

## Steve Patti Collection of Photos

The photographs in this collection were taken by Steve Patti while on active duty with the C.A.P. 12<sup>th</sup> Task Force Anti-submarine Patrol. The 12<sup>th</sup> Task Force operated out of Brownsville and San Benito Texas. Also included in this presentation are photos taken from The C.A.P. Southern Liaison Border Patrol #2 at Marfa and El Paso Texas, and C.A.P. search missions in the mountains and deserts of Southern California.

Mr. Patti joined the Civil Air Patrol in January of 1942 and was stationed at Vail Field, Los Angeles California. In June of 1942 he was assigned to the 12<sup>th</sup> Task Force Anti-Submarine Patrol in Brownsville and San Benito Texas as a aircraft mechanic. He also flew as a replacement observer on convoy escort, anti-submarine, beach and border patrols.

In October of 1943, the 12<sup>th</sup> Task Force was deactivated and he was reassigned to the C.A.P. Southern Liaison Border Patrol #2 Aux. Air Base in Marfa Texas. His duties included aircraft mechanic and replacement observer.

In March of 1944, Master Sergeant Steve Patti was reassigned to C.A.P. main Southern Liaison Base #2 at Anderson/Biggs Field, El Paso Texas with similar duties. In June of 1944, the Base #2 was also deactivated and he was reassigned to The United States Army Air Corps as an aircraft mechanic and flight engineer on B-17 and B-25 bombers.

Mr. Patti was discharged from the Army Air Corps in June of 1946 and rejoined The Civil Air Patrol. He was appointed to the rank of Lieutenant and pilot and has flown numerous air search and rescue missions in California. At the age of 86, he holds a commercial pilot's license with a CFI and ratings for single and multi-engine land, single engine sea, instrument and glider pilot.

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