

Reunion Number 50+1

Kansas City, Kansas

September 24th – 27th 2015



The 485th BG Association was proud to be part of the seven bomb groups attending this *first for us* kind of reunion and felt very welcomed by all the groups attending. Dave Blake of the 461st BG Association made it easy for us to all meld together. We were honored to have three of our veterans with us this year: Jack Behunin, Bueford Cooper, and Bill Williams.

Gerald Weinstein's many historic photos from his father's collection surrounded everyone in the hospitality room and recreated that feeling so familiar to all of us. The photos were enjoyed by all the groups in attendance.

Jerry Whiting delivered an interesting power point presentation of some of the many mysterious connections he discovered while doing his research—as though each had its own purpose to be told...

Our own Chris Cairns, Chaplin at Fort Riley in Kansas, presided over the memorial service in full dress uniform and delivered a homily that touched everyone in attendance.

I thank John Bertram (our group's favorite Canadian) who helped with the audio visual parts of both presentations and took photos I hope he will share with us all in the not too distant future.



One of the greatest surprise tributes I witnessed that paid homage to our vets was that of the Patriot Guard of Kansas City (*A group made up of about 20 motorcycles along with flags that honors the fallen by escorting them to their final resting place*). They escorted all our living vets traveling in the two buses the full 29 miles from the World War I Memorial Museum north to the Hilton Hotel. The highway patrol and suburban police assisted by closing freeways I-70 and I-635 for us - what an honor.

Next year the joint group reunion will be held in Dallas, Texas October 14th through the 16th. As more information is available it will be posted at this website and on our facebook page.

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