

PR Program Available to Members

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Colonel (USAF Ret.) William. R. Kelso has prepared a short presentation suitable for schools, churches, Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary, VFW, etc. organizations. It uses twenty one (21) 35mm slides and is accompanied by eighteen pages of words and notes.

The objective of the effort is to assist the documentation of CBI "Hump Operations" and to help retain the records of our three year effort in China. The presentation provides an overview of the Air Transport Command activities in the CBI, concentrating on the ATC, TC and CC Commands. No combat aircraft, with one exception, are included.

As you will normally be asked about the "Flying Tigers" a short four slide briefing for them is also included.

All words and slide on taken from unclassified, nonregistered and noncopyrighted sources. Mainly from our volumes on HPA history.

You are invited to use all and any part of this package. You are encouraged to add your unique, and sometimes true, experiences to make the pitch more like you desire.

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A LITTLE U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES/
AIR CORP HISTORY

There was a great deal of confusion among the troops during World War II as to Air Forces vs. Air Corps. This is about as good an explanation we have seen.

It was taken from an article in the May 2004 issue of Air Force Association Magazine, entitled "The Nation's Air Arm and its Early Leaders, page 40." It reviews the development of Military Aviation

from August 1, 1907, with the creation of the Aeronautical Division, US Signal Corps, to September 18, 1947. It states in part:

The **Army Air Corps** was established July 2, 1926 and lasted until September 18, 1947 when the present U. S. Air Force was established as a separate command.

The **Army Air Forces** was established June 20, 1941 and lasted until September 18, 1947.

You are probably are saying look out now. How can that be?

The answer was in an explanation in the footnotes of that page that reads:

"The **Army Air Corps** became a subordinate element of the **Army Air Forces** June 20, 1941. Since the **Army Air Corps** had been established by statute in 1926, its disestablishment required an act of Congress, which did not take place until 1947.

Between March 9, 1942 and September 18, 1947, the Army Air Corps continued to exist as a combatant arm, and personnel of the Army Air Forces were still assigned to the Army Air Corps."
End of footnote.

There's Humor In This

According to a new report, a certain school in Garden City, MI was recently faced with a unique problem. A number of 12-year-old girls were beginning to use lipstick and would put it on in the washroom. That was fine, but after they put on their lipstick they would press their lips to the mirror leaving dozens of little lip prints. Every night, the maintenance man would remove them and the next day, the girls would put them back.

Finally the principal decided that something had to be done. He called all the girls to the washroom and met them there with the maintenance man. He explained that all these lip prints were causing a major problem for the custodian who had the clean the mirrors every night.

To demonstrate how difficult it had been to clean the mirrors, he asked the maintenance man to show the girls how much effort was required. He took out a long-handled squeegee, dipped it in the toilet, and cleaned the mirror with it. Since then, there have been no lip prints on the mirror.

THE MORAL OF THIS STORY..

There are teachers, and then there are Educators.