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MAC                      Don McClure [REDACTED]                      DOB:24 DEC'24  
Casbar's GRAY EAGLE #3-- POW: (B-17)Shotdown-02 APRIL'44

Have a great day MAC. We will change the combo to the plutonium safe on 1 Jan and take all the credit cards to their limit tonight. We have a special spread set-up for the Gray Eagle table and some top-shelf stuff.

Mom (and the gang in the CasBar)

Don McClure                      LtCol. USAF Ret.                      (alias-"MAC")

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Note: This was written by MAC nearly two of years ago when he responded to the invitation to join the CasBar.

Dear Lurch: I am honored to accept your invitation to join CASBar. I have indeed played "bullseye" for someone else's weapon system. In late February, 1944, our B-17 crew began flying missions out of Amendola, Italy with the 15th Air Force, 97 Bomb Group, 340th Bomb Squadron. We lost two crew members before the fatal day of April 2, 1944 over Steyr, Austria. I was the left waist gunner. (That means I wasted more ammunition than any other gunner in the Air Force. If I could see it, I would shoot at it.) On that day, the right waist gunner was killed and the pilot and I were wounded. He later died in a B-24 raid on May 30 that hit the Luftwaffe hospital at Wels, Austria. I spent thirteen months as a POW in Stalag 17B. When I returned home, I was not yet 21; not old enough to buy a drink. Anyone over 23 we called "pop". We were all kids. Between 88mm flak and Luftwaffe fighters of all kinds, I do believe I qualify for membership. I would like to use the alias: MAC. I became an Air Force Pilot, (class 50-C) after the war and served as a transport pilot until I retired in 1967. I flew for Allegheny Airlines as a Captain, came to TC to fly with Trans-Michigan Airlines in 1971. They went broke. (probably paid the captains too much). Continued to March 1991 when I resigned due to wife's surgery, Currently in Traverse City Michigan

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