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Hi,
I enjoyed so much reading your pages.

The AKC Museum of the Dog in St. Louis Mo. has a memorial for Smoky, the little dog that flew on 12 combat missions with the 3rd ERS from Sept . into Dec 1944, The 3rd ERS is mentioned in the historical data at the museum. Three of the those missions were with Vic Kregel. Bill MacDermott told me our first misson was with a man who became a famous radio figure in new England. We searched for Lt Bardsley of our own 26th Photo Recons Sq. off the coast of Ceram on that first flight. We didn't find him. Smoky now has six memorials nationwide. a documentary is underway by the U. of Eastern New Mexico.and two animal planet shows. It is my aim to link Smoky with the 3rd ERS by name where ever possible. Explaining our affiliation. The WESTMINSTER DOG SHOW did not mention the 3rd~ERS and Due to short air time on National TV. It also didn't not mention how Smoky became WWII' s unofficial war dog. when she saved 40 US aircraft and 250 men working on them from exposure to enemy bombing early in 1945 at Lingayen Gulf in the Luzon Campaign.

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Besides our own Donald Duck Squadron insignia I would to include the 3rd ERS Cat insignia with proper credits. I have been extremely proud of our time spent with the 3rd`ERS in WWII. Thank you for including me in your contacts.

Sincerely
Bill Wynne
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