

# **RAY FORDYCE**

**Ray Fordyce is an 8th Air Force Historian and son of Capt. RB Fordyce, who served 3 1/2 years with an 8th Air Force heavy bomber group in Europe during WW2 flying B-17s.**

**Ray once worked as a ranch hand in Argentina, went to West Point, is a pilot and eventually retired from a career in management with IBM and later Siemens, where he registered three U.S. patents. Today, Ray serves as Chairman of the Cobb County Civil Service Board.**

**Ray is the author of numerous published articles and essays about the air war in Europe, and speaks on veterans and aviation-related topics around the country. He also once was a guest at, and played the piano for, a *German WW2 fighter-group's* reunion!**

**Ray has written an 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force mission briefing about this exact date, 8 July 1944, and you will read what you might have heard, had you been there. Following that, he describes “a day in the life” of an 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force bomber crew, how a mission unfolded and the challenges they faced.**