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GROUP
ASSOCIATION

ALBUQUERQUE
NEW MEXICO
1992 REUNION
SEPTEMBER 9-13



IT WAS A MOST HAPPY REUNION!

Our 1992 reunion held at the Sheraton Old Town Hotel in Albuquerque NM September 9-13, was attended by 98 315th Association members. Bernard and Bette Brown, who had carried on the work begun by Harry Black whose untimely death in March had saddened us all, planned and carried out a most successful reunion. The Browns were assisted in many ways during the planning stages and during the five days of the reunion by Joan (Mrs. Harry) Black and Al Mallett. Their contribution to the success of our meeting was acknowledged by the membership at the annual Business Meeting and during the banquet on Saturday evening.

REGISTRATION BEGAN ON WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9

The registration table just inside the lobby entrance was manned and ready for visitors at noon on the first day. Registrants were handed envelopes which contained reunion information and tickets to the events planned for us. At the same time, the reunion Hospitality Room, staffed by volunteer members of HQ and 309th Squadrons, welcomed many early 315th registrants. Members of the other three squadrons were on duty during succeeding days and thus, a new "tradition"----staffing the hospitality room with volunteers from each squadron---was started. As more of our people checked into the hotel the tempo and excitement of the reunion picked up and by the first evening, the place was really humming!

Because our headquarters hotel was located at the edge of the historic old town section of the city, we had frequent opportunities to visit this fascinating area which had many restaurants and shops. The weather during our entire stay in Albuquerque was beautiful.

THURSDAY TRIP TO FABLED SANTA FE

Many of our people joined the optional trip to visit Santa Fe, one of the most famous and interesting cities in the Southwest. Buses took us on the two hour trip to Santa Fe, passing near the Santo Domingo Pueblo. Those of us who did not take the Santa Fe trip spent the afternoon visiting with old friends and greeting new registrants as they came into the hotel lobby.

FRIDAY DIRECTORS' MEETING; WESTERN BARBECUE IN THE EVENING

President Jack Alexander presided at the Directors Meeting which convened at 9:00 AM Friday morning. Bob Cloer, our super-efficient Recording Secretary, recorded and transcribed the meeting. His report was included with the November issue of the 315th NEWSLETTER.*

Among decisions taken during the meeting was confirmation of the site of our 1994 Reunion: ST. LOUIS, MO. Jim and Audrey Fidler will host the reunion and, we understand, they have already begun planning the event. The headquarters hotel will be the Radisson and, we have been offered a very agreeable room rate, details of which will be announced well before the reunion date early in September, 1994.

Various committees made their reports and a discussion of the proposed 315th Group tour to Britain and the Continent in September, 1993 by Battlefield Tours USA Inc. was carried on. A representative of the company would be making a presentation to all the members at the Business Meeting on Saturday morning. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 AM.



SATURDAY BUSINESS MEETING

As always, Bob Cloer recorded and transcribed the bi-ennial Business Meeting, a report of which was included with the November issue of the 315th NEWSLETTER.* The 1994 site recommendation was brought up and the membership voted unanimously to accept the selection.

The Battlefield Tours, USA representative presented an outline of the 14 day tour proposed for 315th TCG Association members in September of 1993. Many questions were asked by interested members. Readers desiring complete information and costs of the tour should write: Richard Polk, Battlefield Tours USA Inc. P.O. Box 357, Slidell LA 70459, or call toll-free 1-800/635-5018.

The Nominating Committee presented its report and slate. The nominations were accepted and elected by unanimous vote of those present. Following are the officers and directors who will serve the Association during the next two years.

- *Jack D. Alexander.....Past President
- *John Andrews.....President
- *James S. Smith.....Vice-President
- William L. Brinson.....Corresponding Secretary
- Robert L. Cloer.....Recording Secretary
- Robert M. Davis.....Treasurer
- Marty F. Dean.....Assistant Treasurer
- *Gordon Tull..... term expires 1998
- *Joseph G. Terebessy..... term expires 1998
- *Bernard C. Brown..... term expires 1996

- *Ray M. Schwartz..... term expires 1996
- *Allen Saunders..... term expires 1994
- *Jack Mancinelli..... term expires 1994
- *Member, Board of Directors



While we were in the Business Meeting, the ladies who wished to go, were taken on a tour of the Indian Cultural Center Museum and shops in the area.

SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET

Prior to the banquet and during the cocktail hour, members of each squadron gathered outdoors to have a squadron picture taken for this book. A total of 24 tables were occupied by our people during the very festive evening. Music during dinner and later on for dancing was provided by a fine group of musicians.

Sunday afternoon, buses took many of us to the base of Sandia Mountain Tramway which we rode to the top of the mountain where we had dinner while watching the beautiful sunset. As we returned to the hotel, we all agreed the evening was a most suitable ending for a great reunion.





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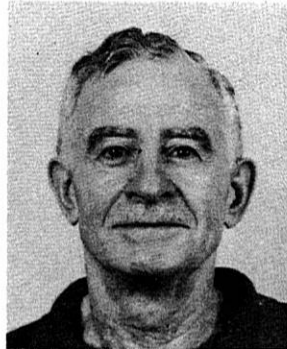
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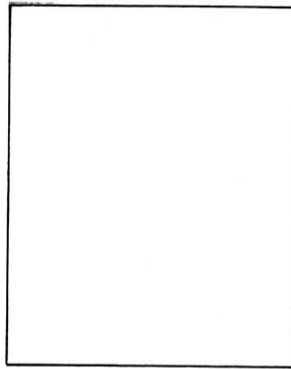
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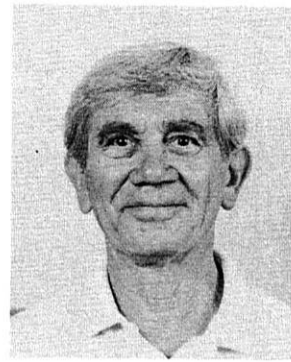


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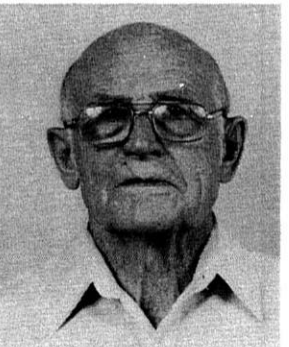
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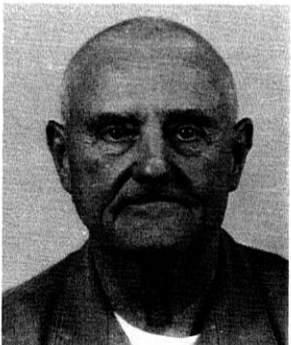
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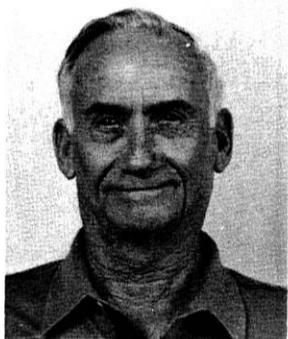
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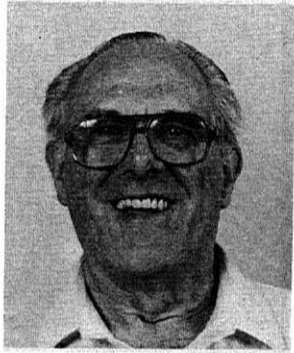
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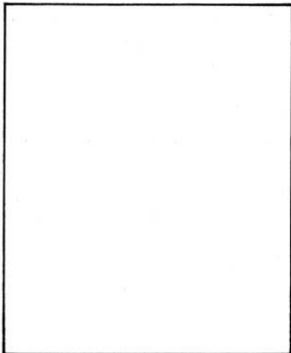
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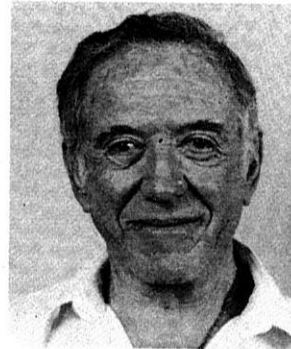
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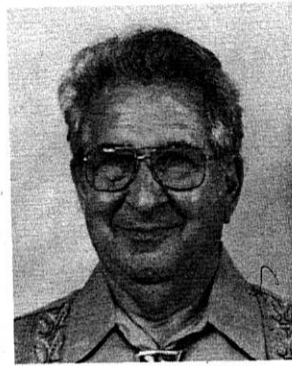
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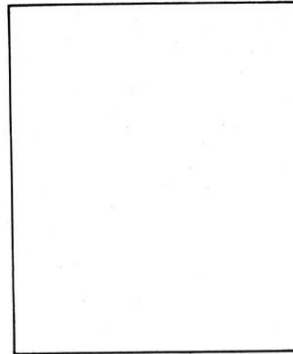
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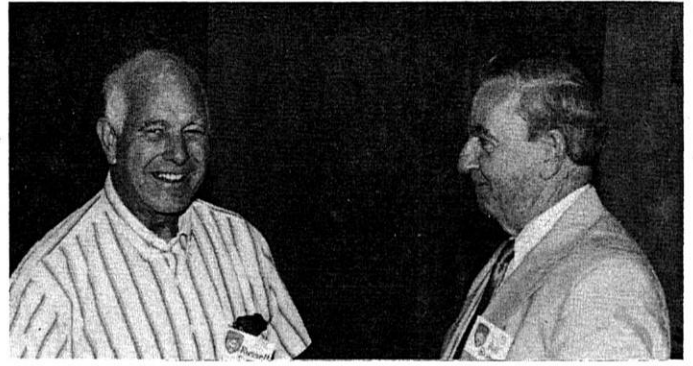
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REGISTRATION TABLE WAS A BUSY PLACE.....

The reunion committee had the registration table located near the hotel's main entrance. As our people entered the lobby, among the first people they saw were members of the committee--Bernard or Bette Brown, Joan Black or Al Mallett--waiting to greet them and sign them in. From experience, our photographer knew the area around the registration table would yield good photo opportunities.



Bill Brinson and Russell Smith visit in the lobby.



Bob Cloer (back to camera) and Marty Dean at the Registration table. That's Joan Black attending to Marty while Bernie Brown and Al Mallett hear what Cloer is saying.



We caught Aubrey Ross, Don Glover and Bob Cloer chatting near the Registration table.



Joan Black seeing that Sandy Friedman has all his tickets.



Bernard and Bette Brown, our hosts in Albuquerque. They looked pretty relaxed after all that hard work!



Bill and Augusta Perkins stop for a picture.



Bud and Mary Ann Pence flew their own plane to the reunion. Reported VFR all the way from Nebraska.



(L to R) J.S. Smith, Ted Stewart, Len Thomas, and Bob Crone



Rich and Raelee Kithcart with Dick Kucklick



Dave Benfield, our honorary member from England chats with Bette Brown



Margaret and Larry Ison with Randy Morgan



Richard Kithcart, Carl Fittkau, Bill Conine, Margaret Fittkau and Kayoko Conine



Ann Oaks and Bob Crone arrive looking very resplendant



Effie and Charles Rex at the registration table



Ziggy Zartman and Bob Crone



Eleanore and Leonard Zurakov



Al Mallett and Fred Drysdale smile for the camera



Jack Alexander greeting Shirley and Marty Dean, John Andrews and Don Glover



Ruth Saunders, Joe Hardin, Allen Saunders and Mildred Hardin



Ken and Shirley Kranz enjoyed the reunion



Bob Davis, Dee and Bernie Pleasant



Ziggy and Gloria Zartman check in



Cog, W.S. Perkins, Ted Stewart and Aubrey Ross



Barbara Papp greets Joe and Helen Kryszakowski and Bill and Alice Brinson as they check into the hotel



John Burroughs, Dee and Bernie Pleasant, Bob Cook



Dick Kucklick, Gordon Tull, Bill Perkins and Al Mallett



Bob Gibbons and Bernie Brown



Alice Brinson, Betty Alexander, Barbara Papp and Shirley Dean catch up on the news of each other



Bette Brown and Joan Black (backs to camera) check in Jack and Betty Alexander



Richard and Margaret Adami attend their first reunion



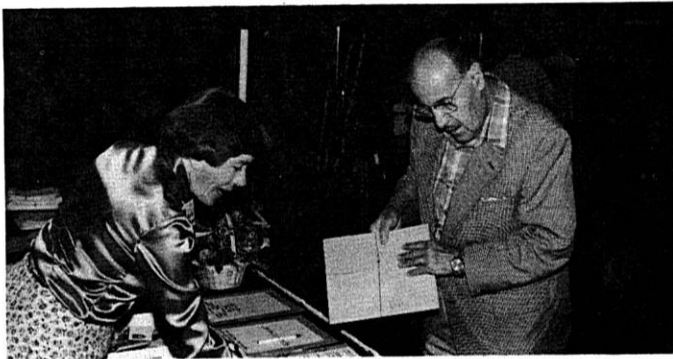
George and Helen Long had a great time at the reunion



Iry and Minnie Sternoff checking the program for today



Don Glover and Aubrey Ross catch up on the news



Gordon Tull getting the straight scoop from Bette Brown at the registration table



Ken Ehlenbach and Ray Baumann give us a big smile



Joe and Ruby Terebessy and Wes and Millie (partially obscured) Englund at the registration table. John Andrews checks the schedule



Identification band put on Charlie Terhune's wrist when he was in the Emergency Room at Middletown Ohio Hospital having a heart "problem" attended to. He was released at 2:00AM the morning of Sept. 9 and later that morning, Charlie and his wife Betty boarded their flight to the reunion. He really wanted to come!



Louise and Russell Smith have just checked in

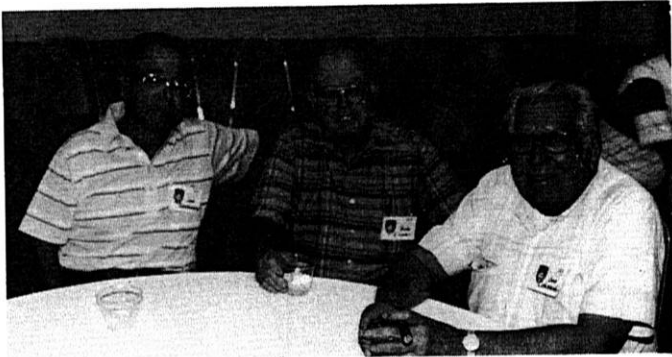


Caught in the lobby was this group: (from the Left) Ursula and Felix Moran, Ed Papp, Newman and Nadine Reichman and Bill and Augusta Perkins

THE HOSPITALITY ROOM WAS A CENTRAL MEETING PLACE

As always, the Hospitality Room proved to be a very popular meeting place for our people. A new idea—asking various squadrons to provide volunteers who would be responsible for manning the room at assigned times—was introduced and seemed to work very well. Just about every type of liquid refreshment was offered in the room and voluntary cash contributions covered the cost of the refreshments offered. We show a number of photographs below and on following pages taken during the five days the room was open. No effort is made to identify people in the pictures on the assumption that we will be able to recognize each other.







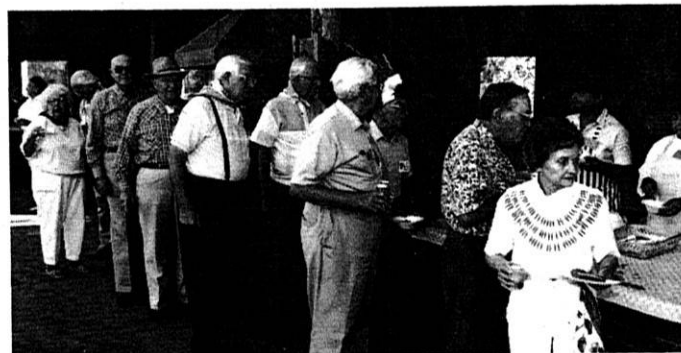


Los Amigos Western Style Barbecue was GREAT

On Friday evening, buses took us to where we enjoyed a sumptuous "Western style Barbecue". As we left the buses, we were met by a mounted "Conquistador" who directed us to the entrance of the huge room where many of us chose to eat our dinner, while others elected to dine outdoors at tables provided by our hosts. A lively band provided music during dinner and for dancing afterward. A charming Indian family entertained us with a demonstration of various types of Indian dancing.



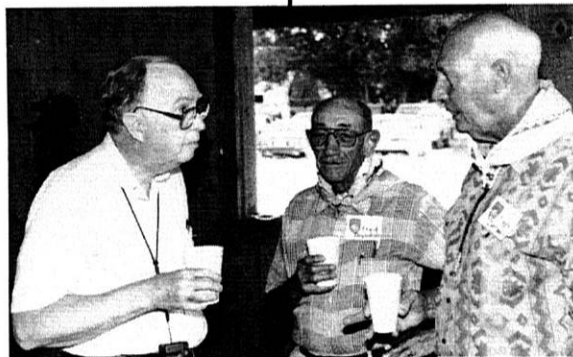
A mounted greeter met us as we left the buses



The chow line reminded us of old times.



Our reunion hosts, Bernie and Bette Brown show us how to dance western style



Charlie Terhune listens to Ziggy Zartman while Fred Drysdale, Ziggy's old Crew Chief looks on



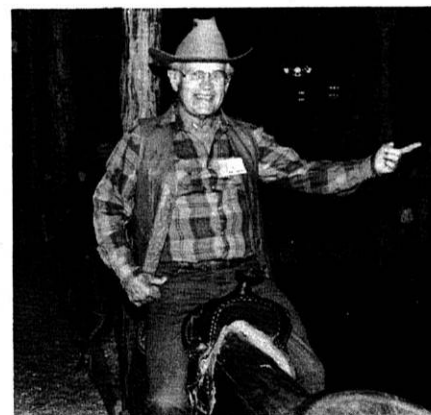
Bob Crone brings refills to Ziggy Zartman's table



Jean Ann Olds, daughter of Jack Olds who passed away shortly before the reunion, came as her dad's representative. Great to see her.



That's "Tex" Thomas between two lovely guests



Al Mallett tries out a saddle for size



Members of an Indian family entertained us with Indian music and dancing



James Edney and his wife Debble, John J. Edney and proud father John A Edney. James and John J, together with their sister Joanne are doctors who took time off to attend our reunion with their father.



We enjoyed our barbecue sitting at tables inside and outside the main building at Los Amigos



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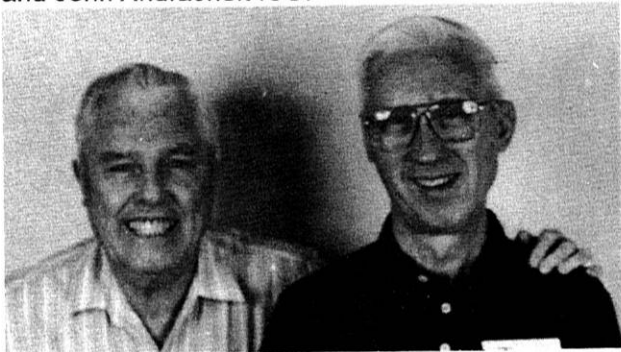
During one of the photo sessions, someone came up with the idea of photographing men who flew together on missions or during our regular flying duties while overseas. Here, we've put together remnants of old crews in these pictures:



Joe Terebessy (RO), Bill Bruce (P) Joe Ciskowski (P) and John Andrachek (CC)



Ray Schwartz (RO) and Mark Grossinger (P)



John Burroughs (N), George Hoffman (P)



Newman Reichman (P), Richard Adams (P), Bill Trau (RO)



John Andrachek(cc), W. S. Perkins (P)



Joe Kryszakowski (N), J.S. Smith (P), Bill Trau (RO)



Bill Conine (P) and Bill Brinson (P)



Roger Matzdorff (P), Jack Alexander (N)

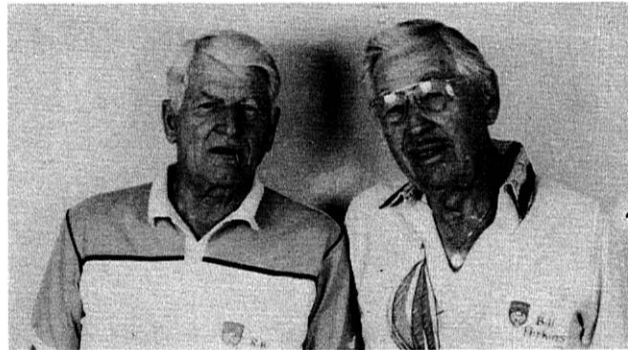
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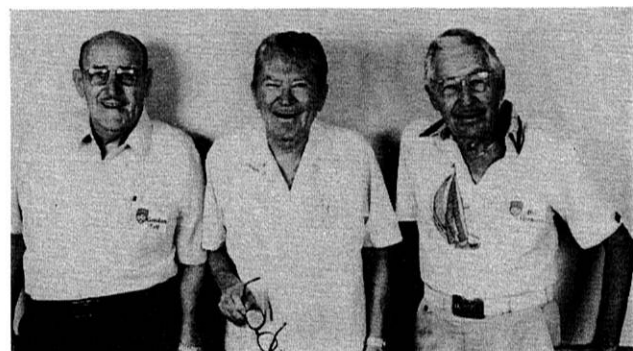
Joe Krysakowski (N), Bernie Pleasant (P) and J.S. Smith (P)



Tom Pugh (P), Carl Fittkau (N), Bob Davis (P)



Richard Kithcart (P), W.S. Perkins (P)



Gordon Tull (P), Shaw D. Ray (P), W.S. Perkins (P)



Joe Krysakowski (N), Marty Dean (N), B.C. Coggins (N)



Dick Kucklick (P), Gordon Tull (P)



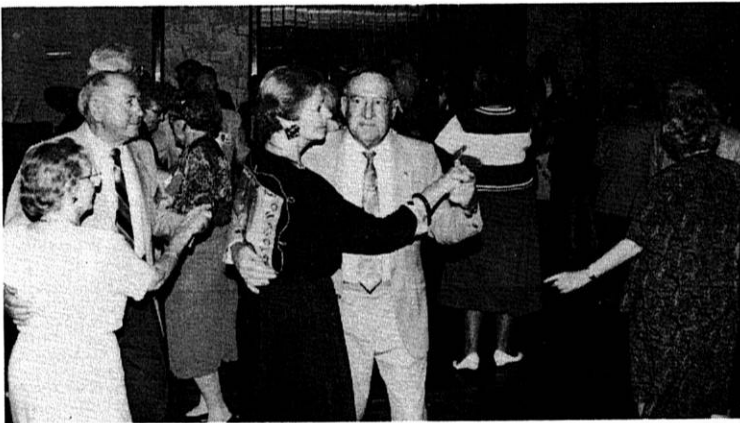
Ken Kranz (RO), Felix Moran (P)



During the evening, Irv Sternoff favored us with a few old favorite songs. Irv's voice is in great shape and, as always, it was a great pleasure to hear him!

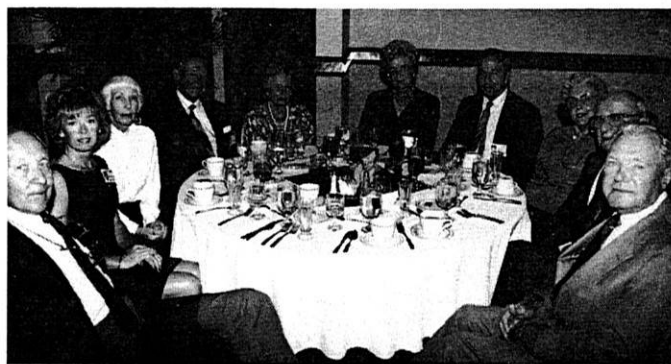
SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET....

The banquet was served in an attractive ballroom, complete with a dance floor and bandstand. A fine band played during dinner and for dancing later. The dancing was a lot of fun, not only for those adventurous folk who felt up to it, but for the rest of us who enjoyed watching.





John and Helen Andrachek, Jean Ann Olds, John Andrews, Bob Gibbons, Jack Mancinelli, B.H. Coggins and Joe and Ruby Terebessy



J.S. and Helena Smith, Valerie Smith, Bob Crone, Alice Brinson, Dee Pleasant, Bill Brinson, Joe and Mildred Hardin, Bernie Pleasant



Bob and Suzanne Davis, Helen and Joe Kryszakowski, Margaret and Carl Fittkau, Shirley and Marty Dean



Ken and Grace Ehlenbach, John A. Edney, Joanne Edney, James A. Edney, Debble Edney, John J. and Mary Lynn Edney



Len and Eleanor Zurakov, Dave Benfield, Joan Black, Sandy and Harriet Friedman, Jack and Betty Alexander



Barbara Papp, Steve and Shirley Carrig, Ed Plock and Bob Jensen. (Ed took the picture)



John and Gwen Reading, Shelagh and Ernie Tobin, Audrey and Jim Fidler, Ray Bauman, Richard Bauschett



Esther and Harold Slack, Margaret and Richard Adami, Joan and Bob Alford (standing) George and LaVon Doll



Bob and Peggy Cloer, Dick Kucklick, Gordon Tull, Spence and Margaret Hogg, Gordon and Elaine Mongar



Mary Emma and Ted Stewart, Gloria Zartman, Len Thomas, Aubrey Ross, Ziggy Zartman and Jeanne Thomas



J.H. and Isabel Way, Irv and Minnie Sternoff, Richard and Rose Slater, Bill and Alice Braun



Jean and Jack Kull, George and Peggy Hoffman, Bill and Virginia Mifeldt, John Burroughs



Arthur and Eleanore Plough, Ilse and Ray Schwartz, Charles and Betty Terhune



Mary Ann and Bud Pence, Roger and Vesta Matzdorff, Art and Jean Ertel, Mary Jean and Mark Grossinger



Joyce and Gil Daney, Glenn and Della Ulrich, Millie and Wes Englund, Randy Morgan



Grant and Florence McNally, Rosemarie and Pat Finn, Effie and Charles Rex, Fred Drysdale



Bill and Jewel Bruce, Newman and Nadine Reichman, Ursula and Felix Moran, Bill and Augusta Perkins



Margaret Ison, John and Geneva McClain, Bob and Helen Barnes, Bill and Ruth Trau, Larry Ison



John and Helen Lyons (standing) Ebby and Al Speer, Bette and Bernard Brown, Pat and Pete Teresi



Richard Adams, Eileen and Jim Alwood, Augie Domka, Jack Douthitt, Kayoko and Bill Conine, Mildred Adams



Edlith and Joe Ciskowski, Janet and Tom Pugh, (standing) Shaw D. Ray and Raelee Kithcart, Bill Perkins, R.B. Kithcart



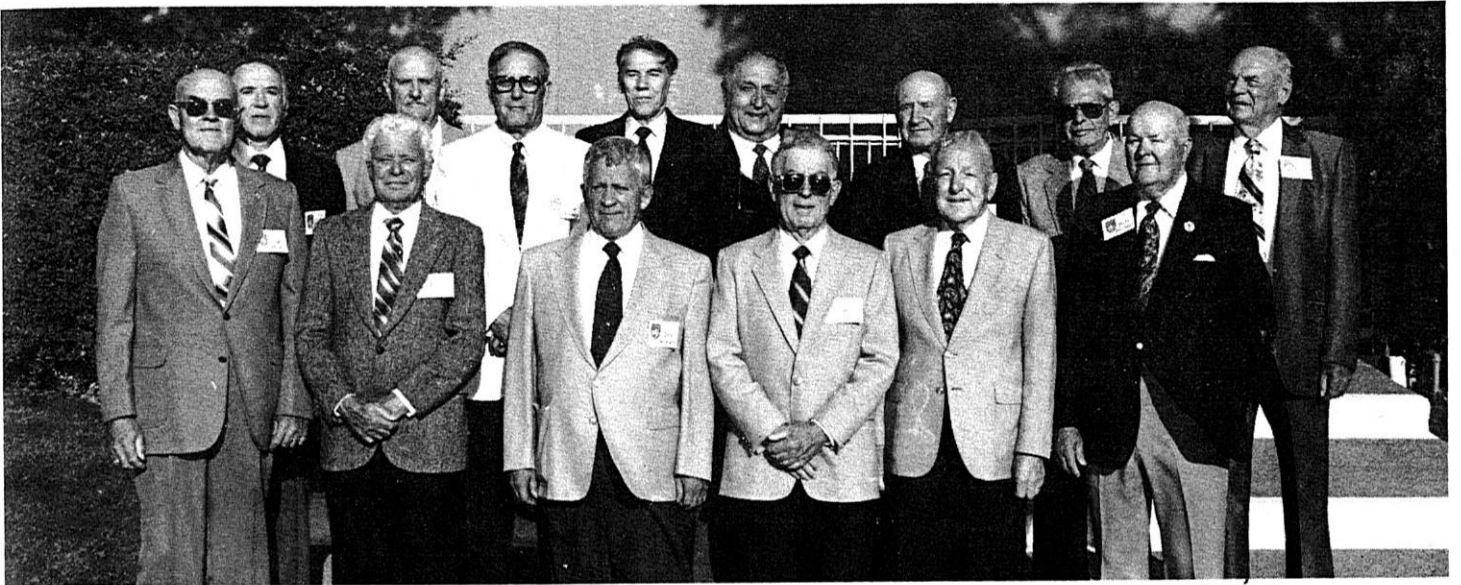
Ruth and Alan Saunders, Anne and Ben Reynolds, Robert Schwarz, Elizabeth and Bill Walsh, Ann Oakes



Bob Cook, Ted and Tina Chase, George and Helen Long, Herb and Jeanne Metcalf



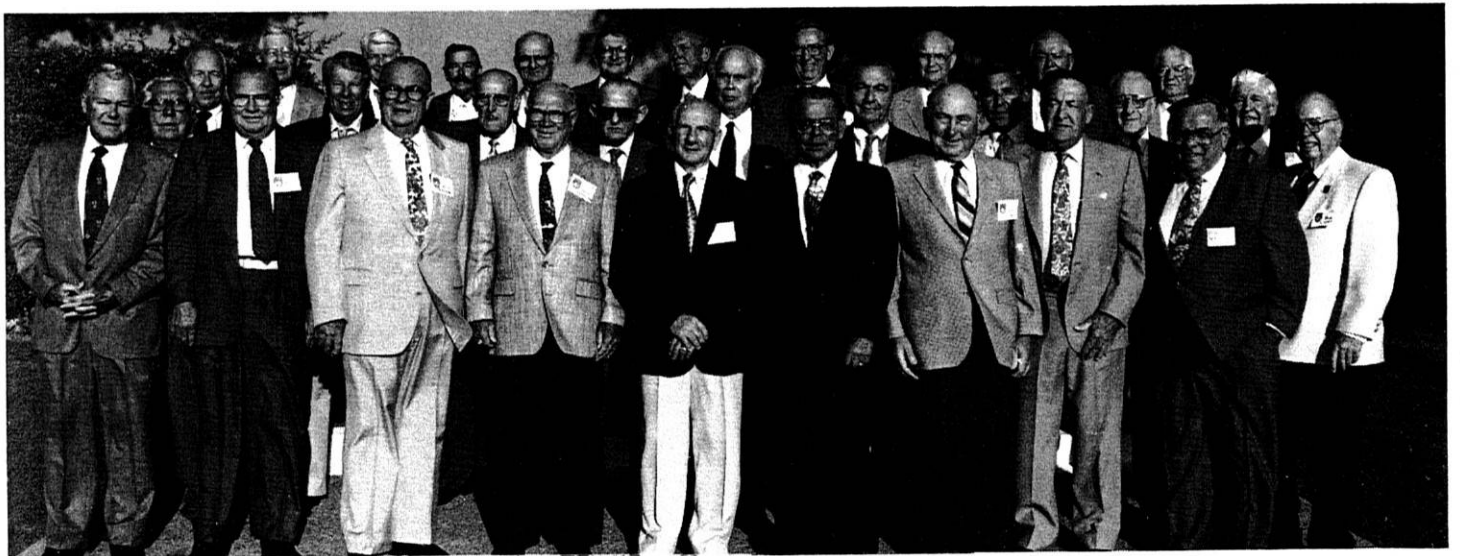
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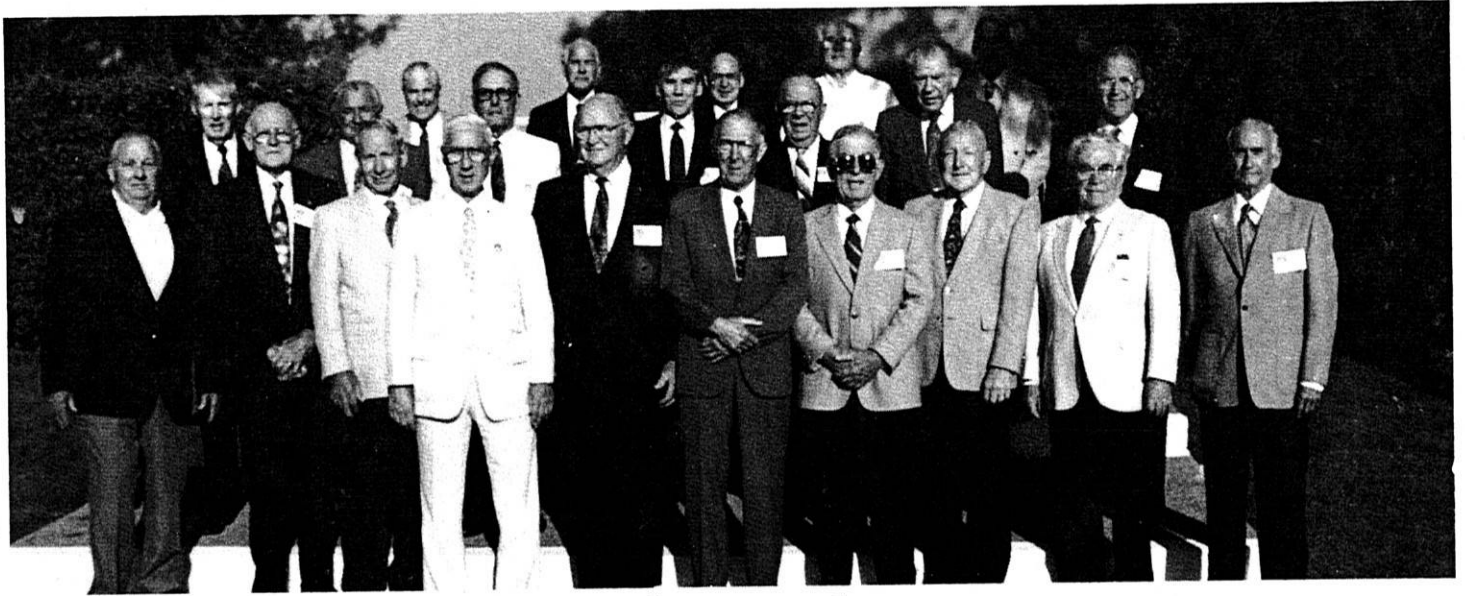
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