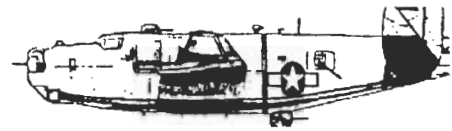


# "Late Pass!"



THE CALL SIGN FOR GROTTAGLIE TOWER --

449th "FLYINGHORSEMEN"

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449TH BOMB GROUP ASSN.

PRE-10TH REUNION

## CHANUTE AFB RENAMED

### "FRANK ELLIOTT FIELD"

-- 449th Bomb Group Assn. Pres. - 1984-1998

FRANK ELLIOTT FIELD

When the U.S. Government began to list various military bases of the Army, Air Force, Navy and Coast Guard, for closing CHANUTE AFB, Rantoul, IL, was on the list. Maj/Gen. Frank W. Elliott, Jr., a

resident and past Base Commander of Chanute AFB, was approached by the community to serve as its economic development director. For 20 years he pursued industrial contacts, made many visits to Washington, D.C., and the Illinois State offices to bring activity to the trained personnel of the Rantoul area. He was also a driving force in the establishment of the OCTAVE CHANUTE MEMORIAL MUSEUM, still in place. In 1993 Chanute AFB was officially closed. Rantoul development center then renamed the former base, RANTOUL FIELD, for it was approved by the FAA to serve the complex.

Upon the death of Gen. Elliott in Oct. 1997 the center had employed approximately 1200 personnel with the industries and companies then occupying the field.

The Rantoul community wanted to honor the name of the Development Center for his efforts. A dedication service was held July 18th, 1998, a program was held in the flight line hangar and a plaque, to be mounted in that hangar for display.

The program was led by the village administrator, Gary Adams, and speakers shared their remarks to the assembly of over 200 people. Those taking turns at the microphone were; Rantoul Mayor J. Brown, Urbana Mayor V. Wikoff, Ex IL Sen. I. Dixon, B/Gen F. Trogdon, 449th Bomb Group Assn. cabinet member and personal friend of Gen. Elliott, closing with Frank W. Elliott, IV, grandson of Gen. Elliott. A flyover of three B-52 bombers, made a low pass, in train, at 6 second intervals in his honor.

449th B.G. Assn. members also in attendance were; Col. & Mrs. J. Miller, Lt. Col. & Mrs. R. Downey, H. Button, Elliott's WW2 nose gunner, and Mrs. J. Harton.

The lettering on the plaque reads; "Frank Elliott Field. In memory of Major General Frank W. Elliott, Jr. Dec. 2, 1924, Oct. 20, 1997. Recognizing General Elliott's two decades of distinguished service to the Rantoul Community, his dedicated pursuit of economic development, which played a vital role in expansion on Rantoul's industrial base and his foresight, wisdom and leadership, which made the Rantoul National Aviation Center a reality. May his courage, compassion and vision serve as inspiration to all who use the airfield that bears his name. Dedicated by the people of Rantoul, July 18, 1998."



## DEDICATION OF BRUNING AAF MARKER

On July 19th, 1998 the Thayer County Historical Society held their official "Bruning AAF MARKER MONUMENT DEDICATION". The original program was reorganized with many of the scheduled speakers because of the 100 degree weather, outdoor program of just over 100 persons. Our own 449th Assn. Members, Lt. Col. Hollie Wilkes and Lt. Col. John McCormick were part of the program. John had come from Melbourne, FL and Hollie and his wife Exie from Biloxi, MS. Both Hollie and his wife have been instrumental in assisting Mrs. Virginia Preifert, Pres. of the Thayer County Historical Society in arranging for the marker and its dedication.

When all were assembled the M.C. was Mr. R. Kirchhoff County Service Officer. The Color Guards were manned by the American Legion Post 166 of Bruning, NE and Post 180 of Hebron, NE. It was in Hebron, during the 449th training days in the fall of

1943 that Hollie Wilkes met his future wife, Exie, and the local townspeople have taken them both to heart. Hollie brought the 449th Official Flag with its streamers and citations as part of the colors. Ms. Tina Hergoff sang the National Anthem and the invocation was given by Rev. Dr. John Tritenbach, Lt. Cmdr. USNR. He later offered the closing benediction. Speakers on the program were; John McCormick, 449th, regarding his POW experiences, Marlyn Huber, local man, talked about helping to build the base, Mrs. Virginia Priefert added remarks on the Thayer county Historical Society, Dwaine Erickson, ex-507th fighter pilot remarked, "may this marker remind people what took place here." The principal speaker was Mr. Keith Fickenscher, Nebraska Director of Veteran Affairs, from Lincoln, NE. He included several profound comments; i.e., "this monument commemorates not war, but peace, and not the defeat of evil, but the triumph of good ... and

it will forever remind us of the contributions that arose from this place to win that peace and achieve that triumph!" ..... and, "after learning of the accounts of bravery and heroics by those who trained here I have to believe they knew what was expected of them and that civilization was at stake. They accepted that responsibility, they endured and they prevailed .. they were the sons and daughters of democracy and they saved democracy!" .... he quoted the Bible that says... "To whom much is given, much is expected in return." "We owe them a debt we can never repay."

Ms. Virginia Preifert, Pres. of the Thayer Co. Hist. Soc. with the assist of the Nebraska State Historical Society Coordinator, John Schleiker, then unveiled the Marker-Monument. The marker is approximately five miles East of the former Base, on Highway 4 from US 81. It is rectangular in shape, about 7½ ft. tall, 4 ft. wide, and 8 inches thick, mounted on two post legs, one on each side facing the highway. The inscription reads" (At the top is the heading) **NEBRASKA HISTORICAL MARKER, AND BENEATH is the engraved BRUNING ARMY AIR FIELD.** (The full engraving will be quoted in the Post-Reunion, after Biloxi and its follow-on Newsletter.

*At left is John McCormick telling of his WW2 POW days. Note the height & tassels on the corn behind the stand! Clear skies and 101 deg. in the sun! The flag on the right is the 449th Group flag.*



**SPECIAL LAST MINUTE NOTICE:** An additional photographic company will be available to make a video of this 10th reunion. They will be covering all events and interviewing participants. This video production is courtesy of Ben Yedlin, 719th ball gunner.

## THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

As we look forward to our 10th Reunion I am marvelled that those of us who served our country during WW2 have learned to appreciate and remembered the bond which binds us together. As we reflect on our common cause of trying to save our country and the world from those whose goal was to conquer the world, two pas-

sages of scripture come to mind which I think are most appropriate for such an occasion; Proverbs 18:24 "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticks closer than a brother." .... and Psalms 133:1-3 "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the

beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing even life for evermore.

Rev. Jim Shanahan  
719th Flight Eng

## OUR 10TH REUNION, BILOXI MS, OCT 4-7, 1998

Full details and copies of the Advance Registration Sheet were listed in the SPRING ISSUE of "LATE PASS" NEWSLETTER .... anyone not receiving their copy please notify the Secretary/Editor immediately.

But for all members, here is an "update regarding the Reunion and the on-going activities of the 449th Bomb Group Association Cabinet!

First of all we welcome your phone calls, letters, and the providing of additional historical information about our 449th .... return communication from each cabinet member is taken to answer and assist all questions. Many of the letters, though short, contain the dates of deceased members .... and some report locating former 449ers interested in the Assn. and the pursuance of our History Books (which are mailed out on receipt of their check), some order items of memorabilia, all in all it keeps the cabinet members busy just keeping up with the 449th Assn.

When we learned of the dedication of the Rantoul Airfield for our Assn. President, Frank Elliott, for the 18th July, the news came too late for the Spring Issue of the Newsletter .... similarly the date of the Bruning AAF Marker dedication for the 19th of July came in after the "Late Pass" publication. It was then we decided to assemble, as quickly as possible this Pre-10th Reunion Newsletter. And there is

still one more affair for our members that might attend ... the dedication of the 19' Bronze B-24J at the Honor Court, USAF Air Academy on the 25th, Sept. 1988. (A separate announcement of info. is in this newsletter).

The BILOXI plans are all set, the schedules per the Advance Registration Sheet are set and WE HAVE ENCLOSED A COPY OF THE REGISTRATION SHEET for you to refer to and use if you have misplaced the Spring Late Pass enclosure. RE-READ THIS ENCLOSURE and make your Hotel registrations separate; call The BROADWATER BEACH RESORT HOTEL 1-800-647-3964, or their local # (601) 388-2211, FAX (601) 385-4102. Send your completed Advance Reg. Form to: Floyd Trodgon, Committee-man/Treasurer, 1400 Kitty Hawk Way, Melbourne, FL 32940. If you have any questions call the Secretary/Editor (info. on back of this newsletter) or contact the Reunion Chairman Lee Kenney; (407) 242-8654 or Committeeman Jim Miller (864) 297-5208.

As always each of our reunions has a "give-away item in each registration packet: we have had coffee cups, caps, both with 449th insignia, ball

point pens, small desk clocks, and others ...

This year a special treat was made in the Italian Ceramic Capital of Grottaglie ... it will be an 8 inch diam. 449th insignia ceramic plate, pictured here. They are colored in 2 shades of blue with yellow contrasting trims ... the upper lettering is in Italian, CITTA ' DI GROTTAGLIE-ITALY. The lower arc of lettering is: "449TH BOMB GP. FLYING HORSEMEN". Each 449th registering veteran will receive one. Non-attendees desiring one will have to wait until the reunion is over to see if any are left, we have one-time limited number available, already paid for and received.



# 449TH TOUR TO ITALY APRIL 1999

Full details of the sights, hotels, sequence of days visit are in the Association "LATE PASS" of SPRING 98! The tour agent is finalizing our tour stops and complete details as you read this announcement. Lee Kenney, Assn. Vice Pres., and Tour director, plus being the 10th Reunion Chairman has had his hands and telephone busy! The full tour is open to the first 48 registrants with deposits into him by 1 September 98. Individual registrants can be doubled up with a "roomy" to take advantage of the "less than \$2,100 double occupancy rate". The 5 Star Sorrento Hotel (pictured in the Spring "LATE PASS", will be one of the hotels, the 4 Star Inn in Rome is in the center of the City, the Grand Delfino Hotel in Taranto has a four star rating ... the coach tour buses are air conditioned ... the complete tour and sight-seeing takes 10 nights of memorable meals and daytime sights. The cost

includes round trip air fare to Italy, Hotel, guided tours, entrance fees at various stops, restaurant taxes, service charges, and porter fees of one bag per person. Two Rome dinners are on your own, leaving you time and place to visit. This will be the last 449th tour to Europe/Italy planned. All those taking the first or second one will attest to their enjoyment. Be sure to contact the tour director regarding your registration and any questions; Lee Kenney, Tour Coordinator, 445 Maple Bluff Circle, Melbourne, FL 32940, (407) 242-8654. Best time to "catch him at home" is between the hours of 0800-1000 and 7-10 p.m., Eastern Time. What a time to travel, in the dates being worked by the agent. April 15th to the 30th of April.

Our 10th Reunion in October 4-7th, Biloxi, MS will also be a great time to come and enjoy your 449th family members ... and the

April 1999 Italy Tour updates will be announced ... plus a post-reunion "LATEPASS" edition with as much details and final information as possible. But you must register in advance ... cost of registration is \$50.00 per person. Make your check out to the 449th Bomb Group Association and mail "as soon as possible" to Lee Kenney!! The agent will want the 48 person deposit!!!!

Some of the sights being visited will be; the Isle of Capri, the Sistine Chapel, ancient city of Pompei, Sorrento shops, the Trevi fountain and the ancient ruins of Rome. The southern portion of the tour will visit and meet officials of Grottaglie and Manduria, tour the former WW2 air base, see the 47th Bomb Wing Memorial Museum in Manduria and other areas! Official welcoming ceremonies are to be met at both Manduria and Grottaglie....!!

## 449TH BASE EXCHANGE

— Price Includes Postage —

LICENSEPLATEHOLDERS .....	8.00	GROUPKEYCHAINS .....	2 for 3.00
449THLICENSETAGS .....	5.00	GOLF SHIRT (with collar and group emblem) ....	S,M,L - 18.00
GROUPEMBROIDERED EMBLEM 2-5/8" .....	3.00	(new item) (white or tan) .....	XL,XXL - 19.00
GROUPEMBROIDERED EMBLEM 4-1/4" .....	4.00	T-SHIRTS: with dark gray B-24 across chest (new item) .....	
SQUADRON PINS (specify squadron) .....	2.50	.....	S,M,L,XL,XXL - 10.00
GROUPPINS .....	2.50	WINDBREAKERS (blue or white) (new item) ....	S,M,L - 24.00
449TH BALL POINT PENS (new item) .....	2.50	.....	XL,XXL - 26.00
449TH DESK CLOCKS .....	3.00		
449TH BUMPER STICKERS .....	2.00		
SQUADRON EMBROIDERED EMBLEMS (new item) ....	2.50		

All Orders and Checks Made Out to:  
**449th Bomb Group Association**  
 Floyd Trogon, (Treas.)  
 1400 Kitty Hawy Way  
 Melbourne, Florida 32940



# "OUR HONORED COMRADES"

The following names have been received by the News Editor/Assn. Secy. for addition to the growing list of names of those deceased since the beginning of the 449th Bomb Group Assn., March 1983. Our last list was entered in the Spring 1998 "LATE PASS".

**NOTE:** The 10th Reunion, Biloxi, MS will publish a photo album of those at the reunion ... plus the complete roster of our Association membership. Requests were made for a list of all our 449th members that have passed away and we have listed the names by Squadrons to be entered in the album. this will let you know who has been a member and when they departed. All attendees be sure and have your photo's taken for probably our last album.

## Those DECEASED SINCE OUR LIST IN THE SPRING 98 ISSUE:

Anderson, Olaf A. ....	718th	.....	B, Isaac, 3/5/98
Baughman, Leon E. ....	717th	.....	Crew Pilot, 3/5/98
Cunningham, Jack T. ....	716th	.....	Crew Pilot, 8/3/98
Eggleton, Derwin R. ....	719th	.....	R/O, Gentry, 4/8/98
Kremer, Norman J. ....	717th	.....	CP, Desmond, 4/29/98
Lang, Donald W. ....	719th	.....	Nav., Todd, 7/6/98
Lindley, James F. ....	717th	.....	G, on Kury orig., 7/3/97
Loughran, Harold R. ....	717th/719th	.....	C.O., orig. crew 717, 6/23/98
Martin, albert A. ....	719th	.....	Bomb, Waine crew, 4/97
Matya, Edmund ....	719th	.....	WG, Gentry, 4/7/98
Olson, Don J. ....	717th	.....	NG, Scroggs, 3/88
Petterson, Carl ....	718th	.....	Armament, 6/9/98
Reichlan, Matthew A. ....	719th	.....	Nav., Crossley in '97
Scott, Dr. Earl. S. ....	716th	.....	orig. Flt. Surgeon, in '97
Stein, Martin K. ....	716th	.....	GP Armament O, 5/3/98

## NEW NAMES ADDED, since the Spring "LATE PASS" issue:

Daugherty, Raymond & Louise	717th	.....	Crew Pilot
Eggleton, Mrs. Shirley	Hon SQ	.....	for husband James, 717th G.
Elza, John & LaVerne	717th	.....	Maint, Kayo 1,2,3
Goldinger, Harvey W.	718th	.....	R/O, Peters crew
Grimes, Clarence E. & Peggy	717th	.....	Bomb Ivers crew
Jensen, Wendell & Florence	HQS	.....	Communications NCO
Lake, Lawrence W.	Hon SQ	.....	for brother Sam, G, 717th
Lang, David	Hon SQ	.....	for father Donald
Loughran, Mrs. Virginia	Hon SQ	.....	for husband Hal, C.O., 717th/719th
Lindley, Mrs. Helen	Hon SQ	.....	for husband James, 717th G
Matya, Mrs. Rose	Hon SQ	.....	for husband Edmund, 719th WG
Olson, Ms. Candace	Hon SQ	.....	daughter of Don, NG, Scroggs 717th
Stief, Leo F.	719th	.....	TG, Debnam crew.

## *Octave Chanute Aerospace Museum Foundation*

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The Octave Chanute Aerospace Museum Foundation Board of Directors is working to develop the *Frank W. Elliott, Jr. Community Conference Center* within the museum. This conference complex would consist of a large assembly room with a kitchenette and several smaller meeting rooms. The complex would be located adjacent to the museum library.

The Board believes this complex will give people, who otherwise may have no reason to enter the museum, a place to gather for business and civic purposes. It would also expose them to the rich traditions and significant contributions made by Rantoul, Chanute Air Force Base, and Frank W. Elliott, Jr. to our community, state and nation. We are pleased that the Village of Rantoul has re-named the Rantoul Airport to honor General Elliott, and believe the committee's concept of a conference complex within the museum, to be used by individuals, organizations, and businesses from Rantoul and surrounding areas, will be a perfect complement to the decision taken by the Village of Rantoul.

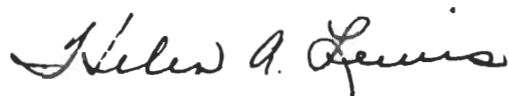
The Board has taken the first step to make this plan a reality, and will be evaluating some design ideas and determining the cost of the complex and furnishings. Once the design has been finalized and the cost is known they will solicit donations. Any donation made prior to the solicitation period, to help defray the cost of design development, will be applied to the total project, and credit will be given as a sponsor of the project.

Frank Elliott served as Center Commander Chanute Air Force Base from 1972 to 1974. Chanute, the oldest technical training base in the Air Force, was deactivated in 1993. More than 2.5 million airmen and women were trained at Chanute. The Octave Chanute Aerospace Museum, consisting of over thirty vintage aircraft, 2,500 artifacts, and 1 below- and 3 above-ground ICBM Silos, has made it its mission to educate the public in the history of Chanute, and has dedicated itself to remembering the brave men and women who have served in our nations Armed Forces.

When Frank Elliott retired from the Air Force, he returned to Rantoul and served the community for many years as an Economic Development Director. He was responsible for the generation of the first Industrial Park in Rantoul.

Frank Elliott was a charter member of the Board of Directors of the Aerospace Museum, he was a dedicated leader, and a warm and loyal friend. The museum benefited immensely from his wise advice. We hope you will join us as we proceed with our plans to honor Major General Frank W. Elliott, Jr., a man who honored us in so many ways.

If you want more information, please contact Helen Lewis at (217) 892-2181 or Jim Snyder, (217) 893-1613.



Helen A. Lewis  
Chairman, Memorial Committee  
Past President  
Octave Chanute Aerospace Museum



*"We Sustain the Wings"*

## DOCUMENTARY FILM BEGUN

Much research has been found, printed and remembered about the **Dec. 9th, 1944, "BUZZER" aircraft crash**. Ben Yedlin continues to seek out as many stories, details that he can regarding the day of the flight and personal stories of those KIA. Our "LATE PASS" has released much about the event in past issues but Yedlin, in contacting surviving family members with the 54 year old mystery, still needs information regarding three of the lost men: families surely would like to hear the answer to "what happened, etc.". These 3 men with known information are;

1st Lt. Roy L. Groeger; bomb. on Underwood crew, 719th. returning home with 50 combat missions completed. Was from Chicago, IL.

2nd Lt. John T. Boswell; CP on

Caldwell crew, 719th, on pass to visit Naples, 12 combat missions. Was from Cleveland, OH.

PFC Paul F. Watson; held a ground pos. in the 719th, on pass to visit Naples, was from Los Angeles, CA.

A film documentary will be made of broadcast quality for release to both national and international television, similarly as "Bomber Crew" of Norm Roger's 449th Crew was released and shown on the History Channel national TV several times. That documentary was also organized by Ben Yedlin, 50 mission ball gunner on Rogers crew, 719th. Copies of this VCR film can be obtained by contacting him.

Members of the film company may be present at the 719th Squadron Dinner, Monday, October 5th (during the

Biloxi reunion) to hear personal remembrances of Grottaglie and the days surrounding the forming and loss of the "Buzzer" flight. Interviews are being held by the film company with several named persons who have already contacted Yedlin with their stories and remembrances, these began in July 98. **Their schedules to gather information include visits at the crash site, to Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery and to the Grottaglie City and former WW2 airbase.**

**ANYONE KNOWING THEM,** or anything about that flight of Dec. 9, 44, please contact; Ben Yedlin, 1000 Herrontown Rd., Princeton, NJ 08540-7799 or call 1-800-218-1065, or FAX 609-924-8598. **A complete story is to be released when all efforts to find complete data has been made...call ASAP!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS . . .

- **Bronze B-24 Dedication at the United States Air Force Academy** will be September 25, 1998 in the Honor Court of the Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Following dedication, a reception and luncheon at the Air Force Academy and a banquet at the Radisson North is planned. For more information contact: Neal E. Sorenson, B-24 Groups Memorial Inc., 132 Peninsula Drive, Medicine Lake, MN 55441-4112, Telephone (612) 545-2698.

- Attendance at the Honor Court dedication is open to the public. But registration for the Luncheon and evening dinner is \$50.00 and **MUST BE IN TO SORENSON (above) BY AUGUST 31ST, 98!!!** Specify Steak or Chicken for your evening Banquet. The 449th Assn. has two representatives already registered; B/Gen Bill Tope (orig 449th Gp. Ops. O.) and Warren Mugler, Denver, CO, 719th Crew 50 mission Pilot.

- **American Commemorative Medal.** Any soldier, sailor, Marine, Coast Guardsman or airman on active or reserve duty during any period of time between 1946 and 1989, when the Berlin Wall came down, and the Soviet Union began to collapse, is eligible for this medal. The symbolism on the face of the medal is apparent, with a portion of the Berlin Wall on one side, an Asiatic edifice on the other, and our American flag flying in the center over both. **On the reverse of the medal is the phrase "Guardians of Freedom."** The medal may be purchased from U.S. Military Specialties, PO Box 67654, Topeka, KS 66667-0854...or from Pieces of History, PO Box 4470, Cave Creek, AZ 85331. The regulation-sized medal **together** with a ribbon bar is \$30, plus \$3.75 postage and handling. Extra ribbon bars are \$2 each.

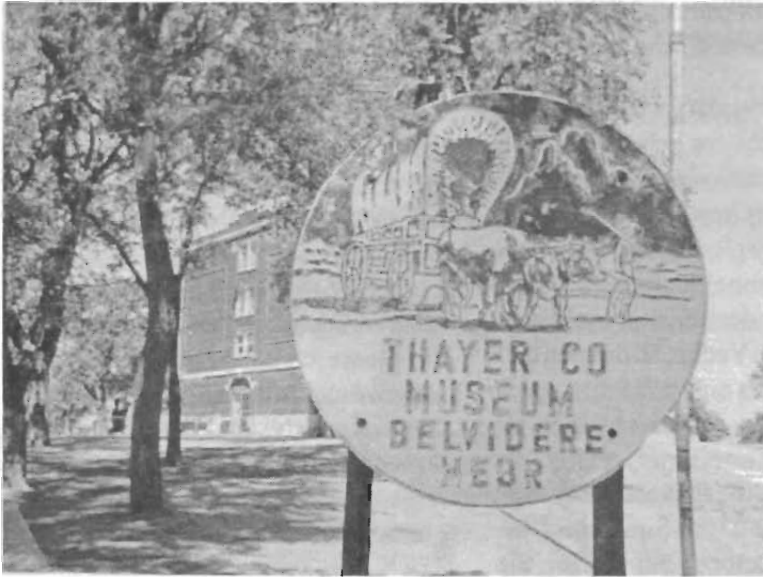
- **Window Stickers For Veterans.** (BLUE BELL, Pa.) -- Veterans wishing to display their service involvement in their cars or elsewhere can do so with special window stickers designed and manufactured by retired veterans. VetSignia window stickers, 2-by-4-inches, black on shiny silver metalized film with an American Flag background, are available in 26 different configurations for WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf and peacetime as well as the five main service branches -- Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard. Veterans of the past four major wars can display the war they served in and their branch of service with stickers showing combinations such as WWII/U.S. Navy, Korea/U.S. Army, etc. Stickers showing their branch of service are available for peacetime veterans. "The stickers let veterans say, 'I did it when it had to be done and I'm proud of it,'" said Bob Kline, the WWII Marine veteran who handles requests. The price is \$4 each or three for \$10 (postage and handling included). Send requests to Bob Kline, Box 382, Blue Bell, Pa. 19422. Be sure to specify branch of service and war or peacetime.

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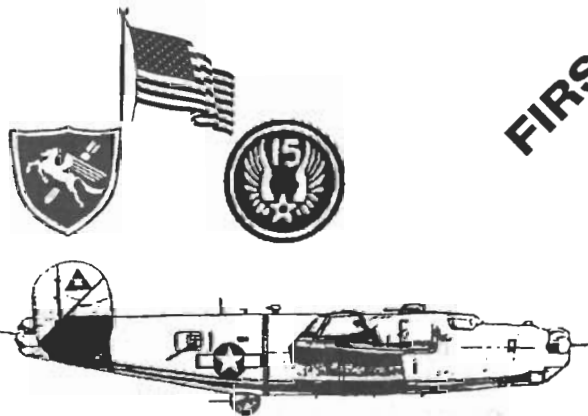
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