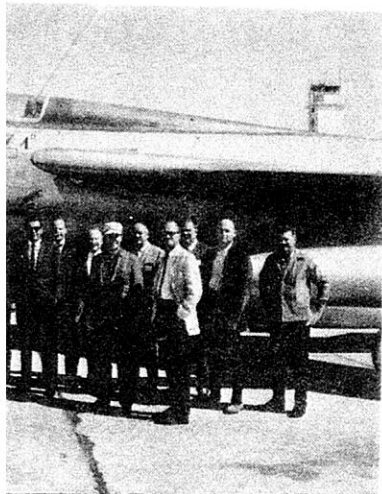


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McGuire are tacked on the "Pilots' Wall" in Riverside during a reunion of the



years ago, including Tracy's Bob McGuire, examine the F-105 fighter at



## You ... and Your Camera

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# The Wings Were Put on The Wall

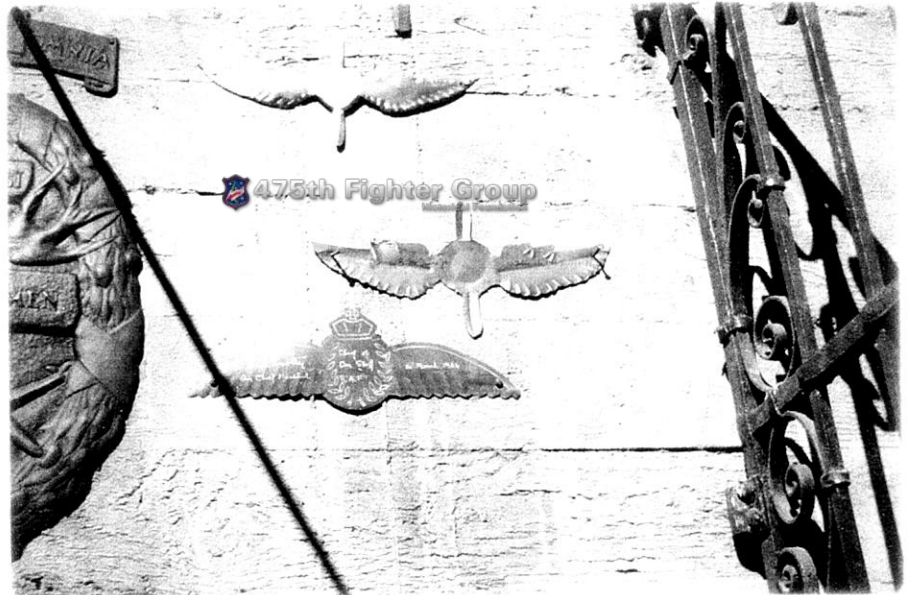
The last, stirring notes of the Air Force Song had drifted up and away from the Fliers' Chapel and the Fliers' Wall of the Mission Inn at Riverside, Calif., and the wing hanging ceremony was concluded. The former fighter pilot, now prematurely gray, stepped away from the podium and mingled with the former fighter pilots of the 475th Fighter Group, Sa

Pete Madison, member of the Squadron, ha well. The r Satan's Ange a great suc the conversat turned back 2 grim days of when Major Guire, the se American Ac was the flyir the enemy o laden skies c and the Philij Then the 4 Group was ca bodura Butche Rose and for

But all th past except brief moment Moreing, onc from Stockton, and now a successful business man on the Peninsula, stepped forward and tacked the large, bronze wings on the cement wall in the name of Thomas McGuire.

Colonel Franklin Nichols, the first commanding officer of the 431st Fighter Squadron eulogized McGuire in the type of Air Force jargon we all understood. His apt description of "Mac" brought smiles to our faces as we remembered this rather small, in-

at Luke Air Force Base. Pete Madison is graying at the temples, but his recall of those wild days was almost total. Bob Hall, now a successful artist maintaining studios in the Mission Inn, had changed little. Jack Purdy had flown out from Kettering, Ohio, and within five minutes everyone was doubled up with laughter over his stories



Honor. You see, he was gone--killed a long while ago in the Philippines while trying to protect the men of his flight from an aggressive, experienced Japanese fighter pilot. He didn't ask whether he should live or die in that awful moment when his men needed help. He acted and he died.

Today we see what our generation has begat parading in the streets in indirect support of our enemy, the Communists. Rather incongruous, isn't

Then it was Colonel "Bo" Reeves turn to step to the wall and place the wings of the 475th Fighter Group upon the cement. Satan's Angels now became the first Air Force organization to be so honored.

On that wall hang the wings of such greats of aviation as Hap Arnold, Charles A. Lindbergh, Amelia Earhart, Orville Wright and many, many, many others. We were proud that one of our men had now taken his place with these great people.

So we stood about reminiscing and reliving for a brief moment those days when we swore at the mosquitoes, the bad food, the primitive tents which invariably leaked when it rained which was often, the even worse flying weather and the treacherous enemy. We remembered how we dreamed of home and our loved ones, and how we of the 433rd "tied one on" whenever we lost a comrade in arms.

Red Herman was there

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RIVERSIDE--The search is on, nationwide, for former members of the 475th Fighter Group for a reunion here Oct. 15-17.

The group, equipped with the famous P-38 fighter, was the only land-based fighter plane outfit in the Philippine campaign in World War II. Its pilots were credited with shooting down 500 enemy aircraft. Top-rated Maj. Richard Bong was credited with 40.

More than 1,500 men, in-



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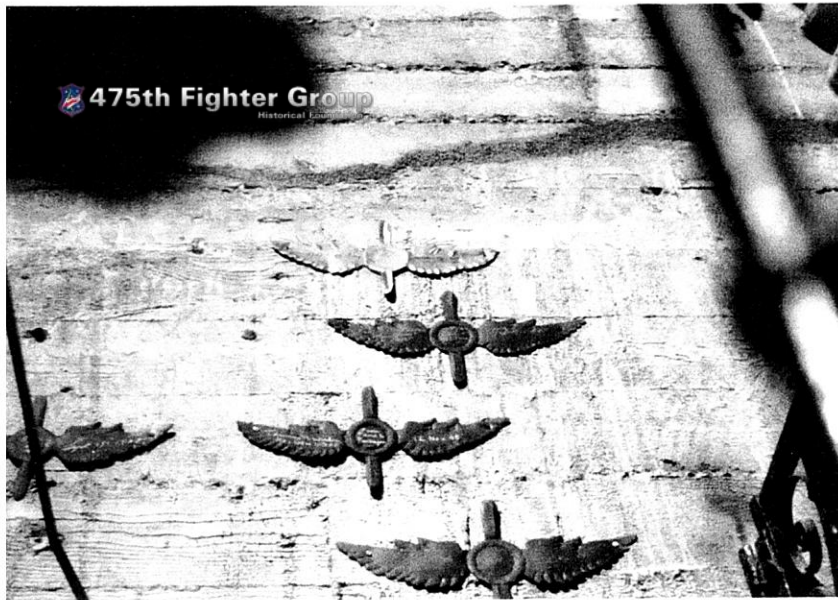
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