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### THE GULF WAR AND WWII

It should be recognized that the success of the Gulf War was possible because of lessons learned during WWII and Viet Nam. It is important to remember also that air power during WWII shortened the conflict considerably, and almost won the Gulf War single handedly, and probably could have if air power were employed against all Iraqi forces. The difference between then and now are the armaments, the use of today's smart bombs against the dumb bombs of WWII. Dumb or smart, the delivery system still requires smart and well trained aircrews.

The recent ending of the Gulf War is compared to the ending of WWII. This idea sets the theme of this issue. It is about endings, and the completion of mission assignments. The material comes from several sources: from members, reprints from other publications, and from the Association's archives such as historical documents, and micro films.

Also of great importance to readers is the section called "Last Mission" We can only write what we know, and this comes from members who knew the individual and from family members. The editor feels it is most important to honor those who have passed on before us by recording their deeds because it is historically important, and to recognize the individual's part in the war effort to defeat Nazi Germany. When notified of a member's passing, please send any information about the individual to the editor of the Flyer. The Torretta Flyer exists to record the history of accomplishments of the two groups.

In this issue we are revising the introduction of new members. We are asking new members to send photographs of themselves to facilitate their recognition by readers of the Flyer who may have known them during the war. Their letters and photos are published for the first time in this edition. In addition the new member list includes more information taken directly from the data base records.

Micro film excerpts are included in this issue as related to the end of the war in Europe. We hope to publish more stories from this source in future issues.

Your suggestions are welcome.

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