

Consolidated Liberator B-24M-21-FO (Ford built) s/n 44-51228, on static display at Lackland AFB. This model sported a two piece windshield, and fuel quantity indicators for the outboard "Tokyo" tanks (Engineers: remember transferring fuel until the fuel pressure dropped?). Used in ice research, this "Lib" was last flown in 1954. Clark Ecton photo 825 Sq.

NEW FILMS TO BE SHOWN AT THE REUNION

Bring The Kids, Show Them What Daddy Did In The War

We want to advise all personnel that the complete series of the Air Force Story will be shown during the run of the reunion along with three new additions to films shown at past reunions. They are; The Willow Run Story*, Pre Flight Inspection of the B-24, and How to Fly the B-24. Also available for showing are: 12 O' Clock High, Air Force, The Home Front, and Normandy to Berlin. All features will be shown in VHS format, in two mini theaters adjacent to the hospitality room. All that's missing is the popcorn and we will provide that. *Donated By Roger Nixon (765Sq.)



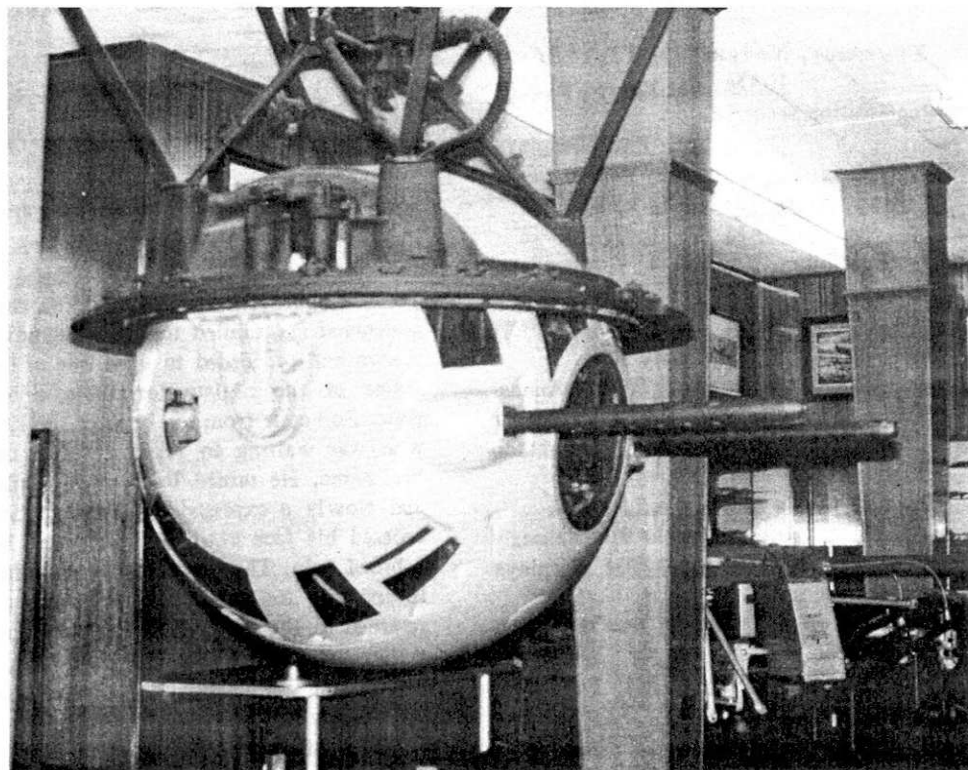
AIR BASE TOUR

See The Air Fields where You Trained

The state of Texas was used extensively during the war for pilot and aircrew training because of its dry climate allowing almost unlimited days for aviation training. With numerous schools and airfields scattered across the great expanse of land many of our members had a stop or two in Texas before going into combat. Members attending the reunion are encouraged to visit some of these sites, such as Laredo, or Harlingen, (gunnery school sites). Harlingen, just down the coast from San Antonio, is the home of the Confederate Air Force, where warbirds of WWII are flown and displayed.

Arrangements are being made for an all day bus tour of Lackland Air Force Base, Kelly AFB, and Randolph AFB. Lackland has many aircraft of WWII vintage on static display throughout the base and surrounding the parade ground. Included is a B-24M-21-FO B-17 (How did that thing get in?), P-47, P-38, P-51, and a Bell RP-63G-1-BE King Cobra.

One of the problems faced with conventional aerial gunnery training was that shooting at tow targets in the air or targets on the ground did not duplicate an enemy fighter turning in to attack a bomber.



Sperry Ball Turret, displayed at the Lackland AFB Museum, was used by both the B-17, and B-24. Cramped and cold it suffered one indignity not shared by the other turrets. That being in the direct path of the forward relief tubes. Clark Ecton photo 825 Sq.