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## News of the Association



*Changing of the guard at Arlington National Cemetery. Visitors walking up the hill to see this ceremony will pass the 484th tree and plaque at the junction of Grant and Roosevelt Drives. Dierksmeier Photo.*

### **484th BG Assn On the Internet**

The Association is now on the Internet via American On-line, members with computers can reach us at Bud484BG@aol.com. We also have fax capacity through our computer. Query us first via phone so the computer can be turned on prior to sending your fax message.

### **Tree Planted in Arlington National Cemetery, Plaque Installation to follow.**

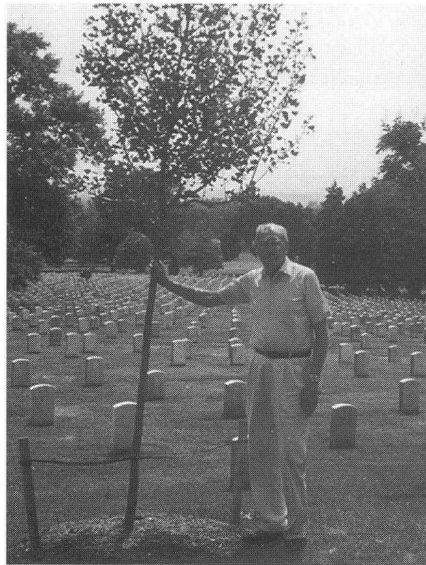
We had announced previously that the Association would install a tree and plaque in Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, DC in conjunction with the 1997 reunion. Arlington, Virginia Member Fred Dierksmeier made arrangements for Association representatives (Bud and Bea Markel, Betty and Fred Dierksmeier) to meet with the Cemetery Horticulturist Erik Diehle to select a site for the tree & plaque. After touring the cemetery grounds, site 33 was agreed upon. A Ginkgo tree was selected and subsequently installed this last spring. Site 33 is at the Junction of Grant Drive and Roosevelt Drive where pedestrians going to the changing of the guard ceremony will pass our tree and plaque, slightly on the right as they proceed up the hill.

The plaque design was changed from the Dayton Memorial plaque design to meet the requirements of the cemetery. The new design was approved and it has been sent out for casting. Installation will take part the latter part of this year.

### **1997 Reunion September 10 to 14, 1997**

The Fairview Park Marriott Hotel, in Falls Church, Virginia will host the 1997 reunion. Guest Room rate is \$70.00 per night.

The room rates in downtown Washington DC are sky high, and slightly less in Crystal city and near National Airport, the Fairview Park Marriott offered an attractive rate that we could not pass up. The main event of the 1997 reunion will be the dedication of the tree and plaque. We have requested a full military ceremony similar to the Dayton dedication.



*Fred Dierksmeier holds the Ginkgo Tree planted by the Association in Arlington National Cemetery.*

### **Morning Reports Obtained**

Member Orville Hommert, 827 Sq, who lives near the National Military Records Center in St. Louis, Missouri was able to obtain some copies of the 484th's morning reports, (April, May, and June 1944) The morning report was a form used to record the comings and goings of personnel within a military unit. It is quite valuable to us as it lists personnel serving at 484th HQ that were unknown to us previously. The reports also reveal, in general, the groups activities. The reports were inputted into a data base for ease of search, by name, date, serial number, rank, and so on. We have requested the balance of the group reports. As yet morning reports of the squadrons have not been found.

