1998 Reunion

Under new business, recommendation was made and approved for the 1998 reunion to be held in Tucson, Arizona in the fall of 1998.

After some discussion, the members authorized the President of the Association to use the Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. reunion meeting planning services for the 1998 reunion and annual meeting.

The Banquet

As a tie-in to the locale of the airfield base in Italy of the 484th Bomb Group, as well as our ongoing Memorial Scholarship Program, the Italian Embassy in Washington DC was contacted and the Ambassador was invited to be our guest at the Banquet. In the Ambassador’s absence, Brigadier General Giuseppe Bernardis, Air and Defense Cooperation Attache, was our guest speaker. He started his flying career in the US where he graduated as Military Pilot at Webb Air Force Base (Texas) flying the T38A jet trainer, back in Italy he was a fighter pilot with the F104 and later Captain assigned to Italy’s National Aerobatics Team “Frecce Tricolori” (Similar to the US Air Force Thunderbirds). His presentation of the “Frecce Tricolori” was a very dramatic video, visual and sound.

Scholarship Committee Chairman, Richard Muscatello introduced the Washington DC Scholarship Recipient, Delonte Gholston, and presented the Scholarship Award Certificate to him. His proud parents were present and were overwhelmed by members’ congratulations.