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On the final evening of the gala Tally Ho in Tidewater, our Banquet Program chairman, W. Warren "Rufe" Mewborn summed up the attendance of those who had journeyed to Hampton. Here is a segment of his presentation:

"On behalf of Carel Humme and the Planning Committee, I want to welcome all of you and hope that you have enjoyed the fellowship and activities of this great reunion. It is an interesting mix of attendees. You come from 36 states and two other locations Texas and New Jersey. You represent all 6 squadrons, all of the crew positions, and several support activities.

"We have 15 crew chiefs, 7 flight engineers, 42 navigators, 62 pilots, 8 maintenance personnel and other support positions. Sixteen of you served in the 420th, 18 in the 622nd, 39 in the 431st, 45 in the 427th, 62 in the 421st, 65

in the 429th, and 14 of you served in three or more TAC Tanker Units.

"My presentation will include a video of some in-flight refueling with the KB-50 and then we will review some history of TAC Tankers. We have 176 former members of TAC Tanker squadrons and 153 guests with us tonight. Some of the guests may not have even seen a KB-50 or know much of our distinguished history, and some of you crew members may have forgotten a lot of the details.

"We had 6 flying squadrons and 4 of these were under the 4505th Air Refueling Wing with Hqtrs. Here at Langley AFB. There was one squadron in Japan under the Pacific Air Forces and one in England under the European Air Forces. We all flew the KB-50. "(10 minute video) (Speech continued on page 8)



Left: The Red, White and Blue Ladies at the Banquet: L to R: Rita Mewborn, Alice Humme, and Natalie Hill holding one of the special quilts made for the door prizes which was presented to Chairman



Right: Ruf Mewborn giving Gen. Talbott a crystal decanter following his presentation at the banquet on Saturday night.

Scenes from the O Club Luncheon held on Saturday. Below: (1) Alice and Carel Humme, Ruf Mewborn and Bob Rose. (2) Vern Williamson, Leroy Pearson, and Annella Szanyi. (3) Bill Szanyi, Ron and Marge Webb, Fran and Bob Frazier with Barbara Weber in front.

