

In his address to the gathering, your Association President, Bud Markel, asked for volunteers for several new committees: (1) A committee to collect, preserve, and display uniforms, badges, medals and other articles of military wear, for showing at the regular Association reunions. (2) A committee to acquire, catalog, and distribute books, restricted to the subject of the air war over Europe during WWII. The idea behind this suggestion, was to preserve our military heritage and make this material available to members and their families. The books and related materials would be distributed via the postal service. (3) The Torretta Flyer is in need of writers, and editors to prepare stories and articles for the publication.

In conjunction with this, Bud asked for a committee that would do research at the National Archives, and other institutions, for use in the writing of the two group histories, with shortened versions to be published in subsequent issues of the Flyer. Bud also asked the members to volunteer services, such as transport, graphics, and printing, video transfer, legal and photography, which the Association now has to pay for out of membership dues. He closed his remarks by asking for continuing financial support via grants, donations and bequests.

Afterwards, members expressed interest in some of the committees and association projects. Through the efforts of Paul Lawrence (766 Sq.) and fellow crew member Franz Holscher (766 Sq.) the reunion displays and material were transported back to California. Jim Ellis (827 Sq.) provided the banquet photos that accompany this report.

We also want to thank Harold and Margaret Miller 767 Sq. for shipping the large and bulky exhibits back to California.



MEMBERS AND GUESTS DANCE TO THE MUSIC OF VAL CARUSO AND HIS BAND DURING THE BANQUET.



ED ROSE 764TH SQ. (L) MASTER OF CEREMONIES AND ORLANDO HOST, AWARDS A B-24 MODEL TO TOM WOOLCOTT 824TH SQ. OF COTTAGE GROVE, OREGON, RUNNER-UP IN THE FARTHEST DISTANCE CATEGORY. 484TH B.G.



BUD MARKEL 827TH SQ. (EXTREME LEFT) AND ED ROSE (L) PRESENT A B-24 MODEL TO ELVIN W. BRUSH 825TH SQ. OF ANCHORAGE ALASKA. WINNER OF THE FARTHEST DISTANCE CATEGORY 484TH B.G.



RALPH SEEMAN 766TH SQ. (R) FROM TACOMA, WASHINGTON REACTS TO HIS PRIZE (B-24 MODEL) HAPPILY IN THE RUNNER-UP FARTHEST DISTANCE CATEGORY 461ST BOMB GROUP.

We were also happy to accept the offer of Clark Ecton (825th Sq.) to host the 1986 Reunion Committee in San Antonio. Our thanks to member Russ Hayhurst (827 Sq.) who generously donated a B-24 Tie Clasp for auction at the Banquet!

Most Attendees Flight Crews:

(Each Group)

461st B.G. 2 crews with 5 members each:

767th Squadron

Leonard Roederer

John Wall

Frank Skroski

Frederick Schlosstein

Irvin H. Davis

764th Squadron

Jerry Roth

Charles Louis

Jim Johnson

Bill Jennings

John DeGraff

484th B.G. 6 crew members

824th Squadron

Felix DeSisto

Hilton W. Goodwyn

Richard D. King

Victor J. Seely

Ray Johnson

Glen Moss

#### SPECIAL AWARDS

1984 Standing Committee Members:

Publicity Committee:

BILL HARRISON 764th Sq.

JIM VAN NOSTRAND 765th Sq.

Scholarship Committee:

CHRIS DONALDSON 765th Sq.

ED GOREE 764th Sq.

Flag Committee:

GINNY DUDLEY (MRS. JAY) 764th Sq.

MARY LOU WATKINS (MRS. HARRY) 825th Sq.

To Orlando Host Member and Banquet Master of Ceremonies:

ED ROSE 764th Sq.



BEA MARKEL AND BUD MARKEL (CENTER) RECEIVE A PLAQUE GIVEN BY THE MEMBERS OF THE 461.484 BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION IN A SURPRISE PRESENTATION DURING THE BANQUET ACTIVITIES.

The last event of the 4 day reunion was the outdoor barbecue held Sunday afternoon, June 3rd. The warm weather lent a note of relaxation and informality helped by a huge beer barrel that never seemed to empty. Long and sometimes tearful goodbyes were said with the promise that most would hopefully be at the 1986 Reunion.