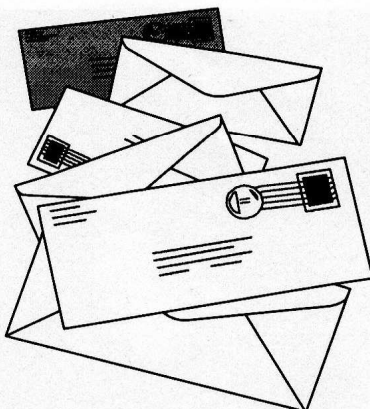


## Other Organizations

### ***Chanute Aerospace Museum***

The Octave Chanute Aerospace Museum to be located at Chanute AFB, Rantoul, IL., will be the home for many aircraft that are now displayed on the base. The museum will include training equipment, machinery, instruments, historical documents, photographs, various artifacts and memorabilia. A Hands-on Discovery room will allow interaction with exhibits. There will be a Chanute & Illinois Aviation History room and a Room of Heroes, a Convention/Conference/Theater room, an Art Gallery, an Aviation Literary & Audio Visual room, a Museum Gift Shop for souvenirs and mementos, and a cafe. Museum programs will eventually include guided tours, lectures, oral and visual history programs.

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### ***At Last, a Museum For POWs***

In the years since they returned from POW camps, many of those held captive have said they want neither recognition nor remembrance. They only seek understanding of what they sacrificed for their country. Their ranks are thinning now, with only some 75,000 still living.

For years they have sought some way to go beyond the stereotyped 'Hogan's Heroes' to tell the true story of those days of their imprisonment. Now it appears that their story will have a home at the National POW Museum to be built in the next two years at the Andersonville National Historic Site in south Georgia. The final \$1 million needed to begin construction of the \$9 million project has been allocated by the U.S. Senate and the House concurred.

The museum will lead visitors through ten phases of the POW experience, from capture through their life of captivity, and former POWs have contributed about 4,000 items for use in the displays. Andersonville was selected because of its unique ties to the POW experience as the site of a prisoner-of-war camp during the Civil War housing some 45,000 prisoners.

### ***Pecos Army Airfield Reunion***

The former Pecos Army Air Field in Pecos, Texas, is in the planning stages for an upcoming reunion. Since this is only the second reunion in over 50 years, there are still many former air field personnel that have not been contacted. Reunion Dates: September 30 to October 2, 1996.

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### ***News Not Good For The Spruce Goose***

While of a different nature, but in a forlorn condition, the world's largest flying boat that has traveled more by water than by air, three years after it was barged from Long Beach to Oregon, the Spruce Goose still sits in pieces -wings, thighs, drumsticks- waiting for a home in a promised air history Museum. The plans have been fiscally frustrated by the debts and defaults of Del Smith, the aviation tycoon who bought the wooden boat that Howard Hughes built and ferried it from its place alongside the Queen Mary in Long Beach to near McMinnville, Oregon .

Eight stories tall, with the wingspan of a football field including the end zones, the craft was made of wood to save on wartime metals. It flew just once, for 49 seconds in 1947. Hughes, who reputedly hated the "Spruce Goose" nickname, inscribed a photo of its sole flight, "I hope that some day Long Beach will regard this plane with a certain amount of pride."

Smith praised the singular wooden airship, then added, with an incendiary choice of adjectives, "We still have a burning desire to build a Museum. "

### **The 484th PX**

484th BG Logo patch, stitched, 2 3/4 " in diameter ----- \$5.00.

B-24 three- dimensional tie tac, silver, stick pin 1 3/4 " ----- \$5.00.

Association Pin with 484th Logo 7/8" ----- \$5.00.

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