

NEWS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Nashville Reunion.

Plans are moving along for the Nashville reunion. As of the date of publication of this flyer, all of the Grand Old Opry tickets purchased by the Association, and reserved for our members and guests attending the reunion, have been sold out. The seats paid for in advance for the main floor and the upper balconies total 275. Members wishing Opry tickets should call (615) 889-6611 for information regarding availability of additional seating.

Extra copies of Torretta Bulletin No 18 Extra copies of Torretta Bulletin 18 are available. The Bulletin contains the 1990 Nashville reunion information, and tear slips. All of the information is current with the exception of the Grand Old Opry tickets. This function is sold out.

The Italian Tour

The Italian tour is now set to depart April 8, 1991, and return on April 22, 1991. This time period was selected to obtain the best price and to coincide with the scholarship awards ceremony scheduled to take place in Cerignola during that time.

The tour will visit the major attractions of the country. The suggested all-inclusive tour price for 1990 departure will be in the range of \$2600.00- \$2800.00 for a 13 day all escorted tour. Cities visited are: Venice, Florence, Pisa, Rome, Pompei, Sorrento, Capri, Foggia, Cerignola, and Bari. The price includes air fare from New York, all ground transportation, transfers, continental breakfasts, 9 dinners, first class hotels with private bath, English speaking guide, and all taxes and service charges. To set the tour in motion a minimum of 30 persons need to participate.

Sandy Carbone Wilson, is your tour coordinator. All Conference Travel, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey is the tour agent. More information can be obtained by calling her office at 1/800/777/2281, or 201/569/4147. Mention you read about it in the Torretta Flyer #19 Summer 1990.

Dues Increase.

As of January 1, 1991, membership dues will increase to \$20.00 per year, in order to cover increased operating expenses and costs. For those members who have already paid or wish to pay their 1991 dues in advance, the \$15.00 dues payment received up until December 31, 1990, is acceptable.

1991 Reunion.

In the recent balloting for the Midwest site of the 1991 Reunion, Kansas City, Missouri, received the most votes. Dates tentatively set are September 26-29, 1991.

We are in negotiation with the Marriott Plaza Hotel in Kansas City. Mark your calendars!!

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Hans Heiri Stapfer a former contributor to the Flyer is the author of the book, "Strangers in a Strange Land," The story of Allied aircraft captured in Germany and in some cases flown by the Luftwaffe during WWII. The book tells of a B-24 G--NT 42-78247 #39 of the 765th sq., 461st BG repainted in German markings as CL+XZ, captured at Penzing, Germany on October 4, 1944. The book is in print and should be available in most aviation book stores. Gunter Wiesinger and Walter Schroeder are the authors of the book, "Die Osterreichischen Ritterkruztrager in der Luftwaffe 1939-45," (Luftwaffe airmen receiving the Iron Cross decoration).

Introduction of New Members

Listed below are new members of the 461st & 484th Bomb Groups Association who have joined since the 1989 New Orleans reunion. On behalf of the Association and its members we wish you all a "MOST HEARTY WELCOME !"

Harry Adamson 824	Leonard Lackmann 764
Bertrand A Benedict 767	George MacDuffie 825
Keith Berger 826	Edward J Morris 766
Bernard L Berry 766	William Myers 824
Bernard Blass 825	Arnold P Nagelhout 825
Richard Boyce 826	James G Navis 767
John D Bridges 484	Nadine L Odle 826
Howard Burnett 826	James F Pearce 764
Eugene J Callahan 827	Dwight R Pelton 825
Richard E Conroy 826	Charles A Perry 825
Norman W Conway 824	Myron J Porter 826
Vincent G DeMaio 824	Charles L Rand 824
Thomas G Drenzo 827	John H Robson Jr 826
Robert L Doud 765	Albin A Rogers 824
Wilbur L Durocher 824	Farrell Sandler Sr 826
Robert W Garvey 825	Joseph Shugrue 827
Charles H Gover 825	Charles O Smiley 826
Robert M Hale 825	C H Pete Stuff 825
Walter L Harris 827	John E Tynan 824
Joseph M Heimerl 824	Lloyd O Wakefield 824
Eugene W Hildebrand 825	John N Walker 827
Paul E Johnson 826	Harry G Walsh 824
Edward J Kabasa 824	Carl K Williams 827

William F Wilson 825