



*Man's Flight
Through Life Is
Sustained By The
Power Of His
Knowledge*

TO HONOR

ALBERT CONTA

LIEUTENANT COLONEL, U.S. AIR FORCE RESERVE

Al enlisted in the Army Air Corps shortly after World War II began and was initially trained as a glider pilot. He gained a commission, attended further pilot training and became a B-17 pilot. He completed 35 combat missions in the European Theater, many over the most heavily defended targets in Germany. After release from active duty, he entered the Air Force Reserve. His assignments in the Reserve included duty with the Federal Aviation Administration. He spent many hours flying for the Civil Air Patrol. He was a proud and active member of the Lucky Bastards Club, the Daedalians, the 388th Bomb Group Association, the 8th Air Force Group, and the Quiet Birdmen. Al owned and flew airplanes for over 50 years, well into his 80s, when he died in a non-flying accident.

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