

Works in Progress

Life and Board Member **Dr. Robert Moore – ATC** - recently visited the National “D” Museum in New Orleans, LA. He was most impressed with the Museum’s collection of Oral Histories on tape of World War II experiences.

The following is an excerpt from Research Historian Martin D. A. Morgan’s undated explanation of the Museum.

Dear Veteran:

The Museum is a non-profit institution found by Dr. Stephen e. Ambrose as “The National D-day Museum” in June 2000 to interpret the history of the various opposed amphibious invasions during World War II.

I would like you to prepare an oral history for the personal accounts archive at the The National D-day Museum. We feel your story would contribute immensely to the collection.

Please obtain and complete these forms: The National D-day Museum Oral History Guidelines, the Oral History Contact Form, the Oral History Release Form and a Release to use Name, Voice and Likeness.

As you collect your history remember tapes are relatively cheap, have documentation handy, relax and start talking into the recorder. When complete call 504-527-6012, ext. 321, or contact Betty Plumb at ext. 311.

There will be an Oral History interview after which you can send your tape to: The National D-Day Museum, 945 Magazine St., New Orleans, LA 70130

Thank you for considering this request.

Signed: Martin K. A. Morgan, Research Historian

**EDITORS NOTE:** *If you are interested in participating in this Veterans History Project call or write before it's too late.*

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**Dick Park – 16th ComCar Sq.** attended an Order of Daedalians Convention in early June at the Mission Inn in Riverside, CA. He found there is a program at the Mission Inn for placing names of famous fliers on the “Fliers Wall” there. The Wall

contains names of many famous fliers and early pioneers in aviation. And the Mission Inn itself is a Historic Landmark.

Dick visited with some members of the Fliers Wall Board that approve names to be placed on the Board about requirements for placements on the Wall. He suggested that fliers of the World War II CBI Theater be considered as a group. This suggestion was favorably received.

The HPA is now in contact with the Chairman of that Board and has made a formal request that the Fliers of the CBI Theater, World War II, be placed on the Wall as suggested by Mr. Park. We have been advised that our request will be considered at their next Board meeting.

If our request is approved we will be joining some really great aviation names.

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We have been advised that the Government of the Peoples Republic of China is now planning a major event in Beijing, China in August 2005 to celebrate the 60th year after the World War II victory in the war against Japan. The purpose of the event is to bring together as many veterans of the World War II fight against Japan as possible. The theme of the event will be Peace, Friendship and Tomorrow.

The Beijing Aviators Association (BAA) will be prominently involved in this project. There will be many events included in this reunion including a major efforts to obtain and preserve the history of this period, to remember the sacrifices of the Chinese people over their long wartime period, and to remember those from the many nations who died in this effort.

Further details on this event and invitations to attend will be forthcoming. Our members will be kept advised of developments as they occur.

Another event being planned by the Chinese government in recognition of the end of World War II is tentatively scheduled to be held in Philadelphia, PA from September 21 to October 1, 2005. It is entitled “Splendor of China” and will be held in the Pennsylvania Convention Center. It is intended to honor all veterans who served in the CBITO for their effort in assisting the successful defeat of the Japanese.

We will also report further details on this event as they become available.