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US Air Force Academy C-46 Sculpture Dedication Ceremony Group

(The following presentation was made at the C-46 Sculpture ceremony at the U. S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO, on September 9, 2004, by HPA President J. V. Vinyard. This is being printed as a result of requests for copies of the presentation.)

It is truly a great honor for me to have the opportunity to be here today to represent the members of the China-Burma-India Hump Pilots Association, their families and their many friends, on this very special occasion. We are here to honor a great lady, the Curtiss C-46 Commando, called by many 'Old Dumbo', among other less kind things. Most of our members with us here today flew the C-46 during World War II. By nature of their membership in our Association they flew the aircraft in the China-Burma-India Theater where they were engaged in the famous "Hump Operation".

If it had not been for the Hump operation China would not have been able to continue as a force in the war against Japan after the loss of the Burma Road, which prior to America's entry into the war was the main avenue for getting war supplies into China. This would have been a great loss to the Allies.

Therefore, when the Burma Road was closed by the Japanese on the south end in February 1942 the Allies immediately began looking for an alternate means to keep China and its sizable armed forces in the war and keep the U. S. Army 14th Air Force of General Claire B. Chennault, based in China, flying as an offensive