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This attitude continued through to VE-Day under the auspices of his successors Dave Schilling and Lucian Dade, and it became the top scoring 8th Air Force group for victories in air-air combat.

Valor: Col. Hubert 'Hub' Zemke

After a short period on the run Gabreski is captured and spends the remainder of hostilities in a POW camp. During January the 61st FS becomes the first of the group's squadrons to convert to the P-47M. He would later be awarded the DSC for this mission.

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Returning from his last mission, an uneventful ramrod to Berlin on May 8, he rolled onto the tail of a passing Bf-109. The use of wing tank pylons did not begin until May 1944 and because of its negative effect on maneuvering performance, was not preferred. He attended basic training in Denver, college training detachment in Logan, Utah, and flight school in Santa Ana, Calif.

Unsung Heroes of Zemke's Wolfpack

Gabreski becomes Deputy Flying Executive and Operations Officer. Our squadron pulled off the airdrome to get into the air battle. This and his name made it easy to deduce his heritage, and realizing what a propaganda bombshell it would be if they could pull it off, they tried for a whole month to persuade him to come over to their side.

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At 16, he was a bellhop for the Stevens Hotel and his pay was a room and breakfast.

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American and British media visit King's Cliffe to see the new fighter for themselves.

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It has provided F-16 training operations since and also conducted combat crew training for a period between April 1994 and March 1995. A year later he was sailing for Britain as commander of an entire fighter group --- the first group trained on the P-47 Thunderbolt to enter a theater of war.

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The campaign also resulted in highly publicized speculation of which among the emerging P-47 and P-51 aces would break the U. I condescended to give him half if he was that hard-up for recognition. The last week of the campaign saw the first USAAF bomber attacks on Berlin, and the group destroyed 38 more fighters in the air.

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