

The 2nd Air Division Memorial Library

The idea of a memorial in Norfolk to honour the 7,000 young Americans on the 2nd Air Division who lost their lives in the line of duty was conceived by senior officers at the close of the war.

All personnel supported their appeal for funds, resulting in a unique and 'living memorial', not only a tribute to those Americans 'who flying from bases in these parts gave their lives defending freedom', but also an educational and friendship bridge between the two nations.



The Memorial Library (at the Norfolk and Norwich Millennium Library in Norwich) remains an enduring and developing connection to the United States with a lending collection of over 4,000 books covering all aspects of American life and culture, and a specialist collection devoted to the history of the 2nd Air Division.

The Memorial Library archive, on deposit with the Norfolk Record Office, includes personal papers, diaries, photographs and other material relating to the 2nd Air Division USAAF servicemen who were based in Norfolk and Suffolk during the Second World War.