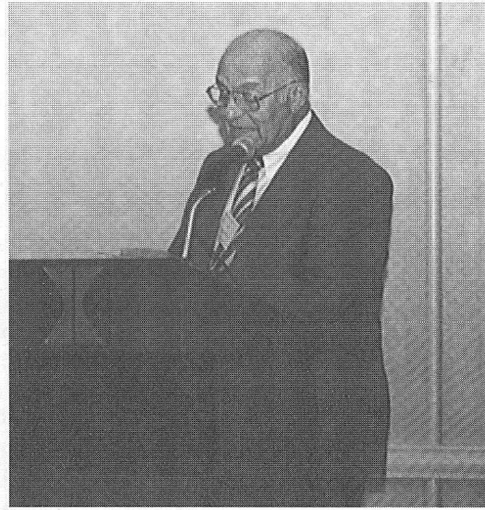

1998 Reunion Report



Ed Schwartz speaks at the banquet

A Personal Note Of Thanks

To all the attendees at the Tucson reunion, as well as members not attending, for the outpouring of good wishes and prayers, your phone calls, E-Mail messages, letters, and cards, in response to the absence, due to illness, of your Chairman of the Board. Bea and I were overwhelmed by your concern and thoughtfulness. We received a lovely indoor-outdoor plant and a monetary gift from the attendees and we were really touched by this symbol of your appreciation. We understand that our two Directors, Ed Schwartz and Ken Hubertz, did an outstanding job in taking over for us and, of course, we cannot thank them enough for all they did. Ed Schwartz and Ken Hubertz supplied the information for this report. As this is being written, I am still in the healing process, but by the time this issue goes to the printers, hopefully, I will be in better shape.

Report On The Tucson Arizona Reunion

About two hundred happy people attended the 1998 reunion in Tucson, Arizona, the weather cooperated, and the tours arranged by the Armed Forces Reunion, Inc. were well attended, including the trip to the Pima Air Museum and the B-24 on display. The Memorial Service in the Davis-Monthan Air Base Chapel was presided over by Major Fred McFarland, D-M Chaplain, and the Luncheon at the Officers Club was excellent. The Banquet was a success with the Speaker, Pat Murray, Historian, giving a review of the history of the 484th and then on to the future of the Air Force in the new age of technology. The Rick Stanley Band played music for listening and dancing, and seemed to hit the right sound for our Group. By prearrangement, our ailing and absent members, Fang Hansen 824 Squadron, and his lovely wife Edith,

supplied bottles of Andre's Cold Duck for each of the tables at the banquet.

We would also like to thank the following for their participation and efforts in making the reunion a success: At the banquet: the Pledge of Allegiance by B Von Ehrenkrook 826 Sq, Invocation by Rev John Nicolai 827 Sq, Roll Call by Ed Schwartz 826 Sq, Toast to Departed by Dexter Schultz 824 Sq. The text for the Toast to Departed was written by absent member Gordon Graham 824 Sq. The Memorabilia Room Setup Help: Bud Pressel, Russ Hayhurst, John Nicolai, Clyde Barr, Dexter Schultz and Al Davidson. Fred Derksmeier took photos of all 4 squadron dinners. Bette Schroeder, wife of Claude Schroeder, made a gift of scissors holders for the lady attendees. Art Shaw provided candied pecans for the Memorabilia room. We salute you all!

Election Of Directors

By resolution at the meeting of the Board of Directors, due to extenuating circumstances, the annual meeting of members for the election of officers was not held as noticed and in accordance with the By-laws of the Corporation, the election of the Directors was voted on by written ballot distributed to all members of record entitled to vote and the ballots were returned to the office of the corporation. The slate of officers for the year 1998-1999 were elected as follows:

Bud Markel, Beatrice Markel, John Billings, Edward Schwartz, and Harry K Hubertz.

The 1999 Reunion is tentatively being planned for October 6-10 in St Louis, Missouri. The Armed Forces Reunion, Inc. is negotiating with the St Louis Airport Marriott Hotel for a glitch-free reunion!