

# GROUP FLAGS SHOWN FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE END OF WWII



FLAG OF 461ST BOMB GROUP. NOTE THE 461ST INSIGNIA IN CENTER SHIELD OF THE BOMB AND LIGHTNING BOLT.



FLAG OF 484TH BOMB GROUP. NOTE THE 4 BOW TIES IN CENTER SHIELD. THEY DENOTE THE 4 SQUADRONS OF THE GROUP.

The opening ceremony at the banquet was the presentation of the colors. For the first time, the flags of both groups were shown to the members. We were all so proud of them. Members came up and had their photos taken alongside their group flag. It seemed as though everyone had been waiting to have a symbol, such as a flag with which to identify. It was like having arrested pride in your outfit all of these years. And, at last, this pent-up patriotic pride could be displayed. It was very moving to see the swelling chests and straight backs as they posed proudly.



Chaplain Ralph W. Bronkema from nearby Patrick Air Force Base gave the invocation. He was accompanied by his wife.

After the pledge of allegiance, led by the master of ceremonies Ed Rose (764th Sq.). The roll call of the squadrons was made. The members of each squadron were asked to stand to be recognized. Leonard Cole led the roll call of the 461st Group squadrons and Peter Drill did the same for the 484th Group.



LEONARD COLE (CENTER) 461ST B.G. CALLS THE ROLL OF THE SQUADRONS OF THE 461ST BOMB GROUP.



PETER DRILL (RIGHT) LEADS ROLL CALL OF SQUADRONS OF 484TH BOMB GROUP.

Chris Donaldson (765th Sq.) gave the toast to our departed comrades and read a very moving tribute that brought tears to many eyes in the audience.

After dinner was served many prizes were distributed.



## 1984 REUNION PRIZE WINNERS

Door prize drawing winner:  
JOHN BILLINGS 825th Sq.

Attendees travelling farthest distance to reunion:

461st B.G.: JOHN A. WALL, R. 767th Sq., Kaneohe, Hawaii

484th B.G.: ELVIN W. BRUSH 825th Sq., Anchorage, Alaska

Runner-up winners travelling farthest distance:

461st B.G.: RALPH SEEMAN 766th Sq., Tacoma, Washington

484th B.G.: TOM WOOLCOTT 824th Sq., Cottage Grove, Oregon