

## Members in Action

One of our members has been so active recently that separate articles will be used to report on them all. The articles will cover his visit to the new War World II Memorial in Washington, DC, with pictures, his involvement in the completion of the recent cleaning and painting of our HPA Monument at the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson in Dayton, and his working to get the Hump Pilots Association listed on the Fliers Wall at the Mission Inn in Riverside, CA. Thanks **Past President Dick Park, 16<sup>th</sup> ComCar, 3<sup>rd</sup> Gp.**, for all your efforts.

The Chinese from the Peoples Republic have been active for some time now in attempting to provide a bridge for friendship with the U. S. through their contacts with CBI veterans of World War II. Their World War II exhibit which was set up in Washington, DC in October 2002 was a great example. This exhibit was later set up at the Air Force Museum in Dayton for a one year period ending in June of this year. As part of the closing ceremonies for this exhibit the Chinese, including representatives from the Yunnan Provincial Peoples' Government, donated a "Stone Roller" to the Museum. This was a Stone Roller that was used during World War II in the construction of the crushed rock runways we used in China during the war. The Museum was interested in having representatives from the various CBI Veterans groups present for these ceremonies. Our Association was well represented by **Lloyd Shelton, 1<sup>st</sup> ATS**, and **Wesley Hoffman, ATC**, both from Bowling Green, OH, **Kenneth Snowden, ATC**, Wayne, OH, **Wilfred Jones, 9<sup>th</sup> ComCar, 3<sup>rd</sup> Gp.**, Beavercreek, OH, **Earl Curlett, 15<sup>th</sup> ComCar, 4<sup>th</sup> Gp.**, Xenia, OH, and **Robert Taylor, 9<sup>th</sup> ComCar, 3<sup>rd</sup> Gp/330<sup>th</sup> TrpCar, 513<sup>th</sup> Gp.**, from Columbus, OH. We appreciate very much their willingness to participate in this event.

**Robert E. Logan, ATC**, of Smyrna, GA, keeps himself busy with a CAP squadron in the Atlanta area.. And in addition he is on the CAP Wing Staff at Dobbins AFB. On May 17<sup>th</sup> he provided a CBI program to his squadron based on some briefing material provided by the HPA office. Around 25 members, mixed between regular members and cadets, attended his presentation. A lively question

and answer period followed. Bob said the presentation created a great deal of interest. Thanks Bob for spreading the word.

There has even been action from down under. Our Aussie member **Stuart "Chota" Arnold**, Aspley, Queensland, Australia, recently spoke to his Probus Club about his activities in the CBI and how he came to be there. He was very pleased with the response he got from those attending and has already received requests for presentations to other clubs. Chota was a pilot with the 52<sup>nd</sup> Sq., 21<sup>st</sup> Ferry Control, 229<sup>th</sup> Gp., RAAF. He says there were only 4 Australian pilots involved in the Hump operation and he is sad to report that he is the only surviving member.

One of our Past Presidents, **Ernie Chester, ATC**, was recently involved in a very unusual event. He was on the balcony at the closing of the Stock Market in New York on May 28<sup>th</sup>. He had been scheduled to ring the closing bell but at the last moment his was out ranked by an Army three star General. However, Ernie was on the front row during the closing and very noticeable wearing his Hump Pilot cap. It is with considerable regret that we note the loss of Ernie's wife Marion who died about a week before this event.

At the St. Louis Annual Board Meeting last year **William R."Bill" Kelso, ATC**, requested approval from the Board to develop a standardized HPA program that our members could use to present programs about the Hump operation at public events. This program, to be augmented by the presenters' personal experiences, would consist of a narrative and 35mm slides that our members could obtain from the office as needed. Bill has worked hard on this project for the past year and has recently provided a copy of the finished product to the HPA office for review. It looks great and should provide a great deal of assistance to members who might otherwise be reluctant to present such a program without some type of information or guidelines. Information on how to obtain this program for field use will be provided in the Fall/Winter 04 newsletter following our Denver Annual Board Meeting.