



COLONEL CLARENCE "BUD" ANDERSON HONOR LUNCHEON

The Colonel Clarence "Bud" Anderson (WWII P-51 Triple Ace with 16 ¼ Victories) Luncheon on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at Fresno Sierra Sky Park was a resounding success.

Sponsored by Central Valley Aviation Association (CVAA) and Fresno EAA Chapter 376, it was held to honor Colonel Anderson for his military service to America during combat missions in WWII over France and Germany, during the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War.

Chuck Carson, CVAA's publicity chairman was able to arrange major media coverage by all four Fresno TV Stations, Channels 24, 26, 30 and 47.

The event included the arrival of Colonel Anderson by air via Mid-Continent Instruments and Avionics' beautiful 1941 Staggerwing, "Queenie." A 1941 Cadillac Limousine with Chauffer drove the Colonel to the hanger where he exited to a "Red Carpet" while 150+ members of CVAA, EAA and guests waved American Flags and the Air Force song played over loud speaker.

After the excellent catered lunch, Colonel Anderson gave a very poignant and riveting talk accompanied by photos and film clips about his combat experiences during WWII over France and Germany. There were 28 pilots in the Colonel's initial pilot class in 1942. Only 14 returned after WWII, including Colonel Anderson.

Colonel Bud Anderson received a standing ovation at the conclusion of his talk with a big "Thank You" for all of his service to America. Bud sold and personally autographed 88 copies of his wonderful book, "To Fly and Fight."

All of the CVAA members, EAA members and guests had a great experience meeting and talking with Colonel Bud Anderson. Another wonderful event!

