



TO HONOR

THE MEN OF THE 456TH BOMB GROUP WHO DID NOT SURVIVE COMBAT IN WORLD WAR II

The four squadrons of the 456th Heavy Bomb Group entered combat in Italy in February 1944. They were known as "Steed's Flying Colts" and earned two Distinguished Unit citations and seven campaign streamers. During fourteen months of intense combat flying over 249 missions, this group lost 102 aircraft in action and reported over 900 of its crew members killed or missing in action. It is to these brave men who gave their lives or were prisoners of war in service for their Country's cause that this memorial is dedicated.

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