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Summary of Credentials

- Since 2004, writer of creative nonfiction.
- Recipient of the 10th Annual National Aviation Hall of Fame's prestigious \$20,000 Combs Gates Award for my manuscript – *The Skytrain Pilot: Flying a C-47 into Combat*.
- Since 2005, I have served as the 442nd Troop Carrier Group's director and editor of *The Skytrain Gazette*, a newsletter focused on the troop carrier crews and their WWII histories (readership +600).
- Since 2005, I have been a conference, banquet and reunion guest speaker, throughout the county, regarding the role of the C-47 Troop Carrier pilots and crews and specific WWII airborne operations and invasions.
- In 2011, I was appointed to serve as the historian of the 82nd Airborne Division C-47 Club.
- In the Fall 2014 I began to lecture at Johns Hopkins University's Odyssey Program and have continued to lecture at military historical organizations, veteran groups, high schools, universities, senior educational programs and WWII reenactment events.

Lectures include:

Skytrain Pilot: Unsung Heroes of D-Day
Operation Dragoon: The Forgotten Invasion
Flying Above Hell's Highway: Operation Market Garden
The Final Jump: Operation Varsity
Fly Girls of World War II

- Memberships:

National WWII Glider Pilots Association
442nd Troop Carrier Group
82nd Airborne Division C-47 Club
Troop Carrier Community
National & local chapter of 101st Airborne Division Association, Associate Member
Mid-Atlantic Air Museum

- Demonstrating my commitment to the WWII veterans and in pursuit of the story, I've traveled more than 30,200 miles and devoted the last ten years researching, interviewing, and writing *The Skytrain Pilot: Flying a C-47 into Combat*. My book brings to the forefront the heroic contributions made by my father and the men who served in the troop carrier command during World War II.
- I've had a rewarding 45-year career as a teacher, lecturer, and director of several nonprofit organizations. Currently, I direct a regional homeownership agency. My experience includes radio and TV appearances, designing successful marketing strategies, and conducting promotional campaigns. I serve as a keynote speaker at regional conferences regarding a variety of topics, lecture on history and politics, and currently, an educator on finance, home buying, and consumer rights.