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# News of The Association

## Let's Go: St. Louis



The 484th bomb Group will meet for its 18th annual reunion October 6-10, 1999 at the St. Louis Airport Marriott. Please contact the Association office for reunion package that contains information on tours, accommodations, and reunion events.

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The Marriott is a well equipped facility with many guest amenities. The Marriott shuttle bus provides transport to the hotel and return to the airport. A "Metrolink" light rail system will whisk you downtown from the airport station in minutes. A nearby park will accommodate all RVs. An automobile is not required to enjoy this reunion.

Once again we have employed Armed Forces Reunions Inc. to arrange all of the events.

### *The Internet*

You will notice that more information is coming from the Internet as shown in this issue of the Torretta Flyer. The good news about the Internet is that it is used more and more by young people. The Pearl Harbor generation (Those past 73) are not too interested in the Internet for reasons of their own. I have spoken to my contemporaries and the reports I get back is that most of them do not want to tackle a new technology. But for our organization the Internet has been a blessing. As an example, a message or a download comes in via the telephone wire, and through the modem in digitized form. Literally digitized text can be poured into a word document, or directly into the flyer with hardly any intervention required. Handwritten text requires a typed copy for publication. As yet the facility to transform written text into print

is not practical, because if the text is of poor quality and cannot be read by eyes only, a machine can not read it either.

### *List of Members on Last Mission*

Readers will also note that the list of those who have departed this life is growing longer. It is a fact that about 32,000 WWII veterans are passing on each month now. Some WWII Veterans organizations are scheduling their last reunions and will soon disappear altogether.

### *New Members*

It is for this reason that the Internet has become so important to the Association. As stated before, it is the young who are using the Internet: offspring, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. We are very grateful for their E-mails because of their interest and desire to become new members of the Association.

### *Overseas Cemetery lists*

We want to thank Alan Davidson, and Dick Olson for their work in compiling the list of our personnel buried in overseas military cemeteries. However because many servicemen's remains were brought back to the states for reburial here, we do not have an accurate list of all of our war dead. Al Marcus has been working with the Veterans Administration in tracking the deceased who were admitted to a veterans hospital in the intervening years. The obituaries as shown in the last pages of the Flyer are provided by family and friends. Neither the Government nor private institutions send us death notices, so what we publish is what we know.

### *World War Two Victory Medal*



Authorized on July 6, 1945 and awarded to all members of the United States armed forces who served on active duty at any time between December 7, 1941 and December 31, 1946. This medal was also awarded to members of the Philippine Armed Forces.

Designed by the Army Heraldic Section, the obverse shows a female figure representing Liberation, her foot resting on a helmet, she holds a broken sword. Rays behind the figure and the inscription, "World War II" complete the design.

The medals were not distributed in great numbers nor were they noted in some discharge papers (not in your Editor's discharge). You are reminded to apply for yours at the Military Records Center in St. Louis.