## Plane Talk- Shooting Star



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On Saturday, Feb 25th, at 1 PM we will hold our next meeting at the Florham Park Diner. After the lunch, long time member Arthur Snyder will give us a talk entitled 'It's a Small World Master Jack! about how he dropped leaflets from a CIA black B-29 that resulted in a MIG pilot defecting to the US during the Korean War.

Art was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, two Air Medals, and the United Nations Korea Medal along with his other decorations for his service.

Art Snyder, got a direct commission while being called to active duty when the Korean War was starting. As a base salvage officer, he volunteered for flight training to get into combat and wound up going to Korea to fly B-26's.

Art flew 38 B-26B interdiction missions in North Korea to destroy anything that moved. While 50 missions is a complete tour, he was reassigned as a CIA pilot to fly ten psychological warfare missions in unarmed B-29s repainted black without USAF insignia to various unidentified North Korean locations.

Psychological warfare missions are in violation of the Geneva Convention and if shot down and captured during those missions, Art would not have been protected by the Convention's protocols as a POW.

On his final CIA combat tour, he flew 65 B-26 interdiction missions similar to those in North Korea from Thailand and Da Nang, from November 1953 to the end of the War on May 7, 1954. He left the USAF as a B-57 Canberra instructor pilot in August 1955.



Above are shown those attending the February 11<sup>th</sup> NJ AFA State Quarterly meeting at the InfoAge Science & History Museums in the Marconi Hotel, Wall, NJ. In front of the US flag is Ray Chase, who gave a presentation on: 'How Radar Failed Us at Pearl Harbor 1941.' See: Link The radar worked – command failed.

He was presented with an Air and Space Forces challenge coin by NJ President Joseph Abegg.

President Bill Fosina, in the red shirt standing next to Ray Chase, gave a report on our 195 recent activities including the marketing efforts of Toby Terranova and Jim Morgan to provide a flyer that could be handed out by members to prospective members. He also mentioned his initiative to have a professional marketing group provide assistance with the development of the flyer and for improvements to the 195 website.

Also, attending the meeting was member Capt J. Peter Hinge, Commander, Lone Eagle Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, which will be holding an Open House on Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM, at the Morristown National Guard Armory. See the Squadron website slide show where they recently flew cadet orientation flights from the Morristown Airport for six more cadets. Link

So please join us on Sat., Feb 25th, at 1:00 PM, for our next in-person lunch meeting of the year at the Florham Park Diner. We look forward to a good turnout, with good comradery.