

DEDICATION

This history is dedicated to the 12,000 men who served in the 315th Bombardment Wing during World War II; and to those who made the supreme sacrifice during the war; and to those who have since answered the call.

We pray that the living will also be held in the memory of future generations.

"Do not let us forget the brave and gallant comrades who served with us on Guam and laid down their lives for the freedom of all of us. Let us have wisdom and courage always as they did."

**Father William Dorney (Chaplain)
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