

Major General Albert H Shiely Jr

Albert H Shiely Jr, 68, 826 Squadron, retired US Air Force Major General died February 27, 1989. He was born in St Paul, Minnesota. He graduated in 1943 from the U S Military Academy at West Point and was an aircraft commander with the 826 squadron. He earned the Distinguished Service Medal and the Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters. He later served as director of operations Air Defense Division, developing the DEW line early warning radar system.

He was commander of European Air Force Communications Service from 1967 to 1969 and vice commander of the Air Force Communication Service until 1971. General Shiely was commander of the Electronic Systems Division at Hanscom Field Air Base, Bedford, Mass. from 1971 until his retirement in 1974. He is survived by his wife, Edith, a son Albert H Shiely III, two daughters, two grandchildren, a brother and two sisters.

Lynn L Britton

Lynn L Britton, 764 Squadron, ASN 0-747200, Co-pilot on Ed Vieluva's crew and a good friend of Jerome R Roth, 764 Squadron (Jim Johson's crew)

Wayne K Hinkle

Wayne K Hinkle 71, 824 Squadron, of cancer after a two year struggle. He was born February 27, 1918. After earning a bachelors degree in 1940, he went on to receive a masters degree from Stanford University, Stanford, California in 1949.

He served in the US Air Force for 30 years retiring in 1970 with the rank of Colonel. Commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in 1942, he served as an instructor in pilot training and then flew 35 combat missions over Europe during World War II.

Among his many decorations for meritorious service were the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, with three Oak Leaf clusters, and the Air Force Commendation Medal. He held a command pilot rating with more than 4,000 flying hours. From 1949-70 he served with the Air Force auditor general's office as both staff auditor and regional chief. His last post included responsibility for 245 supervisors and auditors at 40 Air Force bases in the 11 Western States and the Pacific, including Vietnam and Thailand.

He is survived by his wife Elizabeth, two sons, four grandchildren and a brother Lee Hinkle, Scottsdale, Arizona.



Robert B Fetter

Robert B Fetter, 67, 827 Squadron, passed away June 17, 1989, flag day. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, April 22, 1922. He served in WWII as an aircraft armorer from April 18, 1944 to June 7, 1945 earning the EAME Ribbon with 9 bronze stars, Distinguished Unit Badge, and Good Conduct Medal. He qualified with the Carbine Calibre 30, and was Marksman on the 45 Automatic Pistol and the M-1 Rifle.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy, three daughters Diana, Gail, and Carole, and two grandchildren. Association member and friend of Bob and Dorothy Fetter, John Mulligan, 827 Squadron, in making a contribution to the Scholarship Fund in Bob Fetter's memory, had this to say: "Although we had overlapping tours with the 827th in Italy, we did not meet until we became members of the Association. I believe that our friendship developed from a shared perception that we marched to the same drummer in our appreciation of the happy times we shared."

(photo right) Bob Fetter, Rome, Italy 1945



Harold N Wells

Harold N Wells, 824 Squadron, passed away June 11, 1989 from a coronary, in Murphy, North Carolina. He established and operated Wells Construction Company for over 40 years in Murphy, North Carolina, where he was also active in many civic organizations.

He received his pilots wings on November 3, 1943, from Stuttgart Flying School, Stuttgart AAF, Arkansas. He flew his first 25 combat missions as a co-pilot on crew #23 piloted by John E Trechter. He flew 25 missions as first pilot on crew #11 with Alan McGill C/P, Bill Priess-N, Orville L Fisher-B, Harold Smith-E, Arthur Wolf-R/O, Vernal Tuttle-N, Henry Bugajaki-U/G, Norbert Wholeben-B/G, Russell H Jones-T/G. Among his awards are the Air Medal, and the DFC. He is survived by his wife Katherine, one daughter, three sons, nine grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

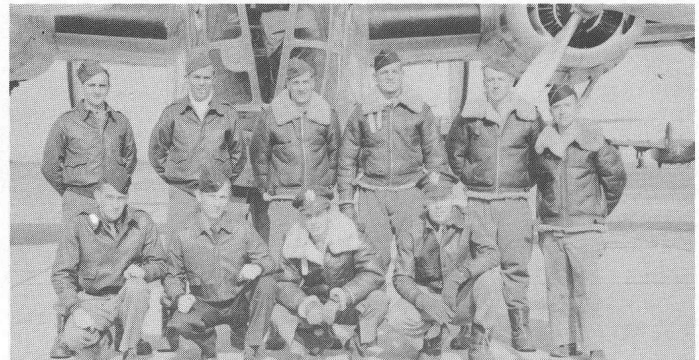


Photo (above) John E Trechter-Pilot (left front row), Harold N Wells (2nd left front row). William S Sanner-Navigator (3rd from left front row), Orville L Fisher-Bombardier (right front row), Harold J Smith-Engineer (2nd from left) top row), Arthur A Wolf (Deceased) -Radio/Operator (left top row), Norbert F Wholeben-Ball Gunner (3rd from left top row), Vernal D Tuttle-Engineer (5th from left top row), Henry Bugajaki-Engineer (4th from left top row), Russell H Jones Tail-Gunner (right top row).