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# News Of The Association

## 300 Members Attend the Harrisburg Reunion

Beautiful Spring- like weather greeted 300 members and guests gathering for the 1993 reunion in Harrisburg, PA at the Harrisburg Marriott Hotel. Nearby Hershey of chocolate fame and the Amish villages of Pennsylvania Dutch Country in Lancaster County were both big draws for member and guests. Both tours, the one to Hershey - Lancaster, and the one to Gettysburg proved very popular. The registration gift this year was a 484th Bomb Group Association embroidered insignia patch. Members not in attendance, or wishing additional patches, can order from the Association office. See PX Items listed.

The 5-member color guard company from Carlisle Barracks, presented the colors, including the Association Group flags at the banquet on Saturday evening. Our speaker at the banquet was Stephen Bowman from the War College at Carlisle Barracks, where he holds the position of Director. US Army Military History Institute. His presentation was a very timely and moving salute to our members, as well as all of the WWII veterans. The invocation at the banquet, as well as the Memorial Service on Sunday morning was given by Chaplain Candidate Michael Burgess (US Army Ranger, Infantry Airborne), accompanied by his wife and 6-month old son, the youngest attendee at the reunion. The music for listening and dancing was provided by the Executives. Judging by the guests on the dance floor when the band played "Good night" The band was a hit.

Because of the hotel's inability to provide our Group with the allocated exhibit room space and registration area for the first day of the reunion, your President successfully negotiated with the management and as a result, the Harrisburg Marriott has made a \$1,000 contribution to the Association's Memorial Scholarship Fund.

We are most thankful for the services of Bud Pressel (825th Sq), our local host for the Pennsylvania area, who provided so many of the contacts, as well as those delectable snack packages for our guests from a local Harrisburg admirer of our WWII air force veterans. We also want to thank Harold and Audrey Toomey (824th Sq) Charles and Agnes Lowell (827th Sq) Ralph Carr (825th Sq) and Bunny Tissing, for all of their help.

## Annual Meeting Report

### Scholarship Awards

The annual business meeting took place on Saturday morning, October 2, 1993, at 10 AM. The minutes of the last meeting and financial report were approved. Chris Donaldson, representing the Memorial Scholarship Committee, gave his report, that the four scholarship award recipients for 1993 had been selected by Prof. Umberto Albanese and his advisors. The award ceremony to be held on October 23, 1993 at the Technical Institute in Cerignola. The awardees are: David Borelli, Rosmunda Bufo, Stefania Costa and Antonietta Gisario.

As many of you already know the eligibility for grants requires that the students must be offspring of persons living on or near the airfield at Torretta and the Cerignola area. The Italian student scholarship awards program continues to attract favorable and considerable media attention in the Foggia/Cerignola area. The Committee and Association recognizes with gratitude the efforts made on our behalf by Professor Albanese. Your continuing

contributions to the scholarship fund are a measure of the support of the program.

Recommendations were made by the Committee with membership approval, that Scholarship Fund Awards be extended to students in the US, in addition to the Italian Awards program. The Committee will work on this.

In accordance with the notice of the annual meeting for the purpose of electing directors for the year 1993-1994, the election of directors took place. The directors are: Bud Markel, Beatrice Markel, Frank Valdez, John Billings, and Charles McKew.

### 1994 Cruise reunion

Under new business, the recommendation for the 1994 reunion was presented and approved. It will be a 4 night, five day Caribbean Cruise aboard Carnival Cruise Lines, "Ecstasy" ship, sailing from Miami on November 7, 1994, returning to Miami on November 11, 1994. Arrangements will be made with regard to requirements for our annual meeting and memorial service aboard ship. See insert for details.

### 1995 Reunion

Also recommendation was made and approved for the 1995 reunion to be held in Dayton, Ohio, in the fall, for the dedication of the 484th Bomb Group Plaque and Tree at the Air Force Museum Memorial Park at Wright-Patterson AFB. Donations toward the installation are solicited. The cost of the plaque and tree is approximately \$3,000. At this time we have received approximately two-thirds towards the cost. The reunion hotel and exact dates will be announced later.

### 1994 Dues \$25.00

Also approved by the members in attendance was the increase in annual dues to \$25.00, necessitated by the need for funds for professional help in searching for, and finding members of the 484th Bomb Group (1944-1945).

## The 484th PX List

1) 484th Bomb Group Association Pins: The pins display the new logo, an adaptation of the 484th Bomb Group design which first appeared on the face of the monthly reports and was later adapted and worn on the A-2 jackets of 484th Bomb Group personnel. Please Specify: ladies stick pin or men's tie tack . . . . . Price \$5.00 each

2) 484th Bomb Group Association Patch. An embroidered shoulder patch of the 484th BG Insignia ( Same Design as the pin) is available at . . . . . \$5.00 each

3) Antiqued B-24 Tie Tack pins are now back in stock at . . . . . \$5.00 each

4) A new 484th Bomb Group Association baseball type cap in red and white displaying a side view of a silver B-24 on the peak is available for sale. Price- . . . . . \$10.00 each