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Mr. Jerry Yellin and Bob Friend Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive! LL 55 Broad St. New York, NY 10001

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## Gentlemen:

The Air Force Association (AFA) is proud to support the commemoration of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II in 2015.

Air power was a decisive factor in assuring victory by the Allies in World War II, and the technologies that were developed during the war fueled the expansion of global aviation in the postwar era and man's exploration of space.

The Association is especially honored to be a partner in the WWII Airpower Legacy Project - a nationwide flyover of WWII aircraft on the weekend of August 15 - 16, 2015 - to pay tribute to the men and women who laid the foundations of the United States Air Force.

We encourage the 100,000 members of the Association who have family who served in uniform and on the Home Front during WWII, to participate in the events both solemn and celebratory that will be taking place throughout the country on this historic weekend.

AFA will engage young people in the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary effort by inviting students in middle and high schools throughout America to become the "ordinary heroes" of their generation by participating in our popular educational program that teaches youth how to apply their technology skills to help defend our nation's security.

The Association looks forwards to collaborating with other organizations during the coming months, including veterans groups, museums, schools, and others, as together we prepare to celebrate the achievements of America's "Greatest Generation" in 2015, and assure that their legacy of shared sacrifice, service, and national unity will continue to inspire future generations.

Thank you for keeping the Spirit of '45 alive!

Sincerely,

Craig R. McKinley

President