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483rd Bomb Group 2011 Reunion

Kansas City, Missouri in early October 2011 is where we have voted to hold our next 483rd Reunion. Some of the highlights of our visit to Missouri can include:

World War I Museum

On November 11, 1918, an Armistice was declared to end the fighting in World War I. Concerned citizens in the United States reflected on the past War and on the losses sustained, and they wondered what

should be done to honor and remember. Just two weeks after the Armistice, Kansas City leaders met to discuss the need for the creation of a lasting monument to the men and women who had served in the War, and most notably to those who had died. R. A. Long, the founding president of the Liberty Memorial Association, said, "From its inception it was intended that this Memorial should represent on the part of all people, a living expression for all time of the gratitude of a grateful people to those who offered and who gave their lives in defense of liberty and our country."

The site for the Liberty Memorial was dedicated on November 1, 1921. After three years of construction, the Liberty Memorial was completed (except for the north frieze wall, dedicated in 1935). President Calvin Coolidge delivered the dedication speech to a crowd of 150,000 people. He spoke of how "the magnitude of this Memorial, and the broad base of popular support on which it rests, can scarcely fail to excite national wonder and admiration." In the years following its unveiling, the Liberty Memorial proved to be a dynamic addition to Kansas City's cultural offerings.



NEXT REUNION

**Kansas City,
Missouri**

October 10-16, 2011

Put On Your Calendar NOW!

Harry S. Truman Presidential Library

The Harry S. Truman Library, the first Presidential Library to be created under the provisions of the 1955 Presidential Libraries Act, was established to preserve the papers, books, and other historical materials relating to former President Harry S. Truman and to make them available to the people in a place suitable for exhibit and research.



The core of the Library's research holdings and the principal reason for its existence is its collection of the papers of Harry S. Truman. These papers consist principally of the White House files for the Truman administration. They also include papers that document Mr. Truman's life and careers as farmer, soldier, businessman, local politician, U.S. Senator, Vice President and former President. Since the Library opened it has engaged in an ambitious acquisitions program. Presently, in addition to the Truman papers, the Library has in its custody more than 450 manuscript collections of individuals who were associated with Mr. Truman at some point during his career in an official or personal capacity. The Library also has a small quantity of Truman-related Federal records among its holdings. The largest segment consists of the records of Presidential commissions and committees appointed by President Truman during his administration.

Holiday Inn At the Plaza



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The Holiday Inn, Country Club Plaza Hotel also offers an exercise room along with the largest heated outdoor hotel pool in the city.

Roster News



Guy Venier

Comrades, Just a note to inform you that the 2010-2011 rosters will be mailed out this week to all members in good standing. There are 649 rosters to be mailed out so allow at least a week for delivery.

To the members who have paid their dues at the reunion, you should have gotten your receipt and card when you read this. If you haven't, let me know. And, to the members who have donated money to the Association, a great thank you for we are indeed spending it like Washington. That is according to Leon Waldman, our Treasurer.

Take care and drive carefully this winter and God willing, will see you in Kansas City, MO in October 10-16, 2011.

Guy

TAPS

Deceased Members not Previously Noted in Newsletters

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|-----------------------|-----|----------|
| BARRETT, JAMES L | 816 | 06-28-09 |
| BERMAN, SEYMOUR | 816 | 06-25-10 |
| BLACK, MERLE W | 817 | 07-14-10 |
| BOWEN, WILLIAM H | 816 | 02-00-10 |
| CAIN, JAMES M | 815 | 01-15-10 |
| CUNNINGHAM, NEWTON F | 817 | 06-09-10 |
| FOLEY, THOMAS J | 816 | 08-16-10 |
| GARRISON, DAVIS D | 816 | 03-19-10 |
| HOTTMAN, ML | 840 | 08-10-10 |
| GROSSMAN, ROBERT M | 840 | 08-05-07 |
| IBELLE, BERTRAM P | 816 | 08-24-10 |
| KOENIGS, RAYMOND J | 817 | 08-22-10 |
| LAWSON, HOWARD W | 483 | 03-27-10 |
| LOVVORN, DIXON C | 840 | 06-16-10 |
| MAGEE, JAMES B | 817 | 08-15-10 |
| MAGLATY, FRANK L | 816 | 12-00-09 |
| MILLER, CLYDE N | 840 | 04-26-10 |
| NEUFFER, SAM | 815 | 02-00-00 |
| PERSINGER, CLARENCE W | 817 | 05-16-10 |
| PITTS, ROBERT H | 817 | 02-13-10 |
| SCHUMTZ, ELWOOD A | 816 | 07-14-10 |
| SMITH, BILLY D | 815 | 06-04-10 |

President's Message



Rapid City reunion was as inspiring as the sites we came to visit. Even if George Washington was crying and Jefferson had a runny nose, the presidents of Mount Rushmore were as majestic as ever! Our visit to Mount Rushmore may not have had the best of weather conditions - but the day was memorable just the

same. The buffalo may have been in hiding on our tours, but the Jackalope were very plentiful at Wall Drug. For those on the tour up to the Needles - who will be able to forget the tunnels and the challenges presented to our drivers. What a time we had this year. The tours were all spectacular and well provisioned, the hotel was excellent, the food was arguably the best in recent reunions (except no dessert at dinner) the programs were really great. George Stoval outdid himself with the organization and presentation of this reunion. Great job George and many thanks from all of us who had the benefit of your labor.

One of the best highlights of the reunion in my mind was the gathering of some 40+ attendees representing the 2nd and the 3rd generations of our venerable group. The meeting was absolutely electric. It was the first time that we were able to meet as a group and really get to know each other and share our experiences of the 483rd and establish some parameters of what we can do to contribute to the history, the memory and more importantly, the perpetuation of the 483rd.

A Challenge Grant For AFROTC Scholarship Fund

by George Stoval



The Board of Directors at their meeting in Rapid City voted to reduce the Cadet Scholarships to \$1000.00 each, from the present \$1500.00. I was the lone "No" vote. I feel these excellent Cadets who we expect to become future officers in the Air Force I believe are worth the \$1500.00 each. Therefore, I am sending our Treasurer checks for \$250.00 to add to next years allotted \$1000.00 and I challenge some of you to do the same and send \$250.00 to Leon.

(Our current financial situation prompted the reduction from the \$1500 per cadet scholarship last year. In previous years the scholarship has been \$1000. George's challenge, however, is a great one. Anything we can do to offset the expenses we incur is a good thing.Ed).



HONOR FLIGHT NETWORK

The Honor Flight Network is a non-profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices.

We transport our heroes to Washington, D.C. to visit and reflect at their memorials. Top priority is given to the senior veterans – World War II survivors, along with those other veterans who may be terminally ill.

Of all of the wars in recent memory, it was World War II that truly threatened our very existence as a nation—and as a culturally diverse, free society. Now, with over one thousand World War II veterans dying each day, our time to express our thanks to these brave men and women is running out.

Honor Flight Network recognizes American veterans for your sacrifices and achievements by flying you to Washington, D.C. to see YOUR memorial at no cost. Top priority (for which we are currently accepting applications) is given to World War II and terminally ill veterans from all wars.

In the future, Honor Flight Network will be expanded to include Korean War and Vietnam War veterans. In order for Honor Flight Network to achieve this goal, guardians fly with the veterans on every flight providing assistance and helping veterans have a safe, memorable and rewarding experience.

For what you and your comrades have given to us, please consider this a small token of appreciation from all of us at Honor Flight Network.

Where would this country, or the world for that matter, be without the dedication and services of those young men and women we call American veterans? Throughout history, our nation has turned to our military to protect others so that we may enjoy the freedoms that we cherish today. These brave men and women were not making decisions about the right or wrong of war; they were following orders and doing what they were told. We owe so much to these veterans whose sacrifices cannot be captured in a few words, who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country, who carry scars that remain for the rest of their lives.

It is truly Honor Flight Network's privilege to fly our heroes to Washington, D.C. to visit and reflect at the memorials built in their honor. Our highest priority is to the aging World War II veterans along with any veteran facing terminal illness. Other veterans such as the Korean War and Vietnam War troops are included in our program and will be addressed in the near future.

If you know of someone who is a World War II veteran or a veteran with a terminal illness, please fill out an application and send it in. Applications are available at honorflight.org. Remember, every World War II veteran flies free. We will not accept a donation from a World War II veteran.

All applications processed on line will have to be signed by the veteran before the flight - but you can complete the application for the veteran and send it in - editor.



A STORY OF ONE – WALKING THE PATH OF A WW II AIRMAN

This is a story about one of our own. DANIEL LAHURD was a bombardier in our 817th Squadron. This book is an emotionally intense memoir of his personal experiences during World War II. It is unique in that it recounts A Story of One individual, and offers much insight into the training process that transforms a raw recruit into a highly professional member of a wartime bombing aircrew. We learn of his feelings about the conflict and the interruption of peacetime family life that so many endured.

In one sense, Danny LaHurd's story is everyman's in microcosm. It chronicles the experiences shared by all of the 483rd's aircrews who fought the good fight and carried the war to the strategic oil refineries of Ploesti and deep into the heartland of Nazi Germany.



This book provides a detailed description of the 18 July 1944 air battle of Memmingen from the perspective of fellow aircrew members: Matthew Smith, Harvey Myers, David Stein, Horace Davenport, Carl May, William Marlin, John Papamanoli, Ackley Doverspike and Lloyd Venables. Their plane was one of 14 B-17s of the 483rd shot down that day. It was

Danny's 26th mission. Davenport was Killed in Action by cannon fire from enemy fighter planes, and LaHurd, Stein, and Marlin were wounded.

We learn about the path most POW's were taken after capture; through the central interrogation center of Dulag Luft near Frankfurt and on to permanent incarceration at Stalag Luft One at Barth on the Baltic Sea in the farthest northeast corner of Germany. The author gives a superb description of prison camp life. We learn about the camaraderie among men coping with bleak prospects yet determined to survive under arduous circumstances, and their elation when liberated at war's end. Homecoming and resumption of peacetime activities were all the more rewarding, as a result of their sharpened appreciation gained during the hardships and sacrifices endured by former POWs.

The author is Danny LaHurd's grandson, who composed the narrative largely from Danny's personal correspondence and poignant conversations with his grandfather. He also drew on interviews with other 483rd veterans and military wives who lived through the war on the homefront.

The book is extremely well written and researched for authenticity. It deserves a place in the library of all members of our 483rd Association, and can be ordered through Barnes & Noble or online at www.Amazon.com.

[Book Review by Mike Rickey, pilot of the 817th Squadron – also shot down at Memmingen and a POW.] Other books you should consider for your 483rd library, besides of course, *Heroes of the 483rd*, I would highly recommend *Jump, Danmit, Jump*, Edward F. Logan, Jr. (memoir of a downed B-17 pilot in World War II and 483rd Bombardment Group (H)), Donald E. Stern, a tremendous history of the 483rd with many personal stories from the veterans themselves.

**483rd Bomb Group 32nd Annual Reunion
Minutes of the Business Meeting
September 25, 2010
Rapid City, South Dakota**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Dennis West at 9:01 A. M.

II. Invocation

Chaplain Ken Davis gave the invocation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Due to problems with the microphones, the meeting was delayed until sound system could be operational. The meeting was reconvened at approximately 9:18 A. M. and the order of business reverted to the Invocation and then commenced to the remainder of the Agenda

IV. Treasurer's Report

Leon Waldman presented the Treasurer's Report as follows:
As of September 15, 2010

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|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Vanguard Mutual Fund | \$38,241.00 |
| Vanguard Money Market Fund | 4,978.00 |
| Treasurer's Checking Account | 2,238.00 |
| P. X. Inventory | ? |
| Clipped Wings Account | <u>1,235.00</u> |
| GRAND TOTAL | \$48,072.00* |

*The above does not include the reunion account.

In his presentation, Leon noted that the Treasury is not growing but rather we are spending more than we are taking in; however, the good news we have not had to borrow. During discussion from the floor, Ben Adams suggested that life members consider paying the annual dues even though they hold a life membership. Also during discussion the 2nd and 3rd generation attendees were encouraged to join the organization if they have not already. There was also a discussion regarding deducting costs of reunion and any fees from income taxes by Leon Waldman, Mike Rickey and Dennis West.

V. Approval of the Minutes of 2009 meeting

Minutes approved as published in January, 2010 Newsletter

VI. Committee Reports

A. Chaplaincy

Chaplain, Ken Davis reported as follows:

There were 51 members that passed this year.

B. Membership

Chairman Guy Venier reported as follows:

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| Beginning Balance | | \$3,034.76 |
| <u>Income:</u> | | |
| Life Member Dues | \$700.00 | |
| Regular Member Dues | 2,915.00 | |
| Account Interest | 00.00 | |
| Misc. Donations | 310.00 | |
| Misc. Sales | 00.00 | |
| TOTAL INCOME | | \$6,969.76 |
| <u>Expenses:</u> | | |
| Stamps | (\$183.70) | |
| Postage | (42.63) | |
| Supplies | (11.01) | |
| Misc | (123.02) | |
| Roster Printing | (1,665.00) | |
| Bulk Mail Permit Fee | (185.00) | |

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| Bulk Mail Postage | (379.87) | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | | (\$2,590.23) |
| <u>Disbursements:</u> | | |
| Transfer to Treasurer 12/2009 | (\$1,000.00) | |
| Transfer to Treasurer 3/2009 | (2,000.00) | |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | | (\$3,000.00) |
| ENDING BALANCE | | \$1,379.53 |

Guy also reported that there are 7 honorary members, 109 life – honorary members, 289 life members, 99 active members, 75 semi-active members, and 412 inactive members. Seven 5-year pins, two 15-year pins and 2 20-year pins were distributed at this reunion. There will be 4466 in the new roster. Guy also noted that Bob Hottman has been his back-up for a long time to keep the membership information; however, he passed away this year. If anyone is willing to take over this responsibility, please see Guy.

C. PUBLICITY, PX, ARCHIVES

Chairman George Stovall reported as follows:

PUBLICITY

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|--|--------------|-----------------|
| One set of Colored Ink Cartridges | \$77.97 | |
| One set of Black Ink Cartridges | 35.99 | |
| 100 Stamps at \$0.44 cents | 44.00 | |
| Copy Paper | 20.00 | |
| Long Distance Phone Charges | 79.84 | |
| New Standard 7 ft flag poles | 290.50 | |
| FedEx all banners and flags to Rapid City | 78.54 | |
| Internet connection Expenses for email & attachments | <u>82.20</u> | |
| TOTAL PUBLICITY EXPENSES | | \$709.04 |

PX – The PX is being closed out

There were 15 orders placed this year for a total of \$1,252.00. There were also 3 hats and 2 jackets donated from the 816th squadron for anyone that might want to get them. See George for size and cost.

D. Clipped Wings

Chairman Norma Flaherty reported as follows:

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|--|------------|-------------------|
| Beginning Balance | | \$800.00 |
| Clipped Wing Funding from 483 rd Bomb Group | \$1,000.00 | |
| Expenses: | | |
| Office Supplies | (\$393.91) | |
| Stamps | (171.39) | |
| Total Expenses | | <u>(565.30)</u> |
| Balance as of September 15, 2010 | | \$1,234.70 |

Norma also reported that there are 45 veterans being served at the present time and there are only 7 writers left. She has received interest from 2nd and 3rd generation folks and will follow up on them.

E. Newsletter

Chairman Dennis West reported as follows:

The bylaws require a newsletter be sent out 4 times and year. It would cut costs if as many as would like to sign up to receive their newsletter by email. By email, the newsletter would be in color and could be printed from your own printer for those that like to keep their newsletters. Dennis requested more contributors to write articles. He stated that it would be wonderful for veteran's to recount their stories and memories, wives recount their experiences keeping the home fires burning, and any other articles people would like to submit. His email address is on the newsletter.

F. 2010 Reunion

Chairman George Stovall reported that there are 117 attendees at this year's reunion. He also said he still has some miscellaneous expenses to be paid for the reunion but an accounting will be given to Treasurer Leon Waldman.

G. 2011 Reunion

Co-Chairman Laurie West reported a tentative contract has been made with the Holiday Inn in downtown Kansas City, Missouri.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Warner-Robbins 483rd Archives

There has been an agreement in place since 1992 that the 483rd Bombardment Group would make a donation for the upkeep of the 483rd Archives. However, the treasury has not always been able to make a donation every year. We have given anywhere from \$10,000 to zero over the years. Several people shared their visitations to the Museum. It was moved by Don Robinson and seconded by Ben Lambert that we donate \$2,500 to Warner-Robbins this year. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Resignation of Clipped Wings Chairman

Norma Flaherty has reconsidered her resignation and will continue as Chairman of Clipped Wings for another year. She is delighted that Sheryl Norton will be assisting her this year with the intent of Sheryl eventually taking over the chairmanship.

C. Appointment of New Clipped Wings Chairman

Norma Flaherty will continue as Chairman

D. Proposed By-Law Change

It was moved by Mike Rickey and seconded by Gerald Smith that the By-Law amendment be approved as published in the newsletter reducing the number of years an inactive member will be maintained on the delinquent list from 5 to 3 years. Carried unanimously.

E. Election of President-Elect

Mike Rickey nominated Dennis West for the President-Elect. The nomination was seconded by Fred Hicks. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Selection of 2012 Reunion Location

Guy Venier suggested that the 2012 reunion be held in Detroit, Michigan. The first Reunion was held there in 1979 and the 2012 reunion will be the 35th annual reunion. Some of the places to visit might be Henry Ford Museum, Yankee Air Force Base, Christmas store, Franklin Chicken Dinner and Tuskegee Air Force Museum. Norma International Airport is a Delta Hub. It was moved by Guy Venier and seconded by Bob Lambert to hold the 2012 reunion in Detroit Michigan. Motion passed unanimously. Dates will be determined at a later date.

G. Other

The Website is very outdated. There have been several attempts to get the FTP passwords from Verne Cole and his daughter, Nancy. Dennis will continue to try to get the passwords. If there are any volunteers to maintain the website please see Dennis West.

H. Drawing

Jack Abrahamson won the drawing.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:14 A.M.

Publicity Directors Report



By George Stovall

My focus now and through the winter is facts and background information on Kansas City Missouri. I will do some historical research and up to date goings on in that Missouri River City

Sick - Bay

Our only no show was Elmer Hester and his daughter, Cindy, who was driving her father to Rapid City via of Wisconsin, where he unfortunately had a slight heart attack and spent the Reunion time in the hospital. Elmer is back home in California and roaring to be at Kansas City next fall.

Our other causality was a mild stroke that fell Bob Macnerland and put him in the local Rapid City hospital. is home now, but ready for Kansas City, also.

32nd 483rd Reunion Wrap Up

The Grand Gateway Hotel in Rapid City, South Dakota was our host hotel for the week, and activities of the Reunion. The hotel was from all accounts one of the better venues in our history of reunions. 118 registered for the reunion and 116 arrived through the week. There were seven guests counted—Reunion participants—for a total of 125!

The week's activities began with the reunion chairman's hour d'oeuvres and cocktail party in his suit for those arriving early by Monday the 20th, approximately 30-35 people attending the chatty event.



On Tuesday, the Early Bird Tour, comprising some 35 members headed for Black Hills Gold Country on bus 802. It was a hilarious, scenic, history-learning event. The bus driver was chatty, very informative, and where we were and what was going on and what used to be going on in the real gold mining towns of Lead and Deadwood. The high point of this journey was the stand up comic that served as our bus driver to the Mount Mariah Cemetery where Wild Bill Hitchcock and Calamity Jane were laid to rest—he was worth the price of admission!

The evening reception was well attended with over 80 showing up and the generous hour d'oeuvres, whipped up by the hotel Chef, Marlow, were delicious.

Our 2nd tour on Wednesday was to our first phase of Air Training, 67 years ago at Ellsworth Air Force Base. Six 483rd members were there on December 1, 1943 when we first went flying status. They were then (2nd Lt. Mike Rickey, 2nd Lt. Fred Hicks, 2nd Lt. William Mansfield, Sergeants George Stovall, Leon Waldman, and Art Winkler). You might classify returning to Ellsworth as a 483rd homecoming! From the Air Base we made our way to the ever-famous Wall Drug. Souvenir time! Next came the Badlands. This is the place in 1943 we taught the Bombardier where the target was—sometimes as our bus driver, Ben, let is know, the target was sometimes the local Catholic Church or Post Office—of course, off course and by accident. Watching the scurrying about of the Prairie Dogs kept the reunion members awake and alert. Also for those who haven't seen an antelope in the wild there were a few and of course, the guest Visitors Center at the exit that showed where some of us were in 1943.

That evening, Wednesday, we had Memories Night, a packed house of near 100. The 7th Cavalry and Bugle Corps entertained us and some highly active (2nd generation folks) clapped along in unison. The bar was open and the wine began to disappear!

Thursday found us in a quandary... It was raining. Horrors!! This day was Mount Rushmore. Don't try and change the schedule (as was offered by the bus drivers until tomorrow — No — our schedule is set). Go for it! What's a little rain? Some of us got soaked but we got to see what George Washington's face looked like with streaks of rain down his big face. Mount Rushmore is worth it — rain or shine!

The 2nd highlight of the day was seeing the face of Crazy Horse — a truly monumental undertaking. Thursday evening—unveiled the 1st meeting of the 483rd attendees now dubbed the 2nd Generation, hosted by our President Dennis West, and by all accounts, this get together was a highly successful and planted the seeds for future reunions.

Friday was Ladies Brunch; the ladies were well entertained by a duet called two Shady Ladies. What went on I'm not privileged to know. I do know that I had Velma West in charge as Master of Ceremony and did she do a bang up job. Each lady was presented with a hand painted curled up cat *painted by Velma*. I didn't get one — Darn! The usual squadron meetings and pictures were taken. The Board of Directors meeting took place that morning and will be written up in our Secretary's Minutes.

Friday afternoon we took off for the Journey Museum downtown and I can tell you, it's a great, great, well done Museum of our Western History. Your time allotment should not be constricted but we were on a tight schedule. Next we went through the Black Hills Gold Factory — this is the real stuff! Off to the Fort Hays Complex and evening entertainment. Yes, I had a plate made and the guy who made my plate, Earl, turned out to be the number one comic in the evening musical skits. These folks have been entertaining group for 17 years, except for the young lass who could play a mean violin. We were well entertained and feed more than we needed, all in all, a successful conclusion to our daily tours.

As reunion chairman I made it a point to keep us all busy through out our week. Not a moment to terry-a-while. Some said there wasn't much time to do anything else. Saturday A.M. was devoted to the annual Business Meeting. Nothing special happened. The early afternoon was the solemn Memorial Service when we pay homage to our fallen comrades, some 48 this year. Our Chaplain, Ken Davis, gave his Maiden Memorial Remembrance Sermon. The Saturday Night Banquet was the usual gala affair, the hotel Chef, Marlow and his staff, prepared all food to perfection, also most of the wine disappeared! The evening entertainment was a very detailed description by Retired Air Force Master Sergeant Bradley Colling and the true meaning of the MIA/POW Table. The only time I have heard this presentation. There were two awards presented to our deserving leaders, one to Guy Venier for 30 years of Reunion attendance and 24 years as our Membership Secretary, and as Reunion Chairman, I presented a Memory Box made of Cherry wood to our President and News Letter Editor, Dennis West, for the fine work he has and is doing for the 483rd. Both wording (which I wrote) will be displayed in the next News Letter so you folks who could not be at the reunion can read what the award says.



Last on the Saturday Night Banquet program was the awarding of the \$1500.00 scholarships to two outstanding cadets from Detachment 508 Air Force ROTC, South Dakota State University at Brookings, South Dakota. These gentlemen, introduced by their Commander LT. Col. Herschel were two very outstanding, young men. They both spoke well in accepting their awards. And for the 1st time I can remember both the Colonel and the Cadets stayed around very late and visited the entire evening! (The cadets even had the veterans signing their "Heroes of the 483rd Book". A nice touch from two very outstanding young men. Ed.) These Cadets were really into hearing from our WWII flying veterans, and all combat vets, too! We look forward to a repeat performance at Kansas City next fall.

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William A. Haskins (Deceased) 1981
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Lynn M. Borders (Deceased) 1984
Joseph W. Gawthrop (Deceased) 1984
M.L. "Bob" Hottman 1985 (Deceased)

PAST PRESIDENTS (Continued)

Harry K. Keller (Deceased) 1986
Donald R. Speegle (Deceased) 1987
James "Russ" Heflin 1988
Evan M. "Jack" Edwards (Deceased) 1989
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Harry P. Millnamow 1991
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Edward T. Cotton (Deceased) 1993
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