

Association News

AAF History Is This Issue's Theme.

The main story in this issue is the eleven page History of the Army Air Forces 1907 to 1947 which was sent to us by Adolph Marcus 824 Sq. We thought it would be in keeping with the 50th Anniversary celebrations of the B-24 scheduled for next year. Reader comments are always welcome.

Photo Credits

The photos used on the front and back covers and to illustrate the History of the Army Air Forces 1907 to 1947 story are from Bob Waag of Torrance, California. Photos used in the Letters to the Editor section come from members submitting the letters. The exceptions are noted under the appropriate photographs.

Dues Reminder

Please check the address sticker for the last year that dues were received and remit all dues owing through 1988. For members not currently paid up through 1988, this will be the last issue of the flyer mailed.

Needy Fund

For the 1988 reunion in San Francisco a needy fund was started for those members who wished to attend the reunion, but could not for financial reasons. Members wishing to help in this project for the 1989 Reunion may send contributions to the Association by using the tear slip included in this issue.

Scholarship Awards

Because of severe hot weather and drought conditions in Italy, the start of the fall school year had to be delayed. As we go to press, information regarding the names of the three candidates for 1988 had not been received.

Correction to Torretta Flyer No 15

The cover painting of issue #15 should read, "Winter Scene Torretta, Italy 1944". It was done by Ben Turner (deceased) as well as the one on page 12. Ben was studying art when the war interrupted his schooling and he ended up in the 484th. His work influenced much of the early nose art displayed on the 484th's aircraft in early 1944. Today his work is being recognized by art critics with the result that his paintings are highly valued. Paintings sent by Bill Keese CO 484th BG.

Meeting Calender

May 19-21, 1989 50th Anniversary of the first flight of the B-24 Fort Worth, Texas. For Information call Project Office at 505/821/4484 or write to Project Office 6424 Torreon Dr Albuquerque, NM 97109

August 13-17, 1989 15th Air Force Reunion Las Vegas Riviera Hotel

September 20-24, 1989 50th Anniversary Celebration of the First Flight of the B-24 Liberator San Diego, California. Write the International B-24 Liberator Club, PO Box 841, San Diego, CA 92112

The 1989 Reunion

1989 Reunion Set for New Orleans

The 1989 Reunion will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana August 31 through September 3, 1989 at the New Orleans Marriott Hotel 555 Canal St New Orleans, LA 70140. Phone (504) 581-1000. Room rates are \$60.00 per night Single, double, triple, and quad.

The Last of the Liberators

Virgil W Falkner, (394th Bomb Squadron) USAF Ret, from the Pima County Museum, Arizona (adjacent to Davis-Monthan) sent this list of Liberators presently known to be in existence. They are:

LB-30 Harlingen, TX owned by the Confederate Air Force
B-24 D Dayton ,OH Air Force Museum
B-24J New Delhi, India 44-44213
B-24J Topeka, KS Yesterday's Air Force 44-44272
B-24J Barksdale, LA 44-48781
B-24J Liberal, KS Dave Tallichet owner 42-50551
B-24J Tucson, AZ Pima County Museum 44-44175
B-24J Stowe, MA Bob Collings owner 44-44052
B-24L Ottawa, Canada 44-50154
B-24L Cosford, England 44-50206
B-24M Lackland AFB, TX 44512-28
B-24J Castle AFB, CA restoration started

The B-24 at the Pima Museum is in good condition and to further preserve this aircraft, the members of the 394th Sq, 5th Bomb Group have started a fund to build a hangar for it. Contributions can be sent to the Pima County Museum, with a notation "B-24 Memorial Fund" and mail to Vigil W Falkner, 8936 Calle Kuen, Tucson, AZ 85715. He reports also that volunteers from the 394th squadron come out to the museum to work on the B-24 in helping to preserve it. Additional volunteer help would be most welcome as the job is never ending.

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