



Impavidus was founded in October 2003, on the basis of an idea by **Dr. Roberto Piccione. Tourist Guide and member of the Guild Guide Association, who** has collected material on the July 1943 Allied landings in Sicily for more than 25 years, building an impressive archive of testimony, photos, uniforms and maps, concentrating on his home town of Siracusa and the nearby city of Avola.
Association membership is open to all adults.

The Association maintains contact not only with veterans of the landings, both British and American, many of whom piloted gliders, but also with the families of those who fell, and were interred in Siracusa.

2003 was the sixtieth anniversary of the landings at Siracusa, Catania and Avola. To mark this event we were honoured with the presence of a delegation from the Army Air Corps Glider Pilots' Association, who paid their respects to the fallen in the War Cemeteries of Siracusa and Catania, laid a wreath at sea, and took part in a service of remembrance in Avola. One of the Association's main objectives is to publish as soon as possible a book on Operations Husky and Ladbrooke.

Whatever the veterans' nationality, the Association is apolitical, and in no way propagates or disseminates any political or ideological agenda. It is a non-profit organisation, existing to record the events of the past and recount this experience to younger generations. The Association also aims to foster a strong sense of international fraternity, encouraging encounters and cultural exchanges.

The Association organises exhibitions of the landings, and is currently in the process of es



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