

## **HELEN RICKEY, CAPTAIN, USAF**

During Memories Night Sept, 2013 at the San Antonio Reunion of his World War II Bombardment Group, Stanton Rickey introduced his granddaughter, Helen Rickey, who volunteered and was selected for a direct commission in the US Air Force, Judge Advocate General Department (JAG). Helen is a graduate of Seattle University Law School and has been a practicing attorney in Seattle for the past 3 years. Naturally she applied to the Air Force as both of her grandpas are Retired USAF and her father served in the Hawaii Air National Guard.

Helen went on active duty on 5 Oct 2013 and reported to a 5 week Commissioned Officer Training Program at Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, AL. She later graduated from USAF Judge Advocate General Course at Maxwell AFB and was promoted to the rank of Captain.



Stanton said that 50 years ago he was privileged to administer the Oath of Enlistment to Helen's father, Tom Rickey, and he carried on the family tradition by officially swearing Helen in during the Saturday Night Banquet.

### **Commissioned Officer Training (COT)**

**The 23d Training Squadron at Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Alabama conducts Commissioned Officer Training, a 4 1/2-week program that provides military training and leadership development for health professionals, judge advocates, and chaplains who receive direct commissions in the Air Force. COT provides military training for over 1,400 Second Lieutenants through Lieutenant Colonels annually for active duty, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve units. These newly commissioned officers receive over 85 hours of instruction in the areas of the profession of arms, military and regional studies, leadership, and communication skills, and participate in over 40 hours of leadership practicum activities including the Leadership Reaction Course, High Ropes Obstacle Course, and an emergency medical response exercise in an expeditionary environment.**