NEWS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Nashville Reunion.
Plans are moving along for the Nashville reunion. As of the date of publication of this flyer, all of the Grand Old Opry tickets purchased by the Association, and reserved for our members and guests attending the reunion, have been sold out. The seats paid for in advance for the main floor and the upper balconies total 275. Members wishing Opry tickets should call (615) 889-6611 for information regarding availability of additional seating.

Extra copies of Torretta Bulletin No 18
Extra copies of Torretta Bulletin 18 are available. The Bulletin contains the 1990 Nashville reunion information, and tear slips. All of the information is current with the exception of the Grand Old Opry tickets. This function is sold out.

The Italian Tour
The Italian tour is now set to depart April 8, 1991, and return on April 22, 1991. This time period was selected to obtain the best price and to coincide with the scholarship awards ceremony scheduled to take place in Cerignola during that time.

The tour will visit the major attractions of the country. The suggested all-inclusive tour price for 1990 departure will be in the range of $2600.00-$2800.00 for a 13 day all escorted tour. Cities visited are: Venice, Florence, Pisa, Rome, Pompei, Sorrento, Capri, Foggia, Cerignola, and Bari. The price includes air fare from New York, all ground transportation, transfers, continental breakfasts, 9 dinners, first class hotels with private bath, English speaking guide, and all taxes and service charges. To set the tour in motion a minimum of 30 persons need to participate.

Sandy Carbone Wilson, is your tour coordinator. All Conference Travel, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey is the tour agent. More information can be obtained by calling her office at 1/800/777/2281, or 201/569/4147. Mention you read about it in the Torretta Flyer #19 Summer 1990.

Dues Increase.
As of January 1, 1991, membership dues will increase to $20.00 per year, in order to cover increased operating expenses and costs. For those members who have already paid or wish to pay their 1991 dues in advance, the $15.00 dues payment received up until December 31, 1990, is acceptable.

1991 Reunion.
In the recent balloting for the Midwest site of the 1991 Reunion, Kansas City, Missouri, received the most votes. Dates tentatively set are September 26-29, 1991.

We are in negotiation with the Marriott Plaza Hotel in Kansas City. Mark your calendars!!

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Hans Heiri Stapfer a former contributor to the Flyer is the author of the book, "Strangers in a Strange Land," The story of Allied aircraft captured in Germany and in some cases flown by the Luftwaffe during WWII. The book tells of a B-24 G--NT 42-78247 #39 of the 765th sq., 461st BG repainted in German markings as C-L+ZD, captured at Penzling, Germany on October 4, 1944. The book is in print and should be available in most aviation book stores. Gunter Wiesinger and Walter Schroader are the authors of the book," Die Osterreichischen Ritterkrautratrager in der Luftwaffe 1939-45," (Luftwaffe airmen receiving the Iron Cross decoration).

Introduction of New Members

Listed below are new members of the 461st & 484th Bomb Groups Association who have joined since the 1989 New Orleans reunion. On behalf of the Association and its members we wish you all a "MOST HEARTY WELCOME!"

Harry Adamson 824
Bertrand A Benedict 767
Keith Berger 826
Bernard L Berry 766
Bernard Blass 825
Richard Boyce 826
John D Bridges 484
Howard Burnett 826
Eugene J Callahan 827
Richard E Conroy 826
Norman W Conway 824
Vincenzo DeMaio 824
Thomas G Direnzo 827
Robert L Doud 765
Willbur L Durocher 824
Robert W Garvey 825
Charles H Gover 825
Robert M Hale 825
Walter L Harris 827
Joseph M Heimerl 824
Eugene W Heilbrond 825
Paul E Johnson 826
Edward J Kabasa 824
Leonard Lackmann 764
George MacDuffie 825
Edward J Morris 766
William Myers 824
Arnold P Nagelhout 825
Jamee G Navis 767
Nadine L Odle 826
James F Pearce 764
Dwight R Pelton 825
Charles A Perry 825
Myron J Porter 826
Charles L Rand 824
John H Robson Jr 826
Albin A Rogers 824
Farrell Sandler Sr 826
Joseph Shugrue 827
Charles O Smiley 826
C H Peter Stuff 825
John E Tynan 824
Lloyd O Wakefield 824
John N Walker 827
Harry G Walsh 824
Carl K Williams 827

William F Wilson 825