

STRENGTH IN UNITY

Editorial

What brings our generation together is the sum of all the things that we share in common, our age, and war experience, the shared danger of combat. All Air Corps troopers of WWII, whether in the air or on the ground shared a very dangerous mission, that of fighting a war. A war we helped to win. This is our unity.

One of the goals of the Association is to write and preserve the history of our two valiant groups war time activity. There is much work to be done, such as doing research at the National Archives and at Maxwell Field to name just one activity. We need your help on this project.

You also can help by volunteering for committee work. The Scholarship Committee needs additional members. Or you may want to help out on the membership committee for your squadron. It is very challenging work. Using scanty clues and much determination the finding of new members can be very rewarding. Drop the Association a note to the effect that you would like to work on the membership committee and we will supply you with start up materials.

Make it a point to attend the next reunion in Colorado Springs, Oct 14-18, 1987. Not only does your participation demonstrate your support, it enhances the gathering greatly. You may meet a war time buddy, or an old crew mate and now two members are having fun, and then the wives meet each other spreading the enjoyment. A member from your squadron may overhear your war story, and stop to correct you drawing more participation in your little group, only now it is not so little anymore, and so on. This helps to make the reunion more enjoyable for more members. At our age, it just might be

the right time to kick back and enjoy each other's company more than we have in the past.

To heighten your pleasure we look for places to hold reunions that have a variety of recreation facilities with a good hotel, and a military establishment nearby. This enables our guests to enjoy the reunion, engage in their favorite recreations, and go on a tour of the military base. It is like a mini vacation with the reunion thrown in for good measure.

Show your support by: 1) Helping with basic research, {see side bar at right} 2) Finding new members, 3) Attending the next reunion in Colorado Springs, (A fabled vacation land, with the Air Force Academy). Show your support also by keeping your dues payments current.

Be proud of what the Association stands for. Our unity is our strength. We can accomplish much more. We are only limited by our imagination.

Bud Markel,
President



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WANTED

The Association is always on the lookout for good stories to feature in the Torretta Flyer. We would like to strike a balance between stories of remembrances such as the great articles that appear in this issue with ones dealing with a specific subject matter. Example: Non fiction articles dealing with the development of the Luftwaffe's flak arm, and the ME-262 German Jet fighter's effect on daylight bomber formations, are but two subjects that would make interesting reading for our members. The editor welcomes research and contributions on these and related subjects from the membership. Your editor is especially on the lookout for a bibliography on the subject of the European Air War of 1939-1945. Locations of libraries holding documents and books on this subject and other sources would be especially helpful in expediting this research.

The object of this request is to improve the quality of the Torretta Flyer by making it gradually into a fine historical journal. This broadens its appeal and makes for more interesting reading.

Be sure your name, address, and membership number is shown on all submitted material. In addition, if at all possible, caption photographs with names of subjects, date photo was taken, and the place the photo was taken. Please contact me, Bud Markel, your Torretta Flyer editor for additional information at 213/316/3330.