

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many members of both groups have written to us in support of our notice in the last bulletin in which we advised the membership of the Association's position that holding separate reunions would be divisive and could lead to the weakening of this organization, as this is not in keeping with the stated aims of our incorporation as the 461st and 484th Bomb Groups Association. Please note that several of these letters are printed in the Mail Call section of this Flyer. I might add, that as one of the founders of this organization, we did not bring members together, to have them go their separate ways.

Therefore, as your president and one of the directors of the Association, I wish to reassure all of our members that the 461st and 484th Bomb Groups Association, as it is now constituted, cannot be divided in any way, as the Association is made up of both: the 461st Bomb Group and the 484th Bomb Group, as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Corporation.

Please indicate your support by marking the Tear Slip in the appropriate space. (After mail call section)

The Active Committees

The following members and members' wives are serving on the various committees:

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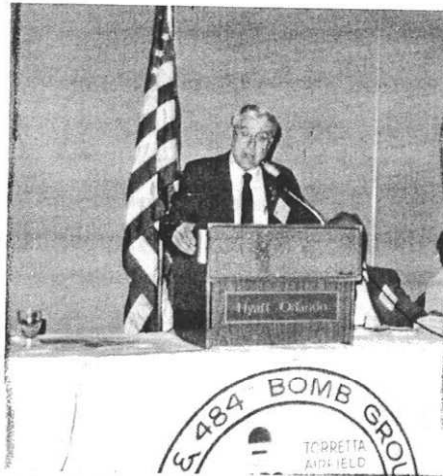
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With this issue of the Flyer, we are adding an overlay to the map of Cerignola and vicinity, as an aid to members travelling to Italy, who may want to visit Torretta airfield. Italy is a land of contrasts, a juxtaposition of many things, old and new. This is readily seen at Torretta. The farm buildings that we occupied are still standing, much as they did 40 years ago, but evidence of the occupation of these lands by the Army Air Forces is hard to find, because of the terms of the USAF's

lease with Baron Zezza, the owner of the land, which provided for returning the fields to their original condition.

Once again we are asking members to indicate by the return of the tear slip, which is attached to this issue of the Flyer, if you plan to attend the next reunion in San Antonio in 1986. The actual dates are not fixed because negotiations with the hotels are not completed. The 1986 Reunion will revert to a 3 day schedule of events. This, of course, is a joint reunion of both the 461st and 484th Bomb Groups and their Torretta based support groups.

Beatrice and I want to thank the many members who graciously gave of their time during the last reunion, at the registration desk and other functions, in helping to make the Orlando get-together one of the most memorable. We also would like to take this space to thank those members and guests responsible for the plaque award and presentation to us at the banquet. Bea and I were taken completely by surprise at this gesture of your appreciation of our work for the Association, and it is rewarding to know that our efforts have been recognized by so many of you.



"DIPLOMACY" (R TO L: LT CAROSELLI, COUNT DE VERA D'ARAGANE, COL. GLANTZBERG, BARON ZEZZA, COUNTESS DE VERA D'ARAGANE, COUNT'S SON, LT. COL. HARRY OGLESBY PHOTO, 767TH SQ.)

NEXT REUNION:

The next reunion and annual meeting will be held in 1986 at San Antonio, Texas. Watch for announcement and dates.

We wish to extend a special thank you to all of the members who contrib-

uted to the computer fund. With prices coming down recently, our fund should be sufficient to meet the needs of the Association. Bless you all for your thoughtfulness.

See you all in San Antonio in 1986!