



Erwin Schultze, Master of Ceremonies



Maj Jim Schreffler, President of the Mess



Joint Services Color Guard, FLW



John Simperts gives the invocation.



Daemien O'Keeffe leads the POW/MIA service with SFA ODA 5211.



Maj Schreffler toasts our missing.



Military Toasts for all branches, and our salutes.

48 Members of the 135th Army Band entertained us during dinner.

They were followed by a presentation by College of the Ozarks entitled Bridging Generations.



Dr Jerry Davis, College of the Ozarks President



Dr Sue Head, College of the Ozarks





A number of C of O students and those that were involved with the veterans return trip to Normandy spoke of the trip, and previewed a special film documenting the entire experience. Stills from the upcoming film release:





Former POW Mr Henderson spoke on his return to Normandy.



POW NETWORK's founding member, Mary Schantag thanked the sponsors, volunteers, and veterans.



Col Jim Kuhn and pilot Joe Zinno remember the flight that saved Kuhn's wife in the 1940's. The book, *The Sharon Rogers Band*, recounted the story.



LtCol Frank Baker announces MOZARK MOAA's 2009 True American Hero Award.



Marine Larry Milton accepts the honor.



Mary Schantag announces the 2009 Patriotism Award Recipient, Dana Bowman.



Ranger Tim Swain accepts for Dana Dowman.



Artist Richard Nunez sketched Dana during the Gala when he discovered Dana could not accept the award in person.



The Lecroy Sisters helped close our Salute with a tribute to America.



Jim Lekander delivers the Benediction.



Maj Schreffler orders the Colors be retired.



The Colors are retired.



The Salute ends.



Our Flag was the main focus of the room

**Our Salute was followed with live music by
the Moonlighters led by Lee Skiles.**

We danced the night away.



Mary and Chuck Schantag, the evening's hosts and POW Network Advisory Board Member, Kelly Robbins.



Iraq USMC veteran and his wife.



Kelly Robbins aided in the presentation of Peter Lonchar's records and awards to his widow Mary and his daughter, Linda Cherry.



Kelly and Nick Robbins – days away from their 1st Wedding Anniversary.