FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

THE PROCLAMATION BELOW WAS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR PRESENTATION DURING THE BANQUET AT THE 1984 REUNION IN ORLANDO, AND IS INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL OF OUR MEMBERS.

SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN

We have had many inquiries about Senator George McGovern, who as many of you know, was a B-24 pilot with the 15th Air Force during WWII. To put the record straight, he was assigned to the 455th Bomb Group. The 455th, together with the 454th B.G., were based in the vicinity of Cerignola, not too far from Toretta. This information was taken from McGovern’s biography, authored by Robert Sam Anson. It was published by Holt, Rinehart & Winston.

ANNUAL MEETING

Watch for announcement for date of the 1985 annual membership meeting. Location: Los Angeles, California area.

DUES REMINDER

Members who have not paid their 1984 membership dues, should send in their $15.00 NOW, so that we can close the books for 1984. Dues for the year 1985, are payable: $15.00, as of January 1, 1985. You may wish to pre-pay now as many members have already done.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Scholarship Fund was created to help needy Italian students further their education. By limiting the resident requirements to areas around Torretta and Cerignola, the scholarships will honor our fallen comrades by this living memorial. Your continued contributions are most welcome.

WHAT I USED TO FIT INTO A TAIL TURRET, NOW LOOKS LIKE THE BALL TURRET! *SIGH*

Bill Hogan 827 Sq.

SICK CALL  Get well soon!
ROBERT COLLIER, JR. (827th Sq.) is due to have surgery for a total left knee replacement 10/16/84.
JAMES GOUGH (827th Sq.) is scheduled for surgery 3/23/84. Crew member, Ray Foss, wrote us that Jim would appreciate our prayers and cards.
FRED McGrath (766th Sq.) has MS and other medical problems that prevents him from attending reunions but he welcomes correspondence from war time buddies. You can write to him at 1645 Joffre Road, Forked River, NE 08731.
TOM JAVARUSKI (764th Sq.) We were told, at the Orlando reunion, that Tom’s wife, Marge, is responding to treatments for cancer. Although she gets tired easily and had to give up her job, her mental attitude is good.

PHOTO OF MARGE AND TOM JAVARUSKI

764th Sq.