

484th Bomb Group and its support groups during the years 1944 and 1945, and their spouses, widows, and lineal descendants.

Honorary members shall be those persons who are not otherwise eligible to be members of the corporation, but who in the opinion of the Directors, have performed services for the Corporation warranting their appointment as Honorary members.

Associate members shall be those persons who were members of the 461st Bomb Group during the years 1944 and 1945, their spouses, widows and lineal descendants, and any other interested veterans of the United States Army Forces.

Associate members have all of the privileges of membership with the exception of voting. Only regular members shall be entitled to voting rights. Members of the 461st BG will become associate members upon renewal of membership after January 1, 1993. The Association extends a warm invitation to all 461st personnel to renew their membership.

After approval of these amendments, the election of directors for the coming year took place. The directors are: Bud Markel, Bea Markel, Frank Valdez, Charles McKew and John Billings.

The aims of the Association will not change but reflect the majority participation of the 484th Bomb Group. For the present, the Scholarship Awards will continue to be made in the name of both groups.

News of 461st BG activities will still be published in the Torretta Flyer as material becomes available. Note that the story of combat losses of aircraft appearing in this issue is of both groups.

Other matters discussed, was the request for an updated membership roster, (a membership roster of all current members will be mailed out) and the 1993 reunion site. The Chairman announced that the 1993 reunion site and annual meeting will be held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

The registration gift this year was a B-24 Liberator 3D pin, pewter color. Members, not in attendance, or wishing additional pins, can order them from the Association office. Price is \$5.00 including postage.

We are most thankful for the services of Ernie Ryan, 826th Sq., and Jack Robson, 826th Sq., who were our local hosts for the Dearborn area. They worked many hours making the contacts necessary for a successful reunion. We also want to thank Harold and Audrey Toomey (824th Sq.) Charles and Agnes Lowell (827th Sq) Ralph and Caryl Carr, (825th Sq) and Marilyn Weakley

(824th Sq) for their work at the registration desk, bus loading, and other go-for help.

Quilting Project Suggested

At one of the gatherings the subject of quilting came up. There was some talk about an overall design for the whole quilt or whether each square would be a separate work to be assembled as a sort of collage. It was agreed however that no matter which plan was adopted that the quilt would be stitched together at the next reunion in Harrisburg and put on display. We would like to receive some suggestions from the ladies of the organization as to whether they would prefer the overall design theme or would they be more interested in creating their own individual squares. Attendance at the reunion would not be a prerequisite. It sounds like a fun thing to do and would certainly create and strengthen friendship bonds. The social aspect of the reunions seems to have become more important as the years go by. It was also suggested that this activity should not be restricted to the ladies. The men could come up with design proposals and assist in transferring their ideas to cloth. This is not to suggest that the scantily clad nose art figures of WWII that adorned our aircraft should be copied entirely. Your editors would appreciate any feedback on this idea.

93 Reunion September 30 to October 1, 1993 in Harrisburg, PA.

Plans for the 1993 reunion in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania are going forward. The Harrisburg Marriott Hotel will host the 1993 reunion. In the vicinity of Harrisburg, three interesting places stand out for tour activities. Nearby is Hershey, Pennsylvania, the home of the famous chocolate, In Lancaster, Pennsylvania Dutch Country, the home of the Amish, and the Battlefield at Gettysburg. There will be lots to do and enjoy.

A Cruise for a Future Reunion ??

When several members at the Dearborn reunion suggested that a future reunion could be held on a cruise ship of about five days duration at a cost equal to that of a conventional reunion, we became interested.

The cruise ships have all of the facilities for a reunion and are also famous for their foods and service. All this combined with visits to many places along the way, for shopping or sight-seeing, make this proposal quite appealing. Member Harold Meshel (824th Sq) of Florida has been gathering material from several cruise lines out of the east coast. If you have any ideas or suggestions send them on to us and we'll transmit your input to him.

An Italy tour for 1994 ??.

A Spring 1994 Tour of Italy to coincide with the Scholarship Awards Ceremony set for the same time of the year could be arranged if at least 25 persons want to participate.

This could encompass Rome, Assisi, Florence, Venice, Ravenna, Bari, Cerignola, Capri, Pompei, Cassino, return to Rome via the Tivoli Gardens. This is only a suggested itinerary.

The Association would be well represented at the ceremony and at a dinner to follow. The recipients are optimistic, articulate, yes! In English too, full of energy, and are fun to be around. The evening would involve an exchange of ideas and thoughts between the late, yes! In English too, full of energy, and are fun to be around. The evening would involve an exchange of ideas and thoughts between the students and the members. Pictures would be taken and exchanged (Bring your Poloroids). This is the time that members can show their pride in the success of the Scholarship program and of the Association as well.

The pleasures and memories of this type of social interaction will stay with you for a long time. It is something nice to plan and look forward to. Just to see the look on the awardees faces makes it all worthwhile. Please contact the office if you are interested in an 1994 Italy tour.

New Membership Pins

The new 484th Bomb Group Association logo that appears in black & white form on the front page of this flyer will soon be made into an official membership pin and will be available for sale beginning in January of 1993 in two styles, tie tack style, and stickpin (for the ladies) They will replace the old pins that are now out of stock.