

Edward (Ed) Malo, 359th Squadron, 356th Fighter Group 8th USAAF

Sadly we have lost another veteran and a very good friend from the 356th Fighter Group, Edward (Ed) Malo. Ed passed away on the 26th November 2012 in Florida where he lived with Ann his wife.

We, (Martlesham Heath Aviation Society) have known Ed and Ann since the early 1990's. Ed was always keen to promote the relationship between the 356th FG and the Martlesham Heath Aviation Society (MHAS) and as such played a great part in establishing the museum in the Control Tower on Martlesham Heath, a building that Ed and his fellow veterans were all too familiar with between 1943 and 1945.

Ed and Ann visited us here in the UK in 1996 and 1998 according to my records but, was always present at the 356th re-unions in the US where he took the trouble to ensure that we were well looked after, you succeeded Ed.

I vividly remember that prior to my first visit to the US in 1995 to the reunion in Canton Ohio I was concerned with how we would find our way about. Microsoft at that time produced two discs, one on roadways and one on streets. Ed purchased both discs and sent them to me prior to our visit, flatly refusing any money. Ed was a very modest and at the same time, a very generous person in all aspects.

Our museum, which we hold so dear to our hearts, would certainly never have got off the ground if it had not been for Ed and the other 356th members enthusiasm. He supplied the Union Flag that we still use to this day, on one of the two flag poles on either end of the Control Tower.

Ed was attached to the 359th Squadron and his living quarters during his short stay here in the UK during WW2 was Kesgrave Hall, now Milsoms Hotel and Restaurant, a very smart establishment. During the 356th FG visits we would always visit Kesgrave Hall where Ed would once again recount the story of the missing 'Hand Grenade' which to this day brings a ripple of laughter from the audience.

Yes, those were the days, days we unfortunately will never see again but, in our memories they are just a thought away.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Ann, their family and their friends, he was without doubt one of the good guys and we are honoured and proud to have known him.

Martyn
MHAS Chairman