

## THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION Courthouse Plaza II, Suite 500 2300 Clarendon Boulevard Arlington, VA 22201

October 1, 2003

Mr. Clinton W. Hammond President, 351<sup>st</sup> Bomb Group Association

Dear Mr. Hammond:

Thank you for your letter of September 22, 2003 and its enclosed check in the amount of \$40,000.00.

The check has been deposited in the memorial trust account with the U.S. Treasury and will be used solely for the purpose of the care and maintenance of the Polebrook Memorial.

Our nation can never forget the efforts and sacrifices of the men and women who have fought in the name of freedom. The efforts of 351<sup>st</sup> Bomb Group Association to memorialize the sacrifices of its members during World War II are certainly a tribute to those who gave so much so that others may live free of fear and tyranny.

As you know, this Commission was authorized by Congress in 1993 to plan and raise funds for building a national World War II Memorial that is under construction on the Mall in Washington, DC. The Memorial will honor all who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II and the entire nation's contribution to the war effort. The Memorial will be dedicated on Saturday, May 29, 2004. Additional information about the Memorial, as well as its "Registry of Remembrance", may be found in the enclosed material.

If we may be of other service to you at any time, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

Kenneth S. Pond Executive Director

Enclosure