeronautical. So he says, yeah, he, he'd go along with that.

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He waited until he got out. Uh, he was a man of ex the,

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03:55:00.100 --> 03:55:02.220

with the ability to size up talent,

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03:55:02.880 --> 03:55:07.540

he selected six guys at, uh, the Wright Martin Company. He says,

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03:55:07.720 --> 03:55:10.580

why don't you join me at Wright Aeronautical? And they, they stayed with him.

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03:55:11.570 --> 03:55:14.500

Well, right. A oops, holy Moses, Jesus,

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I wake up at anybody. Okay?

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03:55:22.730 --> 03:55:26.420

Yeah. Cause that's just keep, keep the old guy on, on target here.

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So, uh, Mr. Ela, uh,

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was so enthusiastic here that, uh,

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03:55:37.760 --> 03:55:42.700  
was manufacturing liquid cooled engines. See, that was the thing that,

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03:55:42.800 --> 03:55:47.380  
uh, most people, uh, thought was the way to go with aircraft engines.

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03:55:48.010 --> 03:55:51.180  
They, they took the technology from the automobiles,

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03:55:51.450 --> 03:55:54.980  
lightened it up cuz it was too heavy. And, uh,

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03:55:55.850 --> 03:56:00.340  
they pursued that. And of course, the British did that in spades.

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The, the top of the line of an air, a liquid cool engine is, is the  
Rolls-Royce,

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03:56:05.300 --> 03:56:09.100  
Maryland. And you saw that in the, the lobby of the New England Air  
Museum.

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03:56:11.430 --> 03:56:14.400  
Alright? Right. So let's see where the old man is now he,

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03:56:15.180 --> 03:56:19.440  
can he find his place here? That's one thing about Irish.

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03:56:19.500 --> 03:56:24.080  
You don't take yourself too seriously. So where is,

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03:56:24.080 --> 03:56:28.520  
where is he? He's talking about, uh, Mr.

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03:56:28.520 --> 03:56:29.640  
Richland now, uh,

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03:56:30.580 --> 03:56:35.080  
is approached by Admiral Moffitt of the US Navy,

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03:56:35.820 --> 03:56:38.920  
and Moffitt tells him that he just saw a,

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03:56:39.360 --> 03:56:41.000  
a fellow by the name of Charles Lawrence,

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03:56:41.860 --> 03:56:46.080  
who is showing him a nine cylinder aircooled engine, radial engine.

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03:56:47.100 --> 03:56:50.320  
And it looks good. But the problem is, uh,

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03:56:50.390 --> 03:56:54.760  
Charles Lawrence does not have a company to develop it. So, Mr.  
Enslar,

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03:56:54.760 --> 03:56:57.880  
would you as president to write aeronautical,

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03:56:57.880 --> 03:57:01.960  
would you take on the development of this engine? So he, he does,

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03:57:02.340 --> 03:57:04.320  
and he has his top, uh, engineers,

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03:57:04.620 --> 03:57:09.280  
George Mead and Andy Wil Goose work on the engine to make it, uh,

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03:57:09.350 --> 03:57:11.400  
airworthy and things like that. Now,

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03:57:11.400 --> 03:57:15.840

that became the first model of the whirlwind engine for right aeronautical.

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03:57:17.260 --> 03:57:22.020

And now the, the next thing that happens is it, uh,

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03:57:24.080 --> 03:57:29.060

that's not the end of the line. Uh, wrench. The seas,

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03:57:29.650 --> 03:57:33.820

look, this is a darn good engine. It's lighter than the liquid cold. It's more,

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could be made more reliable, but nobi in the might, right? Mine wants it,

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put an engine in a commercial airplane because it's too risky.

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03:57:43.920 --> 03:57:48.140

And I can tell you a true story about, uh, 1934.

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See, I was born in 1923, so I was just a little over 10 years old.

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Uh, uh, they had a barnstorming, uh,

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pilot that came by and offered rides.

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03:58:02.360 --> 03:58:05.900

So my father immediately got tickets for me. My mother said no.

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Then the last minute she says, well, we might as well all die together. So,

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03:58:10.720 --> 03:58:14.140

so she went on board. She was scared to death, but that's how most people felt.

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But, uh,

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03:58:16.320 --> 03:58:21.300

you wouldn't fly commercial cuz there was so many acrobatic accidents

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03:58:21.320 --> 03:58:24.460

and things like that. A lot of crashes in that time period.

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03:58:24.600 --> 03:58:27.220

So most family people, you know,

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03:58:27.310 --> 03:58:31.260

don't wanna rescue the life of your family. So, Mr.

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03:58:31.260 --> 03:58:34.540

Wrencher thought about that, and he said,

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if we can put a lot of money into developing a dependable

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03:58:40.140 --> 03:58:44.260

engine, then we can have a huge market in commercial aviation.

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So, but the, the board of directors at Wright Aeronautical at that time,

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03:58:50.370 --> 03:58:55.140

were not interested in making a big investment in waiting 10 years for the

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03:58:55.140 --> 03:58:59.700

payoff they want one next year or the year after. So, Mr.

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03:58:59.980 --> 03:59:03.900

Enslar got very upset with them, and he decided he's, he's gonna resign.

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03:59:05.280 --> 03:59:08.460

And, uh, his, the six people he took from Wright Martin,

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they went with him and, uh, he founded Pratt and Whitney.

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And, uh, the, he borrowed money from the Pratt Whitney company,

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the Pratt Whitney division of that, uh, big company that bought the,

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the older gentleman out. So, uh, he, his,

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the name Pratt Whitney was known all over the world for the precision

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03:59:30.530 --> 03:59:32.780

manufacturing and, uh, accuracy.

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03:59:33.400 --> 03:59:38.380

So he took their name Pratt Whitney Aircraft. So now he has instant,

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03:59:38.520 --> 03:59:43.220

uh, hope everything's okay. No, you're good.

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03:59:44.200 --> 03:59:47.340

You're doing good. Make sure

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03:59:49.480 --> 03:59:50.740

I'm just a little guy. The little,

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03:59:50.760 --> 03:59:55.660

you don't need the big camera for the guy in my size. Okay,

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03:59:55.690 --> 04:00:00.580

well, so the next thing move is like, God, he takes his chance.

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So, uh, he, he, he left. Okay,

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04:00:06.540 --> 04:00:11.020

I appreciate this. I'm halfway through my 90th year, so, uh,

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God has been good to me.

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04:00:21.320 --> 04:00:26.140

I'm taking nourishment. Uh, so let's see,

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where are we here?

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So the things are moving along pretty well, me, my,

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don't worry about it. So, uh, yeah,

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04:00:35.180 --> 04:00:39.260

I look at the wrong darn notes and one of these I screwed up here.

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Okay? Now, uh,

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I was talking about Redler founding Prat Whitty with, with George Mead.

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And, uh, they designed the wasp engine. Now, in the handout you have,

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if you have a magnifying glass,

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you can see how ambitious it was to develop a new

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aircooled engine with reliability. The, the, the,

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well, Mr. W Ensler's wife heard the engine running and she said,

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it sounds like a wasp. So would you believe they named the engine the wasp

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04:01:15.510 --> 04:01:18.380

Smart man who ever thought of that one? Get the boss's wife.

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04:01:20.890 --> 04:01:22.860

There's no smart people that pack what you know.

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04:01:24.200 --> 04:01:28.940

So the next thing happens is the, the engine's doing very well. And, uh,

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04:01:30.800 --> 04:01:35.060

now we come, we come to, uh, I would say, uh,

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uh, well, cause the, I I joined the, uh,

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after World War ii, I joined Pratt Whitney in 1948. And, uh,

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I'm all jet engines. Piston engines were, were,

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were sent back, uh, up to Canada.

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PR Whitney of Canada took over the piston engines.

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So none of us engineers at fought 1948 knew anything about jet engines.

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I mean, I'm sorry, we about the press piston engines,

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we all focused on jet engines. That was the romance. Now,

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but really when you look back on aviation piston engines

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develop the romance of aviation, uh, you, you,

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you have to be a,

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I would say a better engineer on piston engines than you do on gas turbines.

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So like, for, for example, you start a piston engine,

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you, uh, first have to make sure that the, uh,

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you rotate the prop a few times so that this doesn't get,

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get all the oil out of the bottom cylinder. Then you, uh,

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start spinning it around and, uh, it gets up to little speed.

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Then you give it the electricity there,

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04:02:48.820 --> 04:02:52.620

then it starts to cough and spit oil, flame, everything.

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04:02:53.650 --> 04:02:56.980

It's really exciting. You guys with nervous, guys with, uh,

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04:02:57.650 --> 04:03:02.020

fire extinguishers standing by. This is a, a high tense moment.

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Whereas you step at a gas turbine and you press the button and it says woo,

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04:03:08.830 --> 04:03:12.380

going around then, okay, ignition, boom, then nice, smooth idle,

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04:03:12.380 --> 04:03:16.380

then advance the throttle, goes up to whatever speed you want.

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04:03:17.160 --> 04:03:17.993

No excitement.

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04:03:22.400 --> 04:03:27.260

So, so piston engines, I, I love, I, uh, when I retired from Pratt, that was,

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04:03:27.360 --> 04:03:31.710

uh, uh, 1983. I, uh,

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04:03:33.590 --> 04:03:36.230

I waited about a few years and I went up to the New England Air Museum.

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04:03:37.050 --> 04:03:40.870

And all of a sudden they, since I worked at Pratt for 35 years,

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04:03:41.500 --> 04:03:45.790

Mike Sp says, you're the engine expert. Okay?

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04:03:45.790 --> 04:03:48.550

Now I have to impersonate an expert.

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04:03:49.850 --> 04:03:54.270

But you'd love the museum because it's a family situation.

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04:03:54.820 --> 04:03:56.270

When, uh, I see, uh,

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04:03:56.410 --> 04:04:00.150

as a father with two or three kids and they're standing in front of an engine

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04:04:00.450 --> 04:04:03.390

and they, the little boy says, dad, how does this engine work?

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04:04:03.850 --> 04:04:08.790

And we don't contradict the dad. He's giving them a story that should, uh,

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04:04:09.050 --> 04:04:12.150

get the Nobel Prize and the fiction literature.

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04:04:14.090 --> 04:04:16.830

But we don't say, Hey, wait minute, dummy, this, this is not the way

it goes.

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04:04:16.890 --> 04:04:19.670

No, we're a, we're a family organization.

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04:04:24.430 --> 04:04:28.630

I hope. Uh, you saw the Larin engine. It's in the connect, uh,

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04:04:28.630 --> 04:04:33.030

between the military hangar and the civil hanger. It's, uh,

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04:04:33.460 --> 04:04:37.830

it's a nine cylinder engine. It's about in the middle there that, uh,

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04:04:37.830 --> 04:04:40.430

Charles Lawrence really did a, a great thing. He, he,

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04:04:40.660 --> 04:04:45.030

he's the guy that's really sold, uh, the, uh,

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04:04:45.030 --> 04:04:49.230

radial engine air school engines. Okay? Now,

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04:04:49.370 --> 04:04:54.030

who he could, Jesus. Okay,

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04:04:54.030 --> 04:04:57.030

now we get, let's get back to the, the, uh, 1830,

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04:04:58.850 --> 04:05:02.230

uh, that, uh, that's a two.

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04:05:03.770 --> 04:05:08.710

Oh, tell the president, I cannot be interrupted at the moment.

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04:05:21.180 --> 04:05:25.430

Most people say con is that they said, I'm full of some kind of, uh,

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04:05:25.990 --> 04:05:30.230

fertilizer. But that comes with the dna.

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04:05:30.850 --> 04:05:35.710

We don't, we don't take ourselves seriously. And, uh,

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04:05:36.570 --> 04:05:40.310

now let's take the 1830s, cause that, that's a very serious engine.

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04:05:41.890 --> 04:05:45.150

We, I mentioned the, we started off with the, the,

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04:05:46.290 --> 04:05:47.270

the Pratt, uh,

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04:05:49.630 --> 04:05:52.950

1340 engine that's called, that's the wasp.

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04:05:53.660 --> 04:05:55.710

Then we went to the hornet, made it something bigger.

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04:05:55.740 --> 04:05:57.470

They scaled it up about 20%.

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04:05:57.940 --> 04:06:02.350

Then that was so good that there was a big demand for a smaller engines.

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04:06:02.810 --> 04:06:07.790

So they scaled it down and made a small engine. It's called the WASP Junior.

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04:06:08.930 --> 04:06:12.990

And, uh, they, there we had, the first three engines were very successful.

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04:06:13.480 --> 04:06:17.060

Cause the design was, uh, just right. Alright,

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04:06:17.160 --> 04:06:21.380

cuz a lot of money had been invested on endurance. See, in other words, you,

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04:06:21.720 --> 04:06:26.660

you run it for a long time, something fails, then you, uh, make that change,

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04:06:26.770 --> 04:06:30.380

make that part better, run it more times something else fails.

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04:06:30.680 --> 04:06:31.380

So you keep doing,

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04:06:31.380 --> 04:06:36.060

that's why it takes so much money to develop a dependable engine. Alright,

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04:06:36.200 --> 04:06:39.340

so now, uh, uh, it looked like, uh,

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04:06:39.340 --> 04:06:41.460

there's a constant demand for more horsepower.

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04:06:41.960 --> 04:06:46.700

So they decided to try to go to two rows. And the 18, uh,

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04:06:46.700 --> 04:06:50.940

30 came into being by having two rows of seven cylinders.

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04:06:51.560 --> 04:06:55.940

So it's like having a cylinder twice. And then, uh,

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04:06:56.010 --> 04:06:57.220

there's a lot of, uh,

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04:06:58.860 --> 04:07:03.180

engineering involved there to make sure you can damp out all the vibrations and

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04:07:03.180 --> 04:07:06.140

things like that. That's one thing about piston engines. There's,

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04:07:06.140 --> 04:07:10.380

there's a constant, uh, shock. You know, the, the, the piston goes up,

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04:07:11.410 --> 04:07:14.580

okay, now it is intake. Okay, now it comes down,

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04:07:14.890 --> 04:07:18.860

then compression goes up again. Then, then there's the big, so boom,

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04:07:18.920 --> 04:07:23.820

it comes down on the power stroke, then exhaust, okay? You had a whole bunch of,

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04:07:23.950 --> 04:07:27.580

let's say a nine cylinder engines like the wasp. There's bang, bang, bang, bang,

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04:07:27.580 --> 04:07:31.180

bang, all, all around the, the, uh, the circumference there.

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04:07:31.640 --> 04:07:36.460

So it's, uh, it is a lot of vibration. Whereas you,

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04:07:36.480 --> 04:07:40.340

the jet engine is woo, and it's kind, its kinda smooth.

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04:07:41.920 --> 04:07:45.420

That's what doesn't have the, the, the, the excitement though. The,

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04:07:48.880 --> 04:07:53.620

uh, let's see here. I, yeah, we're talking about the 1830

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04:07:55.160 --> 04:07:58.360  
now, uh, that, uh,

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04:08:01.150 --> 04:08:03.200  
went into, uh, production by, uh,

3640  
04:08:04.160 --> 04:08:08.360  
a total of 175,000 engines in World War coming

3641  
04:08:08.710 --> 04:08:11.480  
through World War ii. And, and, uh,

3642  
04:08:11.780 --> 04:08:16.530  
it had a remarkable reliability wreck. It,

3643  
04:08:16.710 --> 04:08:20.810  
uh, was an engine that just, it's unbelievable.

3644  
04:08:22.020 --> 04:08:26.720  
Uh, I was telling a table mate back there that, uh,

3645  
04:08:26.900 --> 04:08:31.800  
my first visit to the Pentagon, I arrived an hour early and okay,

3646  
04:08:31.920 --> 04:08:35.520  
I know now where, where the office is I'm supposed to go to,

3647  
04:08:35.820 --> 04:08:39.400  
so nothing's gonna happen. So I go to the coffee shop and relax now.

3648  
04:08:39.940 --> 04:08:43.160  
And then a colonel comes by, he looks at me, he says, oh, you're a visitor.

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04:08:43.160 --> 04:08:46.440  
Where you from? I says, Pratt and Whitney. He says, Pratt Whitney. He says,

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04:08:46.510 --> 04:08:49.560  
come on to my office. He says, well, when is your appointment? I says,

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04:08:49.560 --> 04:08:51.000  
it's an hour from now. He says, come here.

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04:08:51.620 --> 04:08:56.320  
So I listened to him talk about the B 24 on raids with the 1830.

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04:08:57.980 --> 04:09:02.400  
And, uh, he was really, that was like a religion with him, the engine.

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04:09:03.860 --> 04:09:08.680  
Uh, and I, I can understand it because I, uh,

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04:09:09.440 --> 04:09:13.460  
I, I'm doing some research in the Pratt Whitney, uh, archives.

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04:09:13.460 --> 04:09:16.540  
And I came across a letter from, uh, uh,

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04:09:16.540 --> 04:09:21.380  
captain Burton who flew B 25. I'm B 24 by there to,

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04:09:21.480 --> 04:09:23.940  
uh, Regensburg on, on a bombing mission.

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04:09:24.960 --> 04:09:29.460  
And he says that Regensburg two engines were knocked out with flack,

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04:09:30.480 --> 04:09:33.740  
and then he was to tail in Charlie to go back to base,

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04:09:33.740 --> 04:09:35.700  
which is in Southern Italy.

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04:09:37.000 --> 04:09:40.220  
So that's a long ride to two engines in southern Italy.

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04:09:41.040 --> 04:09:45.740

RRI missed the throttle setting was at probably military

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04:09:45.740 --> 04:09:48.500

power all the way back. You're not supposed to do that.

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04:09:49.990 --> 04:09:54.810

So as, as soon as they crossed the Alps, they, uh,

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04:09:55.160 --> 04:09:58.730

were contacted by the Navy, or they contacted the Navy, and the Navy says,

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04:09:58.730 --> 04:10:03.650

you can come down here and ditch in the, the sea as we'll pick you up. But in,

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04:10:03.950 --> 04:10:07.850

in those days, not everybody was a good swimmer on the, the crew.

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04:10:08.670 --> 04:10:10.690

So the, the,

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04:10:10.910 --> 04:10:15.370

the pilot Captain Burton took a poll from the people on the B

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04:10:15.370 --> 04:10:18.530

24. He says, well, okay, okay, boys, what should we do?

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04:10:19.070 --> 04:10:23.490

And the the majority says, well, the engines are still running, let's go.

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04:10:24.310 --> 04:10:27.890

So they, they passed up the opportunity of being rescued by the Navy.

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04:10:29.330 --> 04:10:31.350

And then, uh, a little while later,

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04:10:31.350 --> 04:10:36.350

another Navy boat further south gave him the same message. We can, uh,

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04:10:36.350 --> 04:10:39.870

pick you up ditch and we'll pick you up. The engines are still running.

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04:10:40.330 --> 04:10:43.110

The engines got 'em all the way back to Southern Italy. So the, uh,

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04:10:43.300 --> 04:10:44.510

captain Burton said,

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04:10:44.510 --> 04:10:47.710

you cannot believe the celebration we had that night at the offices club.

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04:10:48.830 --> 04:10:51.790

I certainly hope they didn't have any, uh, beverages, you know, of.

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04:10:54.480 --> 04:10:56.230

Could you see me winking when I said that?

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04:10:59.570 --> 04:11:03.590

Oh, also, uh, what I'm talking about Pratt Whitney,

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04:11:03.710 --> 04:11:08.150

I should talk about the, uh, the management in 1948.

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Here I am, a young engineer.

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I'm sitting next to an older engineer. And, uh,

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04:11:15.390 --> 04:11:19.110

Perry Pratt comes down, he's no relation to the Pratt of Pratt and Whitney.

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04:11:20.020 --> 04:11:24.430

He's a superb mentioned designer and, uh, engineer.

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04:11:24.980 --> 04:11:28.190

He's the father of the R 2,800 advanced model.

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04:11:29.810 --> 04:11:34.630

And, uh, the, he, he tells the, the engineer next to me,

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04:11:34.630 --> 04:11:39.550

he says, uh, we're having a problem with certain shaft and vibration.  
Uh,

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04:11:39.550 --> 04:11:43.590

what do you think the, uh, would you, uh,

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04:11:44.740 --> 04:11:49.630

calculate the critical speed of that shaft? Now I knew how to do that.

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04:11:49.690 --> 04:11:54.510

It, it would take a week of calculation. Uh, I says to myself,

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04:11:54.510 --> 04:11:58.710

thank God he didn't ask me. Okay, in, uh, Perry Pratt says, uh,

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04:11:58.850 --> 04:12:03.390

I'd like to have the answer this afternoon. Du Libras ide. I mean, how you,

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how you gonna do that? So he,

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04:12:07.010 --> 04:12:10.950

he came back later in the afternoon, and uh, sure enough,

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04:12:10.980 --> 04:12:14.860

the guy next to me says, here's the frequency, Perry. I couldn't believe it.

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04:12:14.920 --> 04:12:19.900

So when Perry PRT left, I, I asked this engineer, how the heck did you do that?

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04:12:21.160 --> 04:12:25.580

And he, he told me how he did it from empirical methods.

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04:12:26.220 --> 04:12:27.740

I said to myself that night,

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04:12:27.960 --> 04:12:32.380

I'm working for the finest engineering company in the world because,

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04:12:33.280 --> 04:12:37.180

uh, I said, of the likeliest guy, you, I am. Because, uh,

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04:12:38.650 --> 04:12:43.460

several things that happened to me in my life, first one was my, uh,

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04:12:44.330 --> 04:12:49.140

grandfather won the Irish sweepstakes for \$50,000 in the 1930 time period.

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04:12:50.400 --> 04:12:55.180

He wanted my father to go to MIT to be an engineer, but my father decided, no,

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04:12:55.180 --> 04:12:57.620

he had other plans. So, uh,

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04:12:57.920 --> 04:13:02.820

he offered me a thousand dollars if I could get into mit. Well, let's, uh,

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04:13:03.540 --> 04:13:07.520

a challenge because I was in a high school, uh,

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04:13:08.380 --> 04:13:13.240

uh, to, uh, get the classical education like, uh, Latin,

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04:13:13.390 --> 04:13:17.920

four years of Latin, three years of ancient Greek, two years of German,

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04:13:18.380 --> 04:13:21.480

things like that. And no way, well, I had mathematics,

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04:13:21.540 --> 04:13:26.160

but no chemistry or physics. So, uh, that money,

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04:13:26.460 --> 04:13:30.600

uh, enticed me. I went one year, one year to Boston College to get, uh,

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04:13:31.430 --> 04:13:34.240

chemistry and physics. And then, uh,

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04:13:35.830 --> 04:13:39.800

through some miracle I got into mit when I was in it. As soon as I got into mit,

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04:13:39.800 --> 04:13:44.040

I can see what am I doing here? The other kids are 10 times smarter than I am.

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04:13:44.580 --> 04:13:48.360

And I, I finally, over the years, figured it out. I was a,

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04:13:48.480 --> 04:13:53.080

a part-time musician playing. I had a study job every Friday night with music,

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04:13:53.660 --> 04:13:58.520

and also I was a vice president of my class. And, uh,

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04:13:58.660 --> 04:14:02.440

the, the president of the class was scared to death to speak in front of people.

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04:14:02.860 --> 04:14:07.520

Course with my Irish dna. That's not a problem though. So,

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04:14:08.140 --> 04:14:11.840

so I used to greet all the parents. So believe it or not,

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04:14:13.060 --> 04:14:17.560

MIT can take a guy like me because of the other things. And, uh, the, they,

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04:14:17.670 --> 04:14:22.200

they don't really want, uh, a genius. Uh, I'm sure they,

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04:14:22.200 --> 04:14:23.600

they accept some of them, but, uh,

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04:14:23.920 --> 04:14:26.600

a guy that cannot communicate with other people, that's not you're saying.

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04:14:27.380 --> 04:14:32.000

So I would say you now have a rough idea.

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04:14:32.000 --> 04:14:35.960

You know, that Pratt Whitney, Francis Pratt,

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Amus Whitney had nothing to do with the gen engines,

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04:14:40.220 --> 04:14:45.080

except they did make, uh, precision in, uh, things.

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And then also, uh, the 1830 was, uh,

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04:14:49.830 --> 04:14:54.240

extremely good engine. In fact, it was made, uh, uh,

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04:14:54.380 --> 04:14:59.320

by Buick and Ford, not Ford, uh, Buick and, uh, Chevrolet.

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04:15:01.210 --> 04:15:02.043

And, uh,

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04:15:02.250 --> 04:15:07.230

the Navy requested the Buick to deliver an engine to

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04:15:07.230 --> 04:15:09.740

the Navy facility, uh, Chevrolet bring,

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04:15:09.740 --> 04:15:12.660

bring that 1830 down to a Navy facility,

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04:15:13.080 --> 04:15:17.900

and frat Whitney bring an engine that you made 1830 to, and the,

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04:15:18.200 --> 04:15:21.300

the Navy mechanics disassembled all three engines.

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Then they started to have a,

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04:15:23.740 --> 04:15:27.260

a heck of a party taking engines from this engine over there and mixed

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04:15:27.340 --> 04:15:30.140

everything up. Then, then, uh,

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04:15:30.140 --> 04:15:33.740

they put them all together and they all tested within spec.

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04:15:34.480 --> 04:15:39.340  
That's precision manufacturing. So that's,

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04:15:39.840 --> 04:15:40.673  
that's the,

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04:15:41.040 --> 04:15:45.220  
that's probably the story that I'll stay around here and,

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04:15:45.360 --> 04:15:49.940  
and do my best to answer any question you want, any depth of detail.

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04:15:50.240 --> 04:15:54.700  
And I'll impersonate someone who thinks he knows what he's talking about.

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04:15:56.030 --> 04:15:56.863  
Thank you very much.

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04:16:02.470 --> 04:16:03.303  
Appreciate.

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04:16:12.260 --> 04:16:15.300  
I know what I deal with the Germans, they have expression, the izer.

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04:16:15.580 --> 04:16:20.020  
I dunno what that meant, but I don't think it's very good. I tell you about me.

3754  
04:16:20.730 --> 04:16:23.700  
Okay. I enjoyed it.

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04:16:24.190 --> 04:16:28.420  
Thank you very much, Jack. We appreciate you being here. Uh, I will hold up the,

3756  
04:16:28.420 --> 04:16:31.660  
uh, Jack is accidental accomplished author as well. He didn't mention

that,

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04:16:31.800 --> 04:16:35.980

but he wrote a book entitled The Engines of Pratt Whitney, a Technical History.

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04:16:36.520 --> 04:16:39.780

And so, uh, I just thought I'd share that with the group as well.

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04:16:40.520 --> 04:16:43.420

And his wife Evelyn joined him tonight as well. So, Evelyn,

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04:16:43.420 --> 04:16:45.100

thank you for coming and attending.

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04:16:50.280 --> 04:16:54.380

And as a special gift jack for your coming to, uh, share your, uh,

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04:16:54.380 --> 04:16:57.660

stories with us. We dedicated, as you saw on the, uh,

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videotape maybe during dinner, a, uh, the stained glass window in Savannah,

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04:17:01.060 --> 04:17:02.620

Georgia at the eighth Air Force Museum.

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04:17:02.620 --> 04:17:05.780

We have a replica of that as a sun catcher. Wow. Appreciate that for you.

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04:17:06.080 --> 04:17:09.780

And also a, uh, B 24 pin for the liberator. Oh,

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04:17:09.900 --> 04:17:10.680

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04:17:10.680 --> 04:17:10.900

So,

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04:17:10.900 --> 04:17:14.940

And, uh, be honored to wear this. This is a, i, I feel, uh, humble here.

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04:17:15.290 --> 04:17:19.740

This is great, great honor. I appreciate it very much. Thank you.

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04:17:19.890 --> 04:17:21.420

Good. Thank you for being here. Appreciate it.

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04:17:31.160 --> 04:17:32.370

John, you be closing remarks.

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04:17:33.920 --> 04:17:37.410

Okay. Just a quick comment, I guess, about our schedule then for tomorrow,

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Sunday. Uh, well first of all,

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tonight we'll go down and open up the memorabilia room again. Of course, uh,

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04:17:42.970 --> 04:17:46.810

till 10 or 10 30 tomorrow morning for those of you who going on the, uh, tour,

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the option M for the Mark Twain tour, we'll be leaving at nine 30,

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the bus wings out in front of the lobby. Uh, we'll be doing a, uh,

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04:17:54.690 --> 04:17:57.730

driving tour of the downtown area with a couple of stops,

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04:17:58.310 --> 04:18:01.130

and then to the Mark Twain house by around, uh, noon time.

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04:18:01.450 --> 04:18:04.170

I enjoy lunch there and, uh,

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04:18:04.600 --> 04:18:08.940

tour of the Mark Twain Nook farm area, and back here by around three 30.

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And of course, tomorrow's memorial, uh, uh, dinner, uh, again,

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04:18:14.060 --> 04:18:18.580

the same timeframe of five to five 30 up here, and then dinner at six 30 again,

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04:18:19.160 --> 04:18:23.940

my husband. Okay, any questions or thoughts? Oh, going, going,

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04:18:23.940 --> 04:18:24.980

gone. Thank you,

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04:19:00.620 --> 04:19:02.150

Mark. To Mark.

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04:19:03.070 --> 04:19:07.620

Ready and sit there please. What,

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04:19:09.050 --> 04:19:12.500

what the rear porch? All right

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04:19:21.750 --> 04:19:23.820

way. Oh,

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04:19:25.260 --> 04:19:28.270

I pretty safe. Arms

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04:19:55.220 --> 04:19:59.670

Mark Tank. Put detail pull place

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04:20:02.780 --> 04:20:06.350

hose telegu trait, saying

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04:20:09.370 --> 04:20:11.990

two. Hunter corner tele guy.

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04:20:14.350 --> 04:20:18.820

One step four, mark, right, left, please.

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04:20:20.760 --> 04:20:22.740

Higher guard. Cool work, work

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04:20:28.290 --> 04:20:29.780

that you wear. Mark time.

3798

04:20:57.790 --> 04:20:59.370

You may be seated now.

3799

04:21:05.080 --> 04:21:08.940

We are going to light the candles at this time in

3800

04:21:09.700 --> 04:21:11.620

remembrance of those who have gone before

3801

04:21:16.570 --> 04:21:21.270

The table before you right over here represents those who were

3802

04:21:21.270 --> 04:21:22.390

killed and missing.

3803

04:21:23.490 --> 04:21:27.950

We set 10 places at the table representing the typical

3804

04:21:28.910 --> 04:21:31.270  
B 24 crew of 10 men.

3805  
04:21:31.920 --> 04:21:36.870  
Their places are set in recognition of their unfulfilled lives,

3806  
04:21:37.370 --> 04:21:38.203  
and,

3807  
04:21:39.940 --> 04:21:44.240  
and the glasses are over and turned over

3808  
04:21:44.590 --> 04:21:48.640  
because they will never be filled. A red rose,

3809  
04:21:51.180 --> 04:21:55.810  
their ultimate sacrifice. The single candle is lit

3810  
04:21:57.310 --> 04:22:00.890  
and, uh, it is the candle of light. And from it,

3811  
04:22:00.990 --> 04:22:05.250  
we will light a votive candle for each of our four squadrons.

3812  
04:22:06.380 --> 04:22:11.370  
We're gonna start with the three 28th and Vernon Swain will do

3813  
04:22:11.370 --> 04:22:12.203  
the honors.

3814  
04:22:26.540 --> 04:22:27.710  
This pardon

3815  
04:22:42.710 --> 04:22:47.490  
The, the three 29th is represented by George McClain.

3816  
04:23:06.460 --> 04:23:10.240  
And for the three 30th we have Bud Winnet,

3817  
04:23:28.210 --> 04:23:31.750  
the four oh ninth. We have Bill Brown,

3818  
04:23:53.220 --> 04:23:57.090  
thank you, and you, you candle lighters. I'm gonna take your seats  
now.

3819  
04:24:00.270 --> 04:24:03.980  
And right at this moment, we're gonna have Dr. Nick Timmer,

3820  
04:24:04.960 --> 04:24:09.380  
and he is going to read, he is our secretary of the group,

3821  
04:24:09.480 --> 04:24:13.900  
and he is going to read his poem from his book,

3822  
04:24:13.900 --> 04:24:14.980  
forever 20.

3823  
04:24:33.650 --> 04:24:35.590  
For those of us in the, uh,

3824  
04:24:36.850 --> 04:24:41.590  
second and third generation, I think we all,

3825  
04:24:41.850 --> 04:24:45.290  
uh, can relate to

3826  
04:24:48.790 --> 04:24:49.860  
those that we lost

3827  
04:24:54.050 --> 04:24:55.230  
and those that we didn't lose.

3828  
04:24:59.720 --> 04:25:02.660  
My uncle Robert Timmer, was one that we lost.

3829

04:25:05.440 --> 04:25:09.730

And at one point in time,

3830

04:25:09.730 --> 04:25:13.990

in putting together research on his life, um,

3831

04:25:15.680 --> 04:25:18.370

this verse came to me.

3832

04:25:19.270 --> 04:25:23.730

So I'd like to read it to you in remembrance of

3833

04:25:25.060 --> 04:25:29.050

all those that we honor,

3834

04:25:35.510 --> 04:25:37.440

wary eyes look through misty glasses

3835

04:25:39.020 --> 04:25:44.000

at the smiling face and the yellowing photo. It never grows old.

3836

04:25:46.280 --> 04:25:48.140

And as weary eyes grow older,

3837

04:25:49.240 --> 04:25:53.460

the face seems younger still forever 20.

3838

04:25:55.770 --> 04:25:56.820

Somehow this,

3839

04:25:58.000 --> 04:26:02.580

the f you knew might come with your flying and your war.

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04:26:04.000 --> 04:26:08.330

You were a boy and fast became a man too fast.

3841

04:26:10.360 --> 04:26:11.610

They made you a warrior.

3842

04:26:14.190 --> 04:26:18.920

Instead of soaring with eagles and flying to the stars over mountains,  
oceans,

3843

04:26:19.940 --> 04:26:24.120

ivers, and cities, seeing the beauty in what God has made.

3844

04:26:25.620 --> 04:26:27.640

You flew where a few would ever go,

3845

04:26:29.020 --> 04:26:33.120

places where there was no beauty, only fire,

3846

04:26:33.330 --> 04:26:35.880

blood destruction and death.

3847

04:26:37.310 --> 04:26:38.800

Your friends went with you.

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04:26:40.750 --> 04:26:45.200

Your machine was uncomfortable, cold and noisy and scary.

3849

04:26:46.620 --> 04:26:47.453

You were afraid,

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04:26:48.820 --> 04:26:52.600

but you went to your place over and over again

3851

04:26:54.570 --> 04:26:56.880

until it seemed there couldn't be a tomorrow for you.

3852

04:26:58.230 --> 04:27:02.580

Because so many fell around you, but it mattered, not

3853

04:27:05.080 --> 04:27:07.380

You and your friends went still.

3854

04:27:08.800 --> 04:27:13.500

And then it was you trapped in your place,

3855

04:27:13.860 --> 04:27:18.860

twisting and spinning and falling from the sky in an instant.

3856

04:27:20.170 --> 04:27:21.980

Your future became your past.

3857

04:27:24.650 --> 04:27:28.740

What are those metals anyway, pieces of metal now,

3858

04:27:28.870 --> 04:27:33.820

dusty and stained? Did they heal the heart? Heal the heart of a crying girl?

3859

04:27:34.840 --> 04:27:36.460

Did they dry a mother's tears?

3860

04:27:38.960 --> 04:27:43.500

Do they tell of children who never were or projects

3861

04:27:43.670 --> 04:27:47.820

never started a future full of promise and love,

3862

04:27:48.960 --> 04:27:50.780

no longer given or received.

3863

04:27:53.070 --> 04:27:57.900

Those you left behind believed that your sacrifice for was for a reason,

3864

04:27:59.360 --> 04:28:03.420

but in their sadness, wondered, was this the will of God?

3865

04:28:05.590 --> 04:28:07.580

There were no bands to play for you,

3866

04:28:08.640 --> 04:28:10.660

nor did you march to people's waves.

3867

04:28:12.170 --> 04:28:13.660

Only a lonely flag.

3868

04:28:13.800 --> 04:28:18.500

Is there a silent symbol of shattered dreams.

3869

04:28:21.000 --> 04:28:25.740

The worry eyes returned their gaze to the worn image of so long ago  
and

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04:28:25.790 --> 04:28:28.780

asked, what do you want from us?

3871

04:28:31.170 --> 04:28:36.100

Lips forever silent seemed to whisper. Remember me.

3872

04:28:37.500 --> 04:28:38.333

Remember me.

3873

04:28:46.510 --> 04:28:49.340

Thank you for reading that for us tonight.

3874

04:28:52.490 --> 04:28:54.740

Each year, the 93rd Bomb Group

3875

04:28:56.350 --> 04:29:00.900

takes time to memorialize the men who lost their lives during World  
War

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04:29:01.840 --> 04:29:06.060

ii and in certainly in the service of our nation.

3877

04:29:07.280 --> 04:29:12.260

We pause to remember our comrades who have completed their life

journey

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04:29:12.400 --> 04:29:14.180

and passed away ahead office.

3879

04:29:15.560 --> 04:29:18.900

Our memorial takes different forms from year to year,

3880

04:29:20.720 --> 04:29:24.540

but we always take time to remember on the last evening.

3881

04:29:25.690 --> 04:29:29.860

This year as we close our reunion, we remember our fallen,

3882

04:29:30.160 --> 04:29:34.460

fallen friends by the folding of the American flag.

3883

04:29:35.680 --> 04:29:39.500

Our forum is a traditional military ceremony,

3884

04:29:40.200 --> 04:29:42.780

mostly seen at military funerals,

3885

04:29:43.880 --> 04:29:48.660

but also used at the daily retiring of the colors at military

3886

04:29:48.910 --> 04:29:50.220

bases around the world.

3887

04:30:02.080 --> 04:30:06.100

The flag before you was flown over Mattingly Cemetery,

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04:30:07.420 --> 04:30:12.100

American Military Cemetery at uh, Cambridge, England.

3889

04:30:12.810 --> 04:30:16.020

This flag retired due to its condition,

3890  
04:30:16.400 --> 04:30:21.300  
was presented by the cemetery director to the 93rd bomb group in

3891  
04:30:21.300 --> 04:30:26.100  
2010. As a reminder of the 93rd bomb group's,

3892  
04:30:26.270 --> 04:30:31.060  
59 men buried in that cemetery and 103

3893  
04:30:31.620 --> 04:30:34.180  
commemorated on the granite walls there.

3894  
04:30:35.120 --> 04:30:39.220  
The 93rd role of honor lists a total of

3895  
04:30:39.360 --> 04:30:41.380  
680 men.

3896  
04:30:42.410 --> 04:30:47.140  
This tattered flag was flown for many days over our men's

3897  
04:30:47.290 --> 04:30:51.380  
remains. Our flag folders are John Marks,

3898  
04:30:53.250 --> 04:30:56.180  
John Sullivan and Henry Amp.

3899  
04:31:00.120 --> 04:31:04.660  
The flag folding ceremony represents the same religious principles

3900  
04:31:05.120 --> 04:31:08.060  
on which our great country was originally founded.

3901  
04:31:09.560 --> 04:31:11.980  
The portion of the flag denoting honor,

3902  
04:31:12.520 --> 04:31:16.700

is the Canton of blue containing the stars, representing the states.

3903

04:31:17.800 --> 04:31:22.460

Our veterans served in uniform in the armed forces

3904

04:31:22.640 --> 04:31:27.460

of the United States. At the ceremony of retreat, the flag is lowered,

3905

04:31:28.040 --> 04:31:30.460

folded in a triangle fold,

3906

04:31:30.960 --> 04:31:35.340

and kept under watch throughout the night as a tribute to our nation's

3907

04:31:35.530 --> 04:31:36.700

honored Dead.

3908

04:31:37.600 --> 04:31:41.940

The next morning it is brought out and at the ceremony

3909

04:31:42.440 --> 04:31:47.060

of Rev Revelle run aloft as a symbol

3910

04:31:47.240 --> 04:31:50.620

of our belief in the resurrection of the body.

3911

04:31:52.830 --> 04:31:56.650

The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

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04:31:57.970 --> 04:32:02.630

The second fold is a symbol of our belief in

3913

04:32:02.780 --> 04:32:03.670

eternal life.

3914

04:32:05.910 --> 04:32:10.810

The the third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran

3915

04:32:10.920 --> 04:32:15.810

departing our ranks and who gave a portion of his life for the defense of our

3916

04:32:15.810 --> 04:32:18.850

country to attain peace throughout the world.

3917

04:32:20.430 --> 04:32:23.170

The fourth fold represents our weaker nature.

3918

04:32:23.910 --> 04:32:26.890

For as American citizens trusting in God.

3919

04:32:27.270 --> 04:32:30.450

It is to him return in times of peace,

3920

04:32:31.030 --> 04:32:35.530

as well as in times of war for his divine guidance.

3921

04:32:37.110 --> 04:32:39.730

The fifth fold is a tribute to our country,

3922

04:32:40.590 --> 04:32:42.850

for in the words of Stephen Decatur,

3923

04:32:43.230 --> 04:32:46.170

our country in dealing with other countries,

3924

04:32:46.950 --> 04:32:50.930

may she always be right, but it is still our country.

3925

04:32:51.220 --> 04:32:52.210

Right or wrong,

3926

04:32:54.270 --> 04:32:58.300

the sixth fold is for where our hearts lie.

3927

04:32:58.760 --> 04:33:03.660

It is within our heart that we pledge the allegiance to the flag of the

3928

04:33:03.660 --> 04:33:08.180

United States of America and to the republic for which it stands,

3929

04:33:08.840 --> 04:33:11.300

one nation under God, indivisible,

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04:33:11.370 --> 04:33:13.900

with liberty and justice for all.

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04:33:15.160 --> 04:33:19.100

The seventh fold is a tribute to our armed forces.

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04:33:19.880 --> 04:33:24.740

For it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag

3933

04:33:24.810 --> 04:33:26.380

against all enemies,

3934

04:33:26.570 --> 04:33:31.260

whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our

3935

04:33:31.740 --> 04:33:32.573

republic.

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04:33:33.320 --> 04:33:37.900

The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the

3937

04:33:37.900 --> 04:33:42.740

shadow of death that we might see the light of day and to

3938

04:33:42.740 --> 04:33:46.540

honor our mother for whom it flies on. Mother's Day.

3939  
04:33:48.400 --> 04:33:51.220  
The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood.

3940  
04:33:52.120 --> 04:33:55.740  
For it has been through their faith, love, loyalty,

3941  
04:33:56.120 --> 04:34:01.020  
and devotion that the character of men and women who have made this  
country

3942  
04:34:01.110 --> 04:34:02.780  
great have been molded.

3943  
04:34:04.400 --> 04:34:09.380  
The 10th fold is a tribute to Father for He too has given his sons and

3944  
04:34:09.500 --> 04:34:13.980  
daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first  
born.

3945  
04:34:16.980 --> 04:34:21.880  
The 11th fold in the eyes of Hebrew citizens represents the

3946  
04:34:21.880 --> 04:34:26.120  
lower portion of the seal of King David and of King

3947  
04:34:26.550 --> 04:34:31.160  
Solomon and glorifies in their eyes the God of Abraham,

3948  
04:34:31.290 --> 04:34:32.520  
Isaac, and Jacob.

3949  
04:34:33.980 --> 04:34:38.720  
The 12th fold in the eyes of a Christian citizen represents an

3950  
04:34:38.920 --> 04:34:43.520  
emblem of eternity and glorifies in their eyes, God the Father,

3951  
04:34:43.780 --> 04:34:46.120  
God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

3952  
04:34:48.070 --> 04:34:51.120  
When the flag is completely folded,

3953  
04:34:51.900 --> 04:34:56.520  
the stars are uppermost reminding us of our national motto

3954  
04:34:57.380 --> 04:34:58.680  
in God we trust,

3955  
04:35:08.880 --> 04:35:12.460  
Completely folded and tucked in.

3956  
04:35:12.600 --> 04:35:15.140  
It takes on the appearance of a,

3957  
04:35:16.420 --> 04:35:21.180  
a cocked hat ever reminding us of soldiers who served under

3958  
04:35:21.180 --> 04:35:26.140  
General George Washington and the sailors and marines who served under  
Captain

3959  
04:35:26.290 --> 04:35:27.220  
John Paul Jones,

3960  
04:35:27.800 --> 04:35:32.580  
who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the armed forces

3961  
04:35:32.760 --> 04:35:37.260  
of the United States. Preserving for us rights,

3962  
04:35:37.860 --> 04:35:41.500  
privileges, and freedoms that we enjoy this day,

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04:35:43.620 --> 04:35:48.500

American patriots have always answered our nations's call to defend not only

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04:35:48.520 --> 04:35:53.460

our nation, but the nations of those that cannot defend themselves.

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04:35:54.720 --> 04:35:59.620

To date nearly 2 million men and women have given their

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04:35:59.620 --> 04:36:01.780

lives in our nation's defense.

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04:36:03.000 --> 04:36:05.900

We remember and we honor these heroes.

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04:36:06.760 --> 04:36:10.220

We remember and honor our friends and loved ones.

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04:36:11.360 --> 04:36:16.100

May God give our warriors wisdom and strength and,

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04:36:16.360 --> 04:36:20.820

and endurance and watch over their families while they place

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04:36:20.870 --> 04:36:22.660

themselves in harm's way,

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04:36:22.710 --> 04:36:25.940

while defending our freedoms and our liberties.

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04:36:26.920 --> 04:36:31.100

Please join us in a moment of silence as we remember

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04:36:31.760 --> 04:36:35.300

and honor those unable to join us this evening

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04:36:58.440 --> 04:37:02.380

for our American warriors. Past and present.

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04:37:03.360 --> 04:37:06.100

Please stand for the playing of taps.

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04:38:26.510 --> 04:38:27.490

You may be seated.

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04:38:32.160 --> 04:38:36.570

John Marks is gonna now offer our, the blessing for our meal.

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04:38:48.310 --> 04:38:49.370

Our Heavenly Father,

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04:38:49.550 --> 04:38:53.980

we are gathered here tonight to remember and to

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04:38:53.980 --> 04:38:58.020

celebrate and to, uh,

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04:38:58.550 --> 04:39:01.820

exalt you for doing the things that, uh,

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04:39:01.820 --> 04:39:05.020

you do every day on our behalf. Father,

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04:39:05.120 --> 04:39:09.980

we sometimes can't reason why you choose to take

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04:39:10.050 --> 04:39:14.740

some and leave others to, um,

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04:39:16.010 --> 04:39:19.540

give to us or to take away from us,

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04:39:20.360 --> 04:39:24.900

but we have confidence in your supreme power and

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04:39:25.010 --> 04:39:29.820

understanding of what is very best for us. Uh,

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04:39:29.820 --> 04:39:34.700

we know that all things in our lives work together for good

3990

04:39:36.320 --> 04:39:39.180

and to bring glory to you. Father,

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04:39:39.240 --> 04:39:43.580

we thank you for this evening for the days of fellowship that we've enjoyed

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04:39:43.580 --> 04:39:47.940

leading up to this time. And we thank you for the, uh,

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04:39:48.340 --> 04:39:51.940

blessing of the food, uh, that you provided for us.

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04:39:52.880 --> 04:39:57.340

We pray these things in Christ's name. Amen. Amen.

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04:39:57.880 --> 04:39:59.060

Please enjoy your dinner.

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04:40:15.720 --> 04:40:18.100

Hey, hey, hey,

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04:40:24.350 --> 04:40:25.183

real.

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04:40:27.770 --> 04:40:31.480

We're going Michigan to see the sweetest

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04:40:32.670 --> 04:40:33.503

Gama,

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04:40:59.090 --> 04:41:01.360  
Could I have your attention? Whoa.

4001  
04:41:05.380 --> 04:41:10.280  
Uh, I heard a rumor there was more ice cream, so if there is raise your hand.

4002  
04:41:11.740 --> 04:41:15.440  
You want some? Oh, there was a hand over there, a couple back there.

4003  
04:41:16.080 --> 04:41:20.160  
I hope y'all enjoyed dinner. Uh, sounded like you were enjoying it just fine.

4004  
04:41:27.860 --> 04:41:32.000  
You know, I'm gonna ask Fernley to make a few remarks in a, in a moment,

4005  
04:41:32.260 --> 04:41:34.680  
but I just wanted to point out that, um,

4006  
04:41:34.860 --> 04:41:39.480  
the staff here at the hotel has been exceptional every,

4007  
04:41:40.130 --> 04:41:44.040  
every event and we really do appreciate it. So thank you all

4008  
04:41:49.220 --> 04:41:51.200  
and uh, with that Fernley,

4009  
04:41:51.560 --> 04:41:54.260  
I'd like to invite you to come up.

4010  
04:41:56.920 --> 04:41:59.380  
Uh, yeah, 45 minutes will be about right.

4011  
04:42:01.840 --> 04:42:05.100  
But you can't say you're Irish. You know, like that guy last night.

4012

04:42:08.040 --> 04:42:08.873

He could,

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04:42:08.880 --> 04:42:09.713

He could.

4014

04:42:14.830 --> 04:42:18.420

First and foremost. Aren't you glad we're all together?

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04:42:25.450 --> 04:42:26.940

This is a, this is a,

4016

04:42:27.560 --> 04:42:30.860

an evolution that continues to amaze me.

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04:42:31.320 --> 04:42:33.540

I'm sure it probably does you as well.

4018

04:42:34.520 --> 04:42:39.260

But when I look back to 13 years ago where we finally made the decision

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04:42:39.530 --> 04:42:44.380

that we needed to change the direction from what was being offered at the time

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04:42:45.320 --> 04:42:49.220

and, and created the doctrine that we now enjoy.

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04:42:50.360 --> 04:42:54.060

And when I see the level of participation

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04:42:55.520 --> 04:42:58.900

and the level of enjoyment in the participation,

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04:43:00.100 --> 04:43:03.220

I feel like it turned out far better than we thought.

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04:43:04.640 --> 04:43:08.900

And I want to thank all of you who make this possible

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04:43:10.160 --> 04:43:13.940

by your continued energy that comes from someplace.

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04:43:14.220 --> 04:43:15.860

I don't know exactly where we store it,

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04:43:15.860 --> 04:43:17.860

but we do seem to find it when we come here.

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04:43:19.280 --> 04:43:21.180

And more than anything else,

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04:43:21.500 --> 04:43:26.420

I would like to have you all for a minute give credit to the crew

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04:43:27.330 --> 04:43:32.140

that puts us in this kind of enjoyable environment that we see each

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04:43:32.140 --> 04:43:34.540

year by all of their efforts,

4032

04:43:35.280 --> 04:43:39.500

by the ingenuity of such a young guy. As this guy with this box,

4033

04:43:39.570 --> 04:43:40.860

he's always pointing at me.

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04:43:44.520 --> 04:43:46.060

But in reality, let's,

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04:43:46.060 --> 04:43:49.060

let's give a hand to the people that make this all possible.

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04:43:58.210 --> 04:44:02.860

I've already submitted an informal request that next year

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04:44:03.320 --> 04:44:08.140

we have a little less mileage of walking and a little more increase in

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04:44:08.290 --> 04:44:13.060

time to talk because I, sorry, I ran outta gas on you today,

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04:44:13.080 --> 04:44:15.900

but I just couldn't make it another day. And, uh,

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04:44:16.260 --> 04:44:20.940

I suspect is that we get older. That may be true for others besides myself.

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04:44:22.090 --> 04:44:22.400

Last,

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04:44:22.400 --> 04:44:27.300

but not least to all of those that we interact with some for

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04:44:27.300 --> 04:44:30.660

the first time. It's a joy to see

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04:44:32.360 --> 04:44:36.860

the pleasure that everybody has when somehow or other we put this thing

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04:44:37.100 --> 04:44:39.100

together. God bless you all.

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04:44:40.130 --> 04:44:43.940

Have a safe trip home and I'll see you in about a year.

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04:44:54.730 --> 04:44:56.020

Okay? Would you please stand?

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04:45:09.390 --> 04:45:10.223

Okay.

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04:45:10.700 --> 04:45:11.960

Retire the colors

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04:45:16.920 --> 04:45:20.040

Detail and put what

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04:45:22.990 --> 04:45:25.240

time book at the

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04:45:45.730 --> 04:45:46.563

hello

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04:45:56.460 --> 04:46:00.240

Detail, Paul tell ya.

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04:46:01.450 --> 04:46:04.960

Great. San Paul Hook,

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04:46:06.550 --> 04:46:09.720

lift, take,

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04:46:15.190 --> 04:46:19.770

center hook, mark Time. Hook

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04:46:26.600 --> 04:46:27.433

ball.

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04:46:55.400 --> 04:47:00.010

Mark Plant. Oh, detail. Oh, water. Oh,

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04:47:06.230 --> 04:47:08.430

pleasure. Thank

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04:47:20.210 --> 04:47:21.070

You. May be seated.

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04:47:24.030 --> 04:47:25.390

I promise we're not gonna be long.

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04:47:30.900 --> 04:47:35.030

Fernley already mentioned, uh, the team that puts the,

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04:47:35.030 --> 04:47:38.590

this reunion on. And, uh, it is a team effort.

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04:47:38.650 --> 04:47:43.430

It takes everybody working together to make it happen. And uh, it also takes,

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04:47:43.850 --> 04:47:47.340

uh, a lot of you volunteering to do things during the reunion.

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04:47:47.840 --> 04:47:49.900

And I just wanted to point out that, uh,

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04:47:50.240 --> 04:47:54.900

we had a great team doing our ceremony tonight. Um,

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04:47:55.080 --> 04:47:55.980

thanks to Becky.

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04:47:56.160 --> 04:48:01.060

She got drafted as the narrator cuz Emma took a flight out and wasn't here to do

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04:48:01.060 --> 04:48:05.980

it. And, uh, our candlelighters uh, and our flag folders,

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04:48:06.080 --> 04:48:08.660

you all did a great job and I really appreciate that help.

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04:48:09.080 --> 04:48:13.220

We love to involve as many people as we can in the reunion. Uh,

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04:48:13.240 --> 04:48:16.700

and there's been other jobs along the way that we've, uh, had,

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04:48:17.000 --> 04:48:21.180

had some of you take part in. Uh, I really appreciate those that are willing to,

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04:48:21.720 --> 04:48:25.980

uh, uh, pray as we go through the various parts of the program.

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04:48:26.160 --> 04:48:31.060

And I thank you for those that, uh, we invited to do that. Everybody said,

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04:48:31.060 --> 04:48:34.460

sure, I'll be glad to. And, uh, that's always a pleasant, um,

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04:48:34.780 --> 04:48:39.100

pleasant surprise too. Uh, a couple other things, uh, uh, I'd like to,

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04:48:39.800 --> 04:48:42.580

uh, point out, uh, we're, as you know,

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04:48:42.670 --> 04:48:47.460

we're fundraising for the security system. Uh, last night it was down,

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04:48:47.640 --> 04:48:50.580

the requirement was down below, uh,

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04:48:50.740 --> 04:48:55.420

a thousand dollars is at 9 33 when I left and went to bed. And,

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04:48:55.560 --> 04:48:57.140

um, so then we decided, well, you know,

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04:48:57.200 --> 04:49:01.820

we really think maybe 6,300 isn't quite right. So we raised it,

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04:49:01.820 --> 04:49:06.620

the 6,600 today, and now it's back down below.

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04:49:06.890 --> 04:49:08.340

It's down to 900 again.

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04:49:09.080 --> 04:49:13.340

So I think we'll raise it to 7,000 and see what we can do to get it back down.

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04:49:13.420 --> 04:49:17.700

I don't, I don't know, I don't know how this is gonna work exactly, but, uh,

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04:49:17.830 --> 04:49:20.420

thank you all who have contributed so well. Thank you.

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04:49:20.420 --> 04:49:21.860

I gotta pick up my stance. Go for it.

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04:49:25.250 --> 04:49:27.750

All right. Charlotte is here. Yay.

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04:49:45.510 --> 04:49:49.350

I learned a time, a long time ago. Never try to compete with a child in, when,

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04:49:49.460 --> 04:49:53.550

when it comes to public speaking, they win every time. Uh,

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04:49:55.300 --> 04:49:59.030

It's been a pleasure having Charlotte here, hasn't it? Yes. Yes.

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04:49:59.940 --> 04:50:03.750

Everybody's enjoyed her, uh, enthusiasm for life.

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04:50:04.850 --> 04:50:07.510

Um, Jim, do we have results of the silent auction?

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04:50:15.890 --> 04:50:17.780

Well, what happens downstairs?

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04:50:18.160 --> 04:50:18.993

All right.

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04:50:20.940 --> 04:50:22.540

I was gonna shut it off at six.

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04:50:25.010 --> 04:50:27.100

Okay. I just didn't even think to ask you.

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04:50:27.100 --> 04:50:30.700

You're always so on the ball with that kind of stuff that I've tried to have

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04:50:30.700 --> 04:50:32.180

called you out. And by mistake,

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04:50:33.560 --> 04:50:34.393

He was so

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04:50:35.880 --> 04:50:40.860

Yep. Well, we thought he was perfect. We found out that, that he's not,

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04:50:41.640 --> 04:50:42.940

He was so busy selling.

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04:50:43.450 --> 04:50:48.180

Yeah. And Jim, do you have any announcements? Okay, now,

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04:50:48.180 --> 04:50:52.580

something that we always do at the end of our reunions is we take off our name

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04:50:52.850 --> 04:50:55.780

tags and we give them back to Phyllis,

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04:50:56.680 --> 04:50:59.980

and then she fixes them up and gives them back to us next year.

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04:51:00.560 --> 04:51:04.660

So those of you that are here for the first time, you, you know, we,

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04:51:04.840 --> 04:51:09.100

we got your name tag now, so we expect you to come back and get it.

Uh,

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04:51:09.100 --> 04:51:10.780

so if you would do that, that'd be great.

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04:51:10.840 --> 04:51:14.020

And I'll ask Jim to make a few announcements and then we'll be done.

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04:51:15.520 --> 04:51:16.353

End, end.

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04:51:20.810 --> 04:51:21.560

Well, first of all,

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04:51:21.560 --> 04:51:25.860

I'd like to extend my thanks to everyone who helped make the reunion a success

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04:51:25.860 --> 04:51:28.940

this year, especially Phyllis and Joe Duran.

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04:51:29.850 --> 04:51:31.020

They helped me out a lot,

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04:51:33.700 --> 04:51:36.740

Particularly with the registration process, but also everybody else,

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04:51:36.880 --> 04:51:41.020

the officers, uh, again, who made it a great, great reunion.

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04:51:41.700 --> 04:51:45.660

A reminder about next year, the planning process is already going. So Dayton,

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04:51:45.660 --> 04:51:49.540

Ohio next year around the same time probably. So mark your calendars now.

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04:51:50.320 --> 04:51:52.820

Any suggestions or ideas for improvements,

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04:51:52.840 --> 04:51:56.300

please let me know or let an officer know. I've heard a few comments already,

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04:51:56.400 --> 04:51:59.620

but we're always looking to strive to improve, uh,

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04:52:00.080 --> 04:52:03.460

on the few minor hiccups that we have every once in a while.

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04:52:04.360 --> 04:52:06.340

The group photos that we took yesterday,

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04:52:06.890 --> 04:52:08.980

I'll have those available hopefully within the month,

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04:52:08.980 --> 04:52:12.740

and I'll have information about, uh, getting those to you. And, uh,

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04:52:12.900 --> 04:52:16.420

I usually charge a small fee to cover the ink and the, uh, paper for printing,

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04:52:16.480 --> 04:52:18.020

but we'll have the group photos available.

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04:52:18.080 --> 04:52:20.540  
So look for information on ordering those.

4133  
04:52:23.080 --> 04:52:26.620  
And I just want to close myself saying that every year it's such a great event,

4134  
04:52:26.930 --> 04:52:30.700  
meeting more new, uh, 93rd family members.

4135  
04:52:30.840 --> 04:52:35.660  
And I say family because I do truly feel like we're all one large family.

4136  
04:52:35.660 --> 04:52:39.820  
It's a family event and, uh, very welcoming and uh,

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04:52:39.820 --> 04:52:43.660  
I just would like to say thanks to everyone for that. So, uh, lastly,

4138  
04:52:43.660 --> 04:52:47.060  
the memorabilia room downstairs will be open until 10 o'clock tonight,

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04:52:47.060 --> 04:52:50.460  
and then we'll be tearing it down. So have safe travels back British

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04:52:50.560 --> 04:52:52.260  
To Luke for Jim Roof. Yes.

4141  
04:52:57.880 --> 04:53:02.780  
Wow. Thank you. Thank you. I do enjoy doing this. So it's a lot of fun. And,

4142  
04:53:02.840 --> 04:53:05.660  
uh, yes, there's at times a lot of hard work, but my, uh,

4143  
04:53:05.680 --> 04:53:07.220  
my wife assures me that, uh,

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04:53:07.270 --> 04:53:09.380

we're still gonna stay married as long as I keep doing this. So,

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04:53:11.970 --> 04:53:15.740

Okay. I do wanna make one more, uh, comment. We had a first yesterday,

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04:53:16.080 --> 04:53:18.060

and I don't know how many of you heard this,

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04:53:18.800 --> 04:53:21.660

but for all of our museum travels,

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04:53:21.670 --> 04:53:26.500

we've never actually seen an airplane or an aircraft that we

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04:53:26.520 --> 04:53:31.100

had the pilot who actually flew that aircraft with us on the,

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04:53:31.240 --> 04:53:36.100

on the reunion. And that happened yesterday. There was a,

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04:53:36.230 --> 04:53:40.540

there was a aircraft in the museum, it was a Coast Guard helicopter,

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04:53:41.400 --> 04:53:46.060

and Jim Sellers flew that very helicopter on numerous missions outta Miami.

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04:53:46.960 --> 04:53:51.860

So we set another first for the 93rd and for the museum, by the way,

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04:53:51.860 --> 04:53:55.260

they had never had a pilot actually show up that flew an aircraft.

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04:53:55.600 --> 04:53:57.460

So if you want to hear the whole story, talk to Jim,

4156  
04:53:57.460 --> 04:53:58.740  
but that's the short version.

4157  
04:54:03.960 --> 04:54:06.860  
Or put down more than 25 bucks for the SU plot.

4158  
04:54:09.640 --> 04:54:14.380  
Seeing none, did anybody put more than 37 \$40?

4159  
04:54:14.480 --> 04:54:16.940  
You more than \$40 on it for color plot.

4160  
04:54:19.840 --> 04:54:21.940  
Seeing not now. Well,

4161  
04:54:21.940 --> 04:54:25.580  
in the winner of the snoopy clock is the one that put on 25 and the  
winner of

4162  
04:54:25.580 --> 04:54:29.540  
the color clock put down 40. There you go. So if you know who we're,

4163  
04:54:29.850 --> 04:54:30.780  
stop down and see me.

4164  
04:54:31.830 --> 04:54:35.300  
There you go. I knew he could recover. I knew it.

4165  
04:54:37.480 --> 04:54:41.660  
All right. That's, that's it for, for this reunion. Thank you all.  
And, uh,

4166  
04:54:41.660 --> 04:54:43.300  
we still have a little time tonight,

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04:54:43.360 --> 04:54:45.540  
the memorabilia room and breakfast in the morning.

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04:54:45.600 --> 04:54:49.860

For those of you that don't have early getaways like me and, uh,

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04:54:49.930 --> 04:54:53.180

Emma said to say goodbye to you. She's on a plane to home.

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04:54:53.440 --> 04:54:55.180

So see y'all next year

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04:55:01.680 --> 04:55:03.180

To any of the new people here.

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04:55:03.580 --> 04:55:08.340

I send out a D V D every year with all of the pictures I've taken, uh,

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04:55:08.440 --> 04:55:09.460

edited out. So I,

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04:55:09.990 --> 04:55:14.780

about half of them are usually not worth sending and I'm gladly honored

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04:55:14.920 --> 04:55:19.140

to send them all to you free of charge. Uh, if I don't have your address.

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04:55:19.160 --> 04:55:22.500

See that I get it and I'll see that you get this great show.

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04:55:22.910 --> 04:55:23.380

Thank you.