

News of The Association

Reunion Info Mailed Out

Everyone should have received the reunion information/registration/reservation forms by now. If you know of anyone who has not received a copy yet please advise us. Our mailing list is as up to date as is possible but things do happen.

As this is the next to last reunion, do make up your minds to attend. For now, it is important to meet again, and-yes, embrace old friends. To make new friends too, and learn more about the 484th BG, and to celebrate our affection for the good old, "Red Tailed Bastards," as the Luftwaffe and Axis Sally called us.

Also, there will be more new material on display at this reunion, including the Association's collection of approximately 2200 photographs, some never displayed before. This, together with the Morning Reports and MACRs will make this reunion special for all of our members and especially for the new members who will be attending their first reunion this year in, Dallas, Texas.

Morning Reports New This Year

On display at the 2000 Reunion for the first time will be the Morning Reports as copied from the National Records Center by Orville and Katie Hommert for each of the four squadrons. They will be shown in loose leaf binders.

The display room at this Reunion will hold more history than at any of the previous reunions.

"Macrs" On Display for the First Time

The National Archives located in College Park, MD has on file a form called the MACR or "Missing Air Crew Records." The MACR is made whenever an aircraft is shot down and the disposition of the plane and crew is not known. Joe Shugrue and his wife, Mary volunteered to seek them out and provide the manpower needed to extract the material from worn microfilms and readers out of repair. They will be on display in Dallas this year. My thanks to Joe and Mary once again for a job well done. Please note: this is the same Joe Shugrue and his wife Mary who sent us the Mission Reports that have been so popular at past reunions. The quality of the reproduction varies from page to page, so come prepared, bring your reading glasses or better yet a magnifying glass.

Cavanaugh Flight Museum

One of the Air Museums on the reunion tour itinerary is the Cavanaugh Museum. The picture of the hanger is shown on this page. The collection comprises WWI and WWII aircraft. The tour that includes the Cavanaugh Flight Museum leaves the Dallas-Ft Worth Airport Marriott at 10:00 AM Saturday October 28, 2000.



On your own you can visit other Air Museums and aviation collections. They are: 1) The C R Smith American Airlines Museum in Ft. Worth features an "I Werks" (similar to Imax) theater that shows a history of American Airlines. 2) Frontiers Of Flight Museum, 3) University of Texas, History of Aviation Collection in Dallas, consists mostly of books, periodicals, and a lighter than air collection, and some models.

Year 2000 Scholarship Awards

In keeping with membership approval to dissolve the Association next year and to distribute the money set aside for Scholarship awards for the years 2000 and 2001, one half of the amount of money in the Memorial Scholarship Fund, has been distributed for the year 2000. At the awards ceremony in Cerignola, Italy, on May 5, 2000, Professor Umberto Albanese made the awards of \$600 each to twelve Italian students, having met the high standards which have been set by him. You can read the students' letters, shown a few pages away and be proud of their potential. Awards to three additional Italian students are to be made in the fall of this year. Professor Albanese, with the approval of the Scholarship Committee, increased the number of students from six to fifteen, adjusting the amount for each student, so that more will be given the opportunity to share in the awards. The Award ceremony was held at the School in Cerignola, with Professor Albanese presiding. There were 200 in attendance, including representatives of the school, the city of Cerignola and the press.

At a ceremony at Harvard Public School, Harvard, Nebraska, May 13, 2000, two students were selected to share the \$2000 award for the year 2000. Vernon Janke, member of the Scholarship Committee, was present at Harvard to present the awards in person to the students. This accounts for the three pages of letters from the 12 Italian students and the 2 Harvard, Nebraska students.