

NUTHAMPSTEAD AIRFIELD MUSEUM

FOUNDING MEMBERSHIPS

131 FOUNDING MEMBER \$200

ONLY 131 UK and 131 US founding members will be accepted. The US members will receive a commemorative plaque with their own piece of a B-17 recovered from the airfield along with a small part of the main runway, their name displayed in the museum and special founding member discounts. These memberships can be "in honor of" or "in memory of" someone special.

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In Memory of: _____

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55TH FIGHTER GROUP



The 55th Fighter Group was assigned to the 8th Air Force Sept. 1943 and began operations in October, flying the P-38 fighters. The primary mission of the group was to escort the bombers of the 8th Air Force on their daylight attacks against Hitler's Fortress Europe. In addition to protecting bomber formations, the group destroyed over 500 and damaged over 170 enemy airplanes in the air and on the ground. For these actions, the group was awarded the Distinguished Unit Citation.



398TH BOMB GROUP



Constituted as 398th Bombardment Group [Heavy] on 15 Feb 1943 and activated on 1 Mar 1943. Prepared for combat with B-17's, but interrupted these activities from July to Dec 1943 to train replacement crews for other organizations. Moved to England in Apr 1944 and assigned to Eighth AF. Entered combat in May 1944, and until V-E Day operated primarily against strategic objectives in Germany, attacking targets such as factories in Berlin, warehouses in Munich, marshalling yards in Saarbrücken, shipping facilities in Kiel, oil refineries in Merseburg, and aircraft plants in Munster. Flew last combat mission, attacking an airfield in Pilsen, Czechoslovakia, on 25 Apr 1945. Transported liberated prisoners from Germany to France after V-E Day. Returned to the US, May-Jun 1945. Inactivated on 1 Sep 1945.

