
The Squadron Dinners

Herb Weinstein, 825th Sq, one of our new members recalled, at the squadron dinner after the meal when everyone was encouraged to tell a war story, of how he was able to dodge enemy fighters. It's an interesting story and a part of the December 17, 1944 Odertal mission story.

Fang and Edith Hansen could not attend the reunion as they were too infirm after an accident in which their car was destroyed. They hosted each and everyone in their 824th squadron to a bottle of Cold Duck sparkling wine. Fang is well known among the members for his acquiring and serving a barrel of Coors beer at the Colorado Springs Reunion.

The Banquet

We were very fortunate to have Felix Rameder and his daughter, Beatrix at the reunion. They were guests of Reed Sprinkel. Felix Rameder and your editor have been corresponding for years, and he has contributed stories to the Torretta Flyer previously. Felix was our guest speaker, but because of time restraints, he gave a shortened speech. The full text of his speech "A Glimpse From The Ground" with photographs is printed in this issue.

He relates within these pages of what it was like to be on the ground when the American Air Force was dropping its ordinance on them. It makes for excellent reading.

Members who have not had the opportunity to attend previous reunions may not know that every since the first reunion in Torrance, California, the banquet has been a dinner dance. We always have a live orchestra playing during dinner and for dancing after our guest speaker is finished. The Joe Aceto orchestra entertained our guests last year at Dayton.

Ladies Fashion Show And Luncheon

The fashion show presented by the Junior Group of Goodwill on Saturday at the Dayton Marriott was a huge success. Some sixty-five or more of our guests enjoyed the very professional modelling of antique clothing and accessories of the 1900-1950 years. The wedding outfits were especially nostalgic.

Annual Meeting Report

The annual business meeting took place on Saturday, September 16, 1995, at 9:30 am. The minutes of the last meeting and financial report were read and approved.

Scholarship Report

A report from the Memorial Scholarship Committee chairman Richard Muscatello was presented, including the current financial status of the scholarship fund. He reported that the awards for 1995 had been made on March 16, 1995, in Cerignola, Italy, through the efforts of Professor Umberto Albanese, and that three full awards of \$600 each and one \$600 award was shared equally by two awardees. With membership approval, the Committee will undertake an expansion of the awards program and investigate the

eligibility of high school students in the city of Harvard, Nebraska, one of the 484th bomb group training bases during WWII, in order to establish one scholarship award of \$600 to be given to one eligible student of a Harvard, Nebraska High School based on scholarship, service and need. This award will be given in addition to the four 1996 awards to be made to the eligible students in Cerignola, Italy.

Election of Officers

In accordance with the notice of the annual meeting for the purpose of electing directors for the year 1995-96, the election of directors took place. The Directors are: Bud Markel, Beatrice Markel, Frank Valdez, John Billings And Charles Mckew.

1996 Reunion

Under new business the recommendation was made and approved for the 1996 reunion to be held in San Diego, California, in the fall of 1996. A video of the San Diego area was shown after the meeting.

1997 Reunion

Also under new business, it was announced that negotiations were under way with the hotels in the Washington, DC Area for the specific purpose of holding the 1997 annual reunion in conjunction with the dedication of a 484th Bomb Group Memorial Plaque in the Arlington National Cemetery Memorial Park.

The 484th PX

484th BG Logo patch, stitched, 2 3/4 " in diameter -----\$5.00.

B-24 three-dimensional tie tac, silver, stick pin 1 3/4 " ----- \$5.00.

Association Pin with 484th Logo 7/8" - - - -
-----\$5.00.

Baseball Cap, red & white. side view of 484th silver B-24 on front, postage inc.- - -
----- \$12.00.

Miniature Plaque 1 3/4 " (see pg 4) with display stand, postage inc.- - - - - \$25.00.

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