

# News of the Association

## Installation of Plaque at Air Force Museum

Now that the 1994 Cruise Reunion is history we look forward to the events of 1995. The installation of our memorial plaque at the Air Force Museum will highlight the Dayton Reunion this year. The ceremony will be held Friday September 15, 1995, at the United States Air Force Museum's Memorial Park. This plaque will be made of bronze and will be mounted on a polished marble base for durability. It is comforting to know that those who come after us and see this plaque will know that the 484th Bomb Group had an important role in our country's victory in World War II. Those closest to us, our survivors: family members, children, grandchildren, and other descendants will be able to identify with this spot on earth where their forbearers' deeds are recorded. Do plan now to attend this important event.

## The 1995 Reunion

The 1995 Reunion will take place in Dayton, Ohio September 14-17, 1995 at the Dayton Marriott Hotel. Room rate is \$67.00 per night. Along with the plaque dedication, a visit to the Air Force Museum will be one of the reunion events.

## The Search For New Members Continues

In 1995, we will continue the search for new members using the CD-ROM disks. We will be asking for more members to join the search. Jeff Robson, the son of Jack Robson, 826 squadron has prepared a telephone list sorted by area codes which we have begun distributing to members with similar area codes. This helps reduce long distance charges. These lists are phone numbers where a match is made of the names of known personnel assigned to the 484th Bomb Group. The work consists of calling these numbers to determine if the person on the other end of the line is the one you are seeking. It is challenging work that brings great satisfaction when a true match is made. Our goal is to maintain the number of members presently active by replacing those too infirm to remain active and those passing on. You can participate by using the prepared lists or more directly using the CD ROM disks. The disks will work on both IBM compatible and Macintosh computers with a CD-ROM drive. Some libraries throughout the nation are equipped with the necessary computers and disks. Drop us a line or call as to how you wish to work on this project.

1996 Reunion. No site has been selected yet. We will make an announcement at the Dayton Reunion. Site suggestions by members are welcome.

## Scholarship Report

Dick Muscatello, the Scholarship Committee chairman has been in phone contact with Professor Alberto Albanese, and he advises that four awards will be given to three girls and one boy, and the ceremony is scheduled to take place in January or February of 1995 as we go to press.

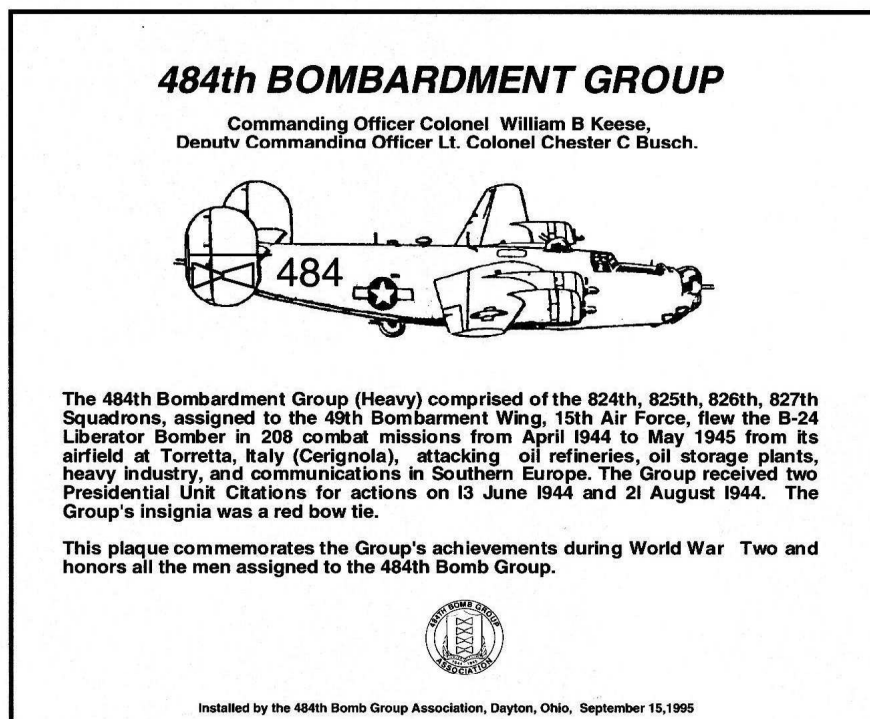
## Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting Report: The annual business meeting took place on Wednesday morning November 9, 1994 at 10 am. The minutes of the last meeting and financial report were read and approved. Your chairman Bud Markel reported on behalf of the Scholarship Committee. In accordance with the notice of the annual meeting for the purpose of electing directors for the year 1994-1995, the election

of directors took place. The directors are: Bud Markel, Beatrice Markel, Frank Valdez, John Billings And Charles Mckew.

## The Cruise

140 members and guests boarded the Carnival Cruise Lines ship 'Ecstasy' sailing out of Miami, Florida, for the 14th Annual Reunion of the 484th Bomb Group Association, on Monday, November 7th, 1994, and a grand time was had by all! Advertised as the "Fun Ship," the crew, the stewards, all of the personnel, and those wonderful waiters made the five day cruise truly live up to its name. There was not an unhappy person on board. Among the specific reunion activities: the complementary Cocktail Reception for our group took place on Monday shortly after boarding. The Association Annual Meeting was held as scheduled on Wednesday, November 9, 1994, and our Memorial Service on Thursday. Because there was no chaplain on the ship (midweek) your chairman Bud Markel was privileged to improvise and present this first time shipboard service for our members.



*The proposed Plaque in present form.*