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June 26 '43

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British crew that
rescued R. H. Smith

Paul J. Baillie works for IBM

John Lucas, Atlanta

RESTRICTED
 PERSONNEL HISTORY STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONED OFFICER

15 Aug 1942
 (Date)

Cheney Thomas Spier Sgt Air Corps
 (Surname) (First name) (Middle name) (Grade) (Arm or service)

TOTAL COMMISSIONED MILITARY SERVICE TO DATE

Original appointment: _____ Total length of commissioned service:
 Date: 5 Jan 1942 Grade: 2nd Lt 18 21/30 months

DATES OF PROMOTION TO GRADES

1st Lt AUS <u>23 Jan 1942</u>	1st Lt AUS (AC)	Capt AUS <u>15 July 1942</u>	Capt AUS (AC)	Maj AUS
Maj AUS (AC)	Lt Col AUS	Lt Col AUS (AC)	Col AUS (AC)	

ENLISTED (Indicate if none)

None

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS AND BRANCH SCHOOLS, ETC.
 (Indicate if none)

Aviation cadet from 24 Oct 1941 to 23 Jan 1942
11th CACP

OTC TRAINING, SERVICE IN NATIONAL GUARD OR OFFICERS RESERVE CORPS (Indicate if non)

None

CIVILIAN BACKGROUND
 Education (Encircle)

No. of High School	University	Post Graduate	Specialized Technical, etc.
years: 1 2 3 4	1 (2) 3 4	1 (2) 3 4	1 2 3 4
Graduate: Yes <u>X</u> No	Yes No <u>X</u>	Yes No <u>X</u>	Yes No

Other courses not shown above:

None

EXPERIENCE: (Use reverse side of paper if more space is needed)

Accountant - Office Management and Accounting and
Accounting - Sept 1939 to Oct 1941

UNUSUAL CONDITIONS CONCERNING RECOMMENDATION FOR PROMOTION
 (Attach copies of any communications in officer's 201-file wherein he has been mentioned favorably or unfavorably)

None

(Signature of personnel officer)

5 May 1977

MGen James S. Cheney
630 Cinnamon Ct.
Satellite Beach, FL 32937

Dear Jim:

Many thanks for the loan of these pictures. I have had a devil of a time making time to get them copied, but finally did it tonight along with a number of others I have had for some time.

I made contact with the 303rd Bomb Group, and they do not presently have any record of a person named Driggs, the name in the log book you showed me.

If through your Pentagon contacts you ever come up with the person, let me know, and I'll pass it along to the 303rd people.

Thanks so much again for the loan.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong

31 March 1977

M/Gen James S. Cheney
630 Cinnamon Ct
Satellite Beach, FL 32937

Dear Jikm:

I want to thank you and your wife for the wonderful hospitality Tuesday evening. I enjoyed every minute of the visit, and found it very helpful.

As I look over the copies of orders which you gave me, I find a number of names I have not seen before. I'll be working them into my files in the next week.

I am enclosing the clippings which you loaned me, as I have been able to copy them this morning. I'll probably hang on to the pictures for a week or more. At least until we have some power in the building I work in, which may be another week. A main underground cable went out, and there has been considerable difficulty repaling it, so we have only minimal power in the building now.

If on one of your trips to North Carolina you wander west of I-95, please stop in Laurinburg for a visit.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong

JAMES S. CHENEY

Attorney at Law

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October 15, 1980

Mr. Ralph E. Bordner
131 East Autumn Lane
East Peoria, Illinois 61611

Dear Ralph:

I was certainly pleased to get your recent letter. I remember meeting you back in 1971 again after all the years since 1945.

I am planning to attend the reunion in Orlando this year, and have particularly planned on being there on the evening of October 31st. In fact we will probably stay in Orlando that night.

You may remember Jim Venable who was an engineering officer for the group. Jim lives in Cocoa Beach and has for many years. He and I have gotten together and have gotten in touch with a number of people and asked them to come to the reunion and suggested perhaps a later get together here on the coast where we live.

On the list of those who have registered I recognize of course your name, Casey Jones, Jack Lambert (who was my first squadron commander at Thurleigh), and Wendell Hull. Also Henderson Knight.

I have seen Don Ross a number of times in Washington and Omaha, and of course I saw Russ Strong down here a couple of years ago.

I have tried to get in touch with Walt ~~Kenn~~ by telephone but have missed him. I should drop him a note and Willie Williams, in Chicago, to see if they might be coming down. Bill Radar of was at the meeting last year and I have seen him several times this year, and he believes he will not be able to be in Orlando.

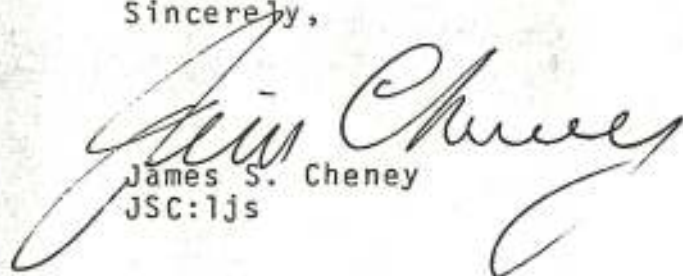
In any event I am looking forward to seeing you and the others

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October 15, 1980
Mr. Ralph E. Bordner

in Orlando. If there is anything I can do for you here,
please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James S. Cheney". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and initials.

James S. Cheney
JSC:ljs

OLC for five missions

R E S T R I C T E D

(G-25)

GENERAL ORDERS)

Hq VIII Bomber Command,
APO 634,

No. 129)

E X T R A C T

24 August 1943.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 8 August 1932, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq ETOUSA, 5 April 1943, and ltr Hq Eighth Air Force, 16 April 1943, Subject "Awards and Decorations", an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following-named Officer, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded.

Citation: For exceptionally meritorious achievement, while participating in five separate bomber combat missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by this Officer upon these occasions reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States.

* * *
JAMES S. CHENEY, O-434736, 1st Lieutenant, 306th Bombardment Group, (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: Box 5, Palatka, Florida.

* * *
By command of Brigadier General F. L. ANDERSON;

OFFICIAL:

EDWARD E. TOPO,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

JOHN A SAMFORD,
Colonel, AG, GSC
Chief of Staff.

R E S T R I C T E D



Nov 2, 1983

Dear Russ ~

Just a note to confirm
our conversation. If you visit
Florida this winter, you'll be
welcome at our home and to
make it your headquarters while
in the area.

I thought the Swaha meeting
was a great success, thanks to you,
Don, Ralph & others. It was a
pleasure seeing you again and
we hope to see you & Mrs. Strong
before too long.

Truly

Jim Cheney

11 April 1984

M/Gen. James S. Cheney
PO Drawer 1959
Melbourne Beach, FL 32901

Dear Jim:

It was good to talk with you recently, and now I would like to plumb your mind for other information.

Do you have any knowledge of two men who were judge advocates in the 8th? They are John M. Campbell, who served 8th Fighter Command, and Louis E. Kearney, Third Air Division. What I really need are addresses, and I don't know whether they may appear in your current organization's roster or not.

I am also seeking Lindsey L. Braxton, who was adjutant general of the 8th AF, and whom I believe was also an attorney.

If you have any tidbits of any kind I would appreciate hearing.

Also, convey to Jo that the Kalamazoo Chamber of Commerce will be sending her an ample packet of information on this fair city in anticipation of her August visit. Unfortunately, that will be when I have a tour group in Germany, so I will miss the event.

I look forward to seeing you in Fort Worth. I talked with Henry Terry the other night, and he says he will be there. Also talked today with another 306th alum, Edward Tutun, whom I believe was a co-pilot and who is now an executive vice president of W. R. Grace & Co. He plans to make the reunion for the first time, and said he had an enjoyable hour last week roaming around the 306th Restaurant.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong

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May 7, 1984

Mr. Russell A. Strong
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Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007

Dear Russ:

I don't know John M. Campbell and Louis E. Kearney, who you state were judge advocates in the 8th Air Force. Neither do I know Lindsey L. Braxton, who was adjutant general of the 8th.

I did know Lester Prichard, who was the Staff Judge Advocate of the 8th Service Command, located at Burtonwood. He has been dead for many years, but his wife lives in California, and I can get her address.

All of the judge advocates during the war were, of course, members of the Army Judge Advocates Corps. Many of those who served during the war and who stayed on afterwards did, of course, transfer to the Air Force after 1948. I am pretty familiar with all of those who came into the Air Force, and I don't recognize either Campbell's name or Kearney's name. Braxton's name is familiar to me, but I cannot come up with anything concrete.

I would suggest that you write the Judge Advocate General of the Army in Washington, and they may be able to give you some information about Campbell and Kearney, at least. I am going to Washington myself later on this month, and I will check with some people I know who served as judge advocates during the war to see if they have any knowledge about these people.

I plan tentatively to get to Fort Worth in October. The weekend before that is going to be the first reunion of retired judge advocates in San Antonio, so I'll probably make both of them. I'll see if I can get Jack Lambert to come. I will also get in touch with Dick Walck and Paul Bailey to see if we can persuade them to

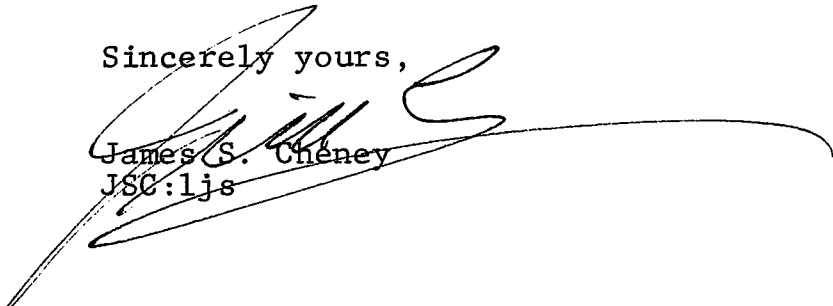
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May 7, 1984

Mr. Russell A. Strong

come.

We'll be in touch with you again later.

Sincerely yours,



James S. Cheney
JSC:ljs

20 March 1989

M/Gen James S. Cheney
630 Cinnamon Ct
Satellite Beach, FL 32937

Dear Jim:

Writing for myself, and for Don Ross and Reg Robinson,
let me express our thanks to you for your recent gift
to the 306th BG Project Fund.

Your continued interest in the Association serves as a
challenge to many others to participate, as well, and
your attendance at reunions is much appreciated.

We will keep you informed as to future projects.

Sincerely yours,

William F. Houlihan
President

Amount Received: \$250.00



3/1/59.

Date —

Happy to make
a contribution -

Jim Cheney

CHENEY, James S.

O 46537

13 Aug 1948

Navigator, 423rd

AM 5/22/43

olc 7/743

olc 7/9/43

Capt.

Group navigator 9/14/43

Major 1/21/44

Led wing to Hamm 4/22/44

Led division to Munster 9/30/44

BFC 1/4/44

Trans to 303rd BG as group navigator 1/7/45

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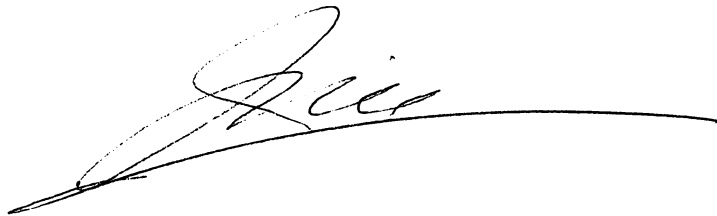
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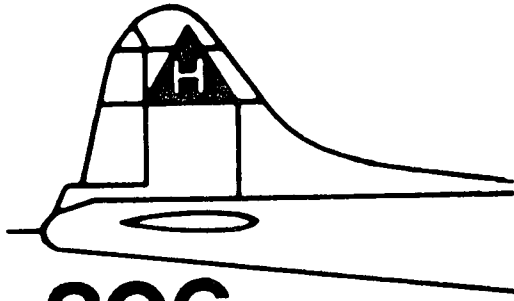
Dear Russ -

Have sent a copy of the enclosed to
Don Ross, & thought you would be interested also.
You may already know about it, since
is the AF retired news letter.

Enjoyed seeing at Pittsburgh - will
probably see you next year. Call me if you
are down this way.

Best wishes,





367th, 368th, 369th, 423rd Squadrons, and service organizations
Thurleigh, Bedfordshire, England – September 1942-April 1945

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306th Echoes
306th Directory

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS ELECTED IN ENGLAND

Maj. Gen. James S. Cheney (USAF ret) 630 Cinnamon Court, Satellite Beach, was elected to a three-year term as a director of the 306th Bomb Group Association during its annual meeting in the Cumberland Hotel, London, England.

Cheney served the Group for nearly a year and a half as Group Navigator, and retired from the Air Force in 1972 as Judge Advocate General. Since then he has practiced law in Melbourne Beach.

The 306th Bomb Group Association was celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Group's entering combat in WWII as one of the original groups in the Eighth Air Force, flying out of England. Cheney flew 45 combat missions, most of them with the 306th, but winding up with the 303rd Group. The 306th flew its first of 341 combat missions on 9 October 1942.

More than 400 persons from the U. S. took part in the weeklong reunion activities held at Bedford, at the Group's base at Thurleigh, at Madingly cemetery near Cambridge, at the Duxford Imperial War Museum, and in London. At a midweek dance held in one of the Group's WWII hangars, more than 1,500 Britishers joined the American visitors to dance to the music of the Herb Miller orchestra. Herb Miller is the brother of the legendary Glenn Miller.

14 June 1996

M/Gen. James S. Cheney
630 Cinnamon Ct
Satellite Beach, FL 32937

Dear Gen. Cheney:

I have been informed by Ralph Franklin that the Thurleigh Middle School headmistress has indicated that the school would like to use the \$500 we voted in 1995 towards the purchase of seating for the outdoor nature area at the school.

This, I am informed, would take the form of wooden benches to be placed at various points in the area to be used by children and teachers.

I think if we have officer approval we can then proceed to inform the school of our action, which is handled by Ralph Franklin as our agent.

Sincerely yours,

cc: Robert Seelos
Robert Houser
Ralph Franklin

13 June 1996

Maj/ Gen. James S. Cheney
~~720 Satekittex Drive~~ 630 Cinnamon Ct
Satellite Beach, FL 32937

Dear Jim:

Enclosed are the materials which I received today from Buck Shuler.

I think this becomes the basis for our "pitch" to the 306th reunion concerning gifts

I shall be checking with people there as to how many copies of literature they can supply us with. I am sure that by the time we are in Las Vegas things will have begun to happen, and we can then prepare for our own pitch to the throng, and kick off our campaign.

We will want to make a decision as to whether we make a mailing to all or only to selected people on our mailing list, or do it all with Echoes. It seems to me some combination of both will be advantageous to the idea, and will bring us the greatest amount of revenue.

Once we have a chairman we can begin exploring our roster as to the best 200 prospects and work from there.

I have begun working on the July issue of Echoes and now have set a tentative date to printer as of 25 June. This will enable me to have a review of the pages, and possibly to have it printed and on the way to the mailer by the time I leave here about 6 July.

Some aspects of the Savannah program I will hold until the October issue, which will be out before the reunion, in particular the Memorial Garden, etc.

Will be in touch when you return home,



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367, 368, 369, 423

Dear Jim:

About your final duty at the Annual Meeting in Orlando as an officer of the Association, is the presentation of a slate of officers for the 1998 year.

We will need to elect a president and a vice president. As has been customary for several years, we have chosen a vice president who is agreeable to serve a second year, as president.

You will need to check with Joe Hathaway as his willingness to serve again, and I think it will be in the affirmative.

Then you will need to get together with your committee, which you select, to find a vice president, probably a former officer.

Two directors will complete their terms and will need to be replaced: Wallace Peckham and John Hickey. This will be for three-year terms.

I will be happy to discuss any of these matters before the meeting, and I'll try in the interim to come up with some possible names. You ought to check with Houser as to his willingness to continue as treasurer. I'll be happy to serve another year, IF THAT IS YOUR PLEASURE.

Sincerely,

CC: Seelos, Hathaway

MEMO FROM THE DESK OF

James S. Cheney 6/13/79

Dear Mrs —

A little help,
a little love. But
glad to be able to
do it. I think what
you & Sue are doing
is great & I hope
to make a small
contribution.

J Cheney

11 August 1975

Dear Gen. Cheney:

Many thanks for answering my inquiry so promptly. It has been encouraging to receive a number of replies from various individuals who served with the 306th.

I am enclosing a copy of what must have been a news release which I found in the microfilmed official month-by-month history of the group.

I would appreciate your comments on it as to accuracy and as to your impressions of just what did happen. I note that you arrived in the group in April 1943, so this must have been a very early mission for you. Was this the crew which you came over with?

I am also interested in any comments which you may have on the other missions you mentioned: Hannover July 26, 1943; Berlin, January 1944; Schweinfurt, February 1944, and D-Day.

As I believe I mentioned in the earlier communication, I spent five hours in early July talking with Bob Williams. We had a great eminiscence, and then a week later I had an opportunity to talk with John Regan. He had some great stories to tell, and I hope to get back with him later.

I would also be interested in any comments you might have on the general operation of the group under Robinson and under Sutton. I left at the end of November 1944, so had at least a brief glimpse of the Sutton style, but would like to learn what those in headquarters found.

Last week I chatted with John Bairnsfather by phone, and hope to get together with him for a long talk some time in the next two weeks. He works in Cincinnati and lives between Dayton and Cincinnati.

Any assistance you can give me will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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A HISTORY OF THE 306th BOMBARDMENT GROUP - EIGHTH AIR FORCE
Russell A. Strong, 4900 Appleridge Ct., Dayton, Ohio 45424

I am endeavoring to put together a good history of the 306th Bombardment group, an idea which has been in my mind for some years. I am working diligently on the matter, collecting all kinds of data and working through the official history and records of the group. I served as a navigator with the 367th Squadron from June through November, 1944, and currently am director of news and information services at Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio. I solicit your assistance in my project.

I am interested in any special materials which you may have, such as good photographs of personnel, battle damage, plane insignia, etc. I am also interested in commendations (other than the usual Air Medal and DFC) you may have received, special stories which you may have in your possession, letters that are highly descriptive of combat action, or any other documents. I would appreciate receiving xeroxed copies. But, if you do not have such facilities readily available, I would appreciate the loan of materials which I might copy and return to you immediately. I am also interested in manuscripts of memoirs which you may have prepared, particularly if they were done within a couple of years of the events. Again, I would appreciate copies or the opportunity to copy them.

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Address 517 S RIVER POINT DR STUART FLA 33494
Telephone (305) 283-7541 Date 1 Aug 1977
Occupation Atty at Law Employer Self
Address _____ Telephone _____

Service Record:

Before joining the 306th: NAV Instructor, Kelly Field
Texas

After leaving the 306th: Gp Navigator, 303d BGP + 40th CB
Korea, Air Force Judge Advocate 1946-1973
The Judge Advocate General 1969-1973

306th Record:

Arrival Date April 1943 Squadron or other unit 422d + Gp Staff
MOS 1034 Combat Status Navigator
Missions Completed 36
Promotions Capt 1943 Major 1944
Decorations AM 5 olcs DFC 0 olcs SS DSM DSC MH SM
PH 6 Battle Stars _____ other _____

(OVER)

Other personal data:

Description of Air Missions:

(What were the highlights of your combat career? What was your role? What heroics did you witness? What events were there of which you have special knowledge?)

423d SgVh Navigator June - Nov 1943
306 Gp Navigator Nov 43 - Jan 44

Bremen Mission April 17, 1943 - Hannover
July 26 1943 - Berlin Jan 44 - Schweinfurt
Febr 44, D Day

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314



21 AUG 1975

Mr. Russell A. Strong
News and Information Services
Wright State University
Dayton, OH 45431

Dear Mr. Strong

Attached please find a copy of the 1970 biography of General Cheney. Regretfully we had none in our files more current than this. Please note the correct spelling of the General's middle name is "Spiers". The General retired in October 1973 and is presently in Florida completing entrance requirements for the state Bar. Please contact us if we can be of further service.

Sincerely

Laurent R. Hourgle

LAURENT R. HOURGLE, Capt, USAF
Executive Services
Office of The Judge Advocate General

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Gen Cheney's Biography



Biography

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

MAJOR GENERAL JAMES S. CHENEY

Major General James ^{*Spires*} Cheney is The Judge Advocate General, U.S. Air Force.

General Cheney was born on Aug. 13, 1918, in Tucson, Ariz. He graduated from Robert E. Lee High School, Jacksonville, Fla., in 1938; Young L.G. Harris Junior College, Ga., in 1939; and attended Atlanta Law School during 1939-1940. He received his bachelor of laws degree from Atlanta Law School in 1950.

General Cheney began his military career as an aviation cadet at Kelly Field, Tex., in October 1941. In January 1942 he received his wings as a rated navigator and later served as an instructor in the Navigation School. From July 1942 to February 1943 he served with replacement training units at various bases as student and later instructor.

In March 1943 he joined the 306th Bombardment Group and later the 303rd Bombardment Group, Eighth Air Force, England, where he served as combat crew navigator, squadron navigator and group navigator, participating in combat operations until the end of World War II.

After a year of training and flying with the Air Transport Command, General Cheney returned to Europe in July 1946 where he commenced his military legal career as Base Legal Officer with the 313th Troop Carrier Group in Austria. From January until September 1947 he served as Deputy Judge Advocate with Headquarters European Air Transport Service (EATS), Wiesbaden Air Base, Germany. The following two years he served as Base Legal Officer and Wing Legal Officer with the 61st Troop Carrier Wing, Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany. The 61st Wing participated in the Berlin Airlift.

He returned to the United States in December 1949 to serve as Staff Judge Advocate, Headquarters 314th Troop Carrier Wing, Sewart Air Force Base, Tenn., and later as Base Legal Officer, 2589th Air Force Reserve Training Center (AFRTC), Dobbins Air Force Base, Ga.

During the Korean War General Cheney went to the Far East in July 1950, and flew on missions as navigator with the 3rd Bombardment Group for several months and then served as Legal Officer, 6133rd Tactical Support Wing, Iwakuni Air Base, Japan. In December 1950 he became Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, Fifth Air Force at Nagoya, Japan, and Taegu, Korea.

From July 1951 to June 1954 he served as Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, Headquarters Air Proving Ground Command (APGC), Eglin Air Force Base Fla. In June 1954 he was assigned to the Office of the Judge Advocate General, Washington, D.C., as a member of a Board of Review. He became Board Chairman in December 1956 and in June 1957 became the Executive Officer to The Judge Advocate General.

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(Current as of May 15, 1970)

(Local reproduction authorized)

General Cheney transferred in July 1960 to the Third Air Force, England, where he served for two years as Staff Judge Advocate. He went to Germany in July 1962 to serve as Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, United States Air Forces in Europe (USAFE). In July 1964 he returned to the United States and was assigned to the Office of the Judge Advocate General, Headquarters U.S. Air Force as Director of Military Justice. In July 1967 General Cheney became Staff Judge Advocate, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.

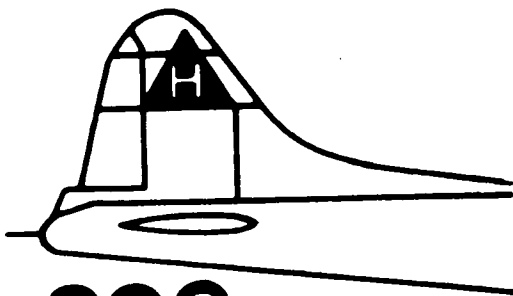
In February 1969 General Cheney became the Assistant Judge Advocate General, U.S. Air Force and in September 1969 he assumed duties as The Judge Advocate General.

General Cheney is admitted to practice by the Supreme Court of the State of Georgia, the Court of Military Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court. He is a member of the American Bar Association, Federal Bar Association and the Georgia Bar Association.

He is a rated aircraft observer and navigator credited with 2,500 flying hours and 57 combat missions. His military decorations include the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with five oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Distinguished Unit Citation Emblem, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon and Croix de Guerre with Gold Star from France.

General Cheney is married to the former Yvonne Parsons of London, England. They have two sons, James, Jr., and Frederick.

He was promoted to the temporary grade of major general effective Sept. 30, 1969, with date of rank July 1, 1965, and to the permanent grade of major general effective Sept. 30, 1969.



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Major General James S. Cheney

Joined the 306th Bomb Group in England for combat service as a navigator in the 423rd Squadron. Became Squadron Navigator in June 1943, Group Navigator in October 1943.

Was the longest serving Group Navigator for the 306th. Leaving there in January 1945 to become Group Navigator for the 303rd Bomb Group, also a part of the 8th Air Force. Between the two bomb groups he flew 45 combat missions in WWII, and then flew another 12 missions during the Korean War with the 3rd Bomb Group.

Became a very active member of the 306th Bomb Group Association. Served three years as a director of the Association, and was president during 1995-96. He led a very successful campaign to raise funds for the Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum at Savannah, GA, given in the name of the 306th Bomb Group Association.

one great-grandson.

Calling hours are from 6 to 8 tonight at North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville. Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

CHARLES BORGER

MIMS — Charles K. "Bud" Borger, 77, a retired pipe fitter for Chicago Bridge and Iron and Pullman Power, died Sunday, April 26, at home.

Mr. Borger was born in Williamsport, Pa. He came to Brevard County recently from Pennsylvania.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and received the Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, three Bronze Stars and World War II Victory Medal.

Mr. Borger was Baptist. He was a member of the Elks Lodge, Moose Lodge, Republican League, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Pipe Fitters Local 520 and Lycoming County Bowling Association Hall of Fame. He was vice president and past president of Lycoming County Bowling Association. He enjoyed fishing and hunting.

Survivors include his wife of 27 years, Margaret Borger of Mims; stepsons, Max Camp of Rochester Mills, Pa., Joseph Caputo of Williamsport, Gerald Caputo of Linden, Pa. and Allan Caputo of Cogen Station, Pa.; stepdaughters, Nancy Jordan of Muncy, Pa., and Lou Baskin of Lock Haven, Pa.; sisters, Jesse Alexander of Williamsport and Mary Leonard of Hills Grove, Pa.; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Calling hours are from 6 to 8 tonight, with services at 7 p.m., at North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens.

Donations may be made to Hospice of St. Francis, P.O. Box 5563, Titusville, FL 32783.

JAMES CHENEY

SATELLITE BEACH — James S. Cheney, 79, a retired Air Force judge advocate general, died Friday, April 24, at home.



CHENEY

He was a veteran of World War II.

Mr. Cheney was a member of Bars of the Supreme Court of Georgia, United States Court of Military Appeals, United States Supreme Court, American Bar Association, General Bar

Association, Judge Advocates Association, Inter-American Association, Brevard Bar Association, Florida Bar Association and Hawaii Bar Association.

He served on the Salvation Army advisory board since 1976, was a member and past president of Indianalantic Rotary Club, and a member of the Retired Officers Association and Officers Club at Patrick Air Force Base.

Survivors include his sons, James Cheney Jr. of Cocoa Beach and Frederick Cheyenne of Melbourne Beach; and three grandchildren.

No calling hours are scheduled. Services with military honors will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at South Patrick Chapel. Burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery. Beach Funeral Home in Indian Harbour Beach is in charge of arrangements.

Donations may be made to a charity of choice.

DONALD CRAMER

COCOA BEACH — Donald S. Cramer, 78, a retired Navy captain, died Sunday, April 26, at West Melbourne Health Care Center.

Mr. Cramer was born in Ogdensburg, N.Y. He came to Brevard County 26 years ago from New York City.

He was Episcopal. Mr. Cramer served for 15 years as member and chair of the Cocoa Beach City Board of Adjustment. He was also member and officer of the Cocoa Beach Boat Club, and director and president of the Cocoa Beach Citizens League. He was very active in the Barbershoppers.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Cramer of Cape Canaveral; sons, Barton Cramer of Loan Tree, Iowa, and Charles Cramer of Orange Park; sisters, Virginia Moysich of Chicago and Phyllis Early of Tucson, Ariz.; brother, Charles Cramer of Granville, N.Y.; and five grandchildren.

No calling hours are scheduled. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Beckman-Williamson Funeral Home in Cocoa Beach. Burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery.

WILMA EMANUEL

COCOA — Wilma W. Emanuel, 84, a homemaker, died Friday, April 24, at National Health Care Center.

Mrs. Emanuel was born in Sunderlinville, Pa. She came to Brevard County in 1987 from Birmingham, Ala.

Survivors include her husband, Bernard Emanuel of Cocoa; son, Bill Dockstader of Birmingham; and one granddaughter,

No calling hours are scheduled. Memorial services will be held later in New York. National Cremation Society of Melbourne is in charge of arrangements.

Donations may be made to a charity of choice.

ROBERT JONES

COCOA BEACH — Robert Francis Jones, 89, a retired Navy captain, died Monday, April 27, at home.

Mr. Jones was born in Duluth, Minn. He came to Brevard County six years ago from Lehigh Acres. He was Episcopal.

Survivors include his nieces, Jean Porter of Cape Canaveral and Mary Baugh of Evansville, Ind.; and 11 grandnieces and grandnephews.

No calling hours are scheduled. Services will be later. Beckman-Williamson Funeral Home in Cocoa Beach is in charge of arrangements.

Donations may be made to Naval Academy Alumni Association, 247 King George St., Annapolis, MD 21402, or to the Sea Cadets of the Navy League, Cape Canaveral Chapter, P.O. Box 902, Cape Canaveral, FL 32920.

KENNETH KEENEY

MIMS — Kenneth R. Keeney, 39, a machinist for McDonnell Douglas, died Sunday, April 26, at Parrish Medical Center in Titusville.

Mr. Keeney was born in Charleston, W.Va. He came to Brevard County in 1978 from New Jersey.

Survivors include his father, James Keeney of Titusville; mother, Doraine Keeney of Titusville; and brothers, James Keeney of Northburg, N.J., and David Keeney of Titusville.

Calling hours will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, with services at 7 p.m., at North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

MARGARET LIZOTTE

BAREFOOT BAY — Margaret M. "Peggy" Lizotte, 76, a retired Southern New England Telephone Co. employee, died Monday, April 27, at Mariner Health Care of Melbourne.

Mrs. Lizotte was born in Bridgeport, Conn. She came to Brevard County in 1993 from Naugatuck, Conn.

After her retirement, she worked as a greeter for Wal-Mart in Sebastian.

She was Catholic. Mrs. Lizotte was a member of Eagles Aerie 4067, Women of the Moose Chapter 1764 and the Italian American Club, all in Sebastian. She enjoyed bingo.

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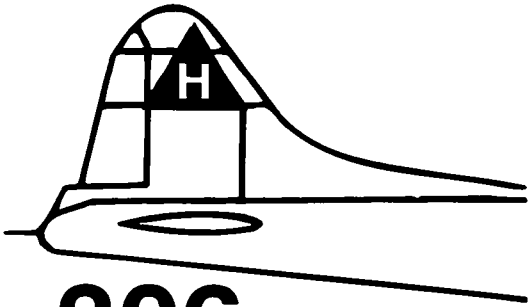
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A service of committal for Maj. Gen. and Mrs. James S. Cheney will be held at Arlington National Cemetery Friday, 19 June, at 9 a.m. The party will leave the headquarters at Arlington at that hour and the brief service will follow.

All 306th veterans are urged to attend.

A reception will follow at the Officers Club at Fort Myer, immediately adjacent to Arlington. Persons planning to attend this reception should respond to Mrs. William S. Rader, (703)751-9090.

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