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Why are there two Kansas Cities?

By George Stovall



This is a true Story:
Yes, why are there two Kansas cities, one in Kansas, and one in Missouri, across from each other on the Missouri River?

The answer is simple when you read the historical record.

The big "Mo", the muddy Missouri River had been known and used for many years before by local native tribes, trappers, mountain men, Jesuit's missionaries, and adventurer seekers, but the acquisitions of the western territory known as the Louisiana Purchase from France by President Jefferson in 1803, as the great waterway to the far reaches of the unknown, officially unexplored and unmapped, changed dramatically when President Jefferson sent the Corps of Discovery up the Missouri River and beyond to find out just what the U.S. had bought. The Corps of Discovery was led by two men, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark both Army 1st Lt and carrying the rank of Co-Captain. These men knew the approximate locations of the main Missouri tributaries like the Kansas River, the Platte. On the 14th day of May the Corps of Discovery shoved off from their winter encampment near St Louis and headed west. By the 26th of June they had reached the mouth of the Kansas River (named after a local Indian tribe which Lewis and Clark didn't meet because they were hunting buffalo) and future site of Westport Landing and Kansas City. Here the Missouri River changes course from predominantly west to predominantly north. Captain Clark, with a keen eye for terrain, had marked locations on his map (Clark was a remarkably accomplished cartographer) as likely places for future forts and settlements. This spot at the mouth of the Kansas River would be one of them, so he dubbed in Kansas City on his journey map—they spent several days at this location.

That first afternoon the captains were looking over the map Captain Clark was drawing up, when the appointed main hunter Sergeant George Drewyer and two Army Privates came in with game Drewyer had shot out on the prairie, six Sage grouse, and four large prairie rabbits. Half-jokingly Captain Lewis said "Fine hunting Sergeant, what will the rest

of the men have? For those of you who would like some details of the daily chores of the Corps, there were at least two professional hunters like Drewyer and several others, plus two horses accompanying the corps on the banks of the Missouri to pack the buffalo and deer taken daily on the plains to roast and boil for the men in the evening. (Plus one woman later on)

Sergeant Dryer was glancing at Captain Clark's day's location map, when he asked if he could call the Captain's attention to an important finding. "What is it Sergeant" the Captain inquired. "I'm afraid Sir, you have the map upside down." "Oh my mistake, thanks Sergeant, I'll just turn it over!" "But now Kansas City will be on the west side of the map" remarked the Sergeant.

"No bother, Sergeant, I'll just jot down a Kansas City on the east bank, where we are now and we can have two Kansas Cities"!!

This is a true account of a historical fact; you can trust me. If you don't, you can do the historical research yourself, just as I did!



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Roster News



Guy Venier

Just a note to remind the membership that the roster is only as accurate as the membership can make it. Please make sure that I have your correct address and phone number. I have made several phone calls this past year and found that many phone numbers have been disconnected and the member's new location is unknown. Unless I can track them down, they then become Lost Souls again.

If anyone knows the residence of a member who has moved, please inform them or me and give me their new location and phone number. In this newsletter, you will find the your dues envelope. Please use it to submit your \$25.00 yearly dues or \$100.00 for Life Membership. Life membership will entitle you to a free CD of "Heroes of the 483rd".

God willing, will see you again in Kansas City, MO."

Guy



Chaplain Corner

Greetings from Australia and New Zealand. God of all creations gave Ruth and I an unexpected blessing and made it possible for us to return to two of his beautifully created countries we visited 19 years ago. We even visited with friends we made at that time.

As you undoubtedly know from TV news there was a horrific earthquake in the cities of Littleton and Christchurch, New Zealand. 24 hours before the earthquake our travel group was walking around exactly where the buildings you saw on TV were. Especially the cathedral on the square. Our cruise ship was almost to Picton, NZ at the exact time of the quake.

We have hundreds of pictures which we took in both countries. 'He' created beautiful beyond belief. We will develop and share them with you, God willing, in Kansas City. Let us all be thankful for His individual blessings which He has bestowed on each member, friend and family of the 483rd B.G. (H).

Ken Davis,
Chaplain



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President's Message

Greetings to all.

Information on the Kansas City Reunion is the main focus of this newsletter. You may notice that some of the tour prices are increased over those of years past. I am not sure if this is trickle up or trickle down economics - but it sure has a lot to do with the uncertainty of future and current oil prices. The cost of daily bus rental is up substantially over last year, and there is also a "clause" that if oil is over a certain price, the bus companies can adjust the price upwards even more. I just hope the oil prices get back in line so I can afford to get the RV on the road again this summer!!!



There are some really great tours on tap for this years reunion. The Steamboat Arabia is a fascinating look into artifacts that are in nearly new condition that date to 1856, the year of its sinking. Want to try and lift a half a billion dollars. That is what you can do at the Money Museum by picking up the 389+ ounce gold bar on display. Viewing a Presidential Library is often thought provoking. We will visit Harry Truman and his famous "The Buck Stops Here" desk plaque. We hear of the "honeymoon" period for incoming presidents - wait till you see what challenging decisions Harry had to make in his first 100 days in office.

The reunion planning is well under way. There are always details to attend to as the date gets closer, but the tours and scheduling is in. We hope that since Kansas City is more to the center of the country and has a major airport that should not be as difficult or pricy to get to attend for folks on either coast. The hotel is close to museums, major shopping right across the street and downtown Kansas City. The hotel also provides shuttles that will get you around as well. So while the year is still fairly new - put the reunion in you plans for the fall of this year. And if you can't get to Kansas City - consider next years reunion in Detroit. We will have come full circle after 36 years by revisiting the city where the 483rd held its first reunion.

With this newsletter comes the dues envelope. If you are an annual member - your dues need to be mailed in. If you are a life member - there is of course no payment due but - If you have been a life member for over ten years or more, with our treasury dwindling, we are suggesting and that you consider either renewing your life membership, as I did last year, or simply send a little extra donation to Guy Venier, our membership chairman.

Have a great year and hope to see you in Kansas City.



Publicity Directors Report

By George Stovall

I have written one long article on President Harry Truman, which I think you will find interesting for the next newsletter. I have written an article on "Why Go to Kansas City?" Which highlights some Historical background of the founding of Kansas City and some places worthwhi to visit and eat in Kansas City and Independence.

I will also, throughout spring and summer, send these articles to those who have an interest in the 483rd that don't get the Newsletter.

483rd Bomb Group Reunion Registration Form

Listed below are all registration, tours and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total amount. Make check payable to "483rd Bombardment Group Kansas City Reunion" and send to Sandee Maeda, 1050 E. 5th Ave, Escondido, CA 92025.

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Nick Name _____
 Squadron (or friend) _____ Spouse name (if attending) _____
 Guest Names _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone () _____
 Disability /Diet Restrictions _____
 Arrival Time / Departure Time _____

REGISTRATION FEE PER PERSON IS \$25.00

Date	Event	Price	No. Attending	Total
Tuesday am Oct 11	Early Bird Tour, Kemper Museum	FREE		
Tuesday pm Oct 11	Reception, Deli Buffet	\$21.00		
Wednesday am Oct 12	Tours: Harley Davidson, Federal Reserve, Union Station (Lunch on your own), Hallmark and WWI Museum	\$34.00		
Wednesday pm Oct 12	483rd Memories Night and Dinner Meal Choices: X Pork chop/cornbread stuffing, roasted red pepper puree X Breaded and baked chicken parmesan X Parmesan crusted Tilapia	\$30.00		
Thursday am Oct 13	Tours: Jesse James Farm, Frontier Trails Museum, (Lunch on your own in Independence, Truman Library)	\$44.00		
Thursday pm Oct 13	2nd Generation (Suggested Donation) Munchies	\$10.00		
Friday am Oct 14	Ladies Brunch with entertainment TBD	\$18.00		
Friday pm Oct 14	Tours: Steamboat Arabia, Jazz Museum/Negro League Baseball Museum, Jazz Dist. Arthur Bryant's BBQ Dinner	\$60.00		
Saturday pm Oct 15	Meal Choices: X Pan Roasted Chicken Marsala with Mushrooms X Sugar Dijon Glazed Atlantic Salmon/corn black bean salad X 12 oz Kansas City Strip / Garlic butter	\$38.00		
	Registration Fee Per Person	\$25.00		
Please Circle the "X" for your Dinner Selection for Each Meal Purchased		TOTAL		

Cut on Dotted Line and Mail to Sandee Maeda, 1050 E. 5th Ave, Escondido, CA 92025.

TAPS

Deceased Members not Previously Noted in Newsletters

Name	Squad	Date	Reported By
AROLD, SHERMAN R	815	00-00-07	KENNETH DAVIS
BOWEN, WILLIAM H	816	02-00-10	ELLIS MAXEY
CHAMBERS, STANLEY R	840	04-10-10	MARION NICKEL
CUNNINGHAM, NEWTON F	817	06-09-10	STEPHEN CUNNINGHAM
GARRISON, DAVIS D	816	03-19-10	STEVE GARRISON
GLADIEUX, WALTER J	815	10-27-10	MARTIN GLADIEUX
JAMESON, JAMES ROBERT	815	11-27-10	BURTON D ROBINSON
KOENIGS, RAYMOND J	817	08-22-10	LAURIE RICHTER (D)
NUNEMAKER, JOHN J	815	09-21-10	KENNETH DAVIS
PERSINGER, CLARENCE W	817	05-16-10	LOUISE PERSINGER
PRATT, ROBERT J	FRD	00-00-00	JOHN P NOBEL



World War I Museum

The National World War I Museum is a world-class historical collection and exhibition which focuses its attention in the areas of exhibition, education, research and interpretation.

The founders of the National World War I Museum, originally known as the Liberty Memorial Museum, began collecting in 1920. Designated as the United States National Museum and directed to represent and become the repository for National items of interest and collections of historical memorabilia and documentation of the "War To End all Wars".

The Museum collections and exhibitions tell more than an American story. They cover the entire war from the first shots in 1914 to the last attempts at peace in 1919. All the belligerent nations involved, reflecting both the battlefield and the home front, are represented.



Steamboat Arabia

On September 5, 1856, the steamboat Arabia set out for a routine trip. At Quindaro Bend, near the town of Parkville, Missouri, the boat hit a submerged walnut tree snag. The snag ripped open the hull, which rapidly filled

with water. The upper decks of the boat stayed above water, and the only casualty was a mule that was tied to sawmill equipment and forgotten. The boat sank so rapidly into the mud that by the next morning, only the smokestacks and a pilot house remained visible. Within a few days, these traces of the boat were also swept away. Numerous salvage attempts failed, and eventually the boat was completely covered by water.

In 1987, a team armed with the latest technology, a proton magnetometer, began searching a farm where legend had its resting place. In only two hours the wreck was located, it was over one-half mile from the current river's edge and 45 feet underground! After 20 days of digging, a load of dirt was lifted exposing the boat's wooden beams and paddle wheel. One hundred and thirty two years after it's sinking the steamboat Arabia once again saw the light of day.

This was the largest single discovery of artifacts from the time of the early frontier, a time capsule that all should be able to see, and learn from. None of the items were sold, instead creating a wonderful museum housing the artifacts for all to enjoy."



Jesse James Farm

Experience history and learn about Jesse and Frank James; brothers, husbands, fathers and outlaws.

The Jesse James Museum houses the world's largest collection of James Family artifacts on display. Jesse's boots, spurs, guns and other personal belongings, and Frank James' letter of surrender captivate visitors.



Kemper Museum

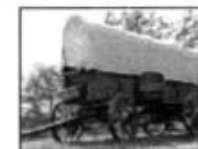
From an initial gift in 1995 of more than 100 works of art from Museum founders Bebe and Crosby Kemper, the collection has rapidly expanded to include nearly 1,000 works in all media, including painting, sculpture, installations, prints, and works on paper, photography, and time-based media. The earliest work, created in 1913, dates from the same year as the Armory Show in New York, the first international exhibition of modern art, and a watershed event in the history of American art.



Harley Davidson

You will go to the factory floor where you'll witness a wide range of operations from welding, laser-cutting and frame-bending, to polishing and assembly. You'll see fenders and gas tanks being formed, newly painted frames hanging on the line, and sophisticated robotic welding technology. You'll also see the Revolution® powertrain assembled from crankcase to cylinder heads.

The tour center features a series of displays that guide you through the various manufacturing and assembly processes. You'll also have the chance to sit on current production motorcycles and visit the gift shop, which features tour-related souvenirs.



National Frontier Trails Museum

The three principle trails which crossed the West were the Santa Fe, Oregon, and California. The Santa Fe Trail, begun in 1821, was a 900-mile foreign trade route unique in American History due to its overland rather than seafaring commerce. The 2,000-mile Oregon Trail began to be heavily traveled in 1843 by settlers wanting to establish new homes in the northwest, while others forked off on the equally long and grueling California Trail to seek their fortunes in the gold fields. Together, these three rugged pathways and their pioneers changed the face and history of America.

One of the most fascinating epics in American History is the story of the overland migrations across the western American wilderness during the mid-nineteenth century. Thousands of wagon trains slowly snaked their way along rugged trails, crossing wind-swept prairies, barren deserts, and formidable mountain ranges. The pioneer adventurers faced storms, mud, swollen rivers, accidents, deserts, choking dust, thirst, deadly plagues, and many other dangers to seek trade, new homes and opportunities in the West. Many did not survive the grueling journey, with tens of thousands of unmarked graves silently guarding the trails today. This extraordinary saga ranks today as the largest voluntary, overland mass migration in the history of the world.

483rd Bomb Group Reunion Schedule

October 10 - 16, 2011
Holiday Inn Kansas City, Missouri

Monday A.M. October 11

9:00 am Self guided tours of Kansas City's Kemperer Museum of Contemporary Art. One block east and across the street from the hotel.
The hotel does have shuttles that can take you as well
Registration will be on going in the Hospitality room from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Tuesday P.M. October 11-Welcome Reception

6:00 pm -7:00 pm- Cash Bar and mixer
7:00 pm Deli Buffet

Wednesday A.M. October 12

Registration in Hospitality room -9:00am -5:00pm
9:00 am Load and depart for Harley Davidson
10:30 am head for The Money Museum
12:00 noon arrive at Union Station for lunch on your own
1:00 pm leave Union Station for Hallmark's Crown Center and self guided tour
2:15pm Depart for the National World War I Museum
4:45pm Depart for Hotel

Wednesday P.M. October 12-Memories Night

6:00-7:00 pm Conversation hour, Cash Bar.
7:00 pm Entertainment and dinner with open mike for those in the 483rd who have a story to tell.

Thursday A.M. October 13

Continue registration in the Hospitality room, check times
9:00 am depart hotel and head for Kearney, MO
9:30 am arrive at Jesse James farm and museum
10:30 am Depart Jesse James for Frontier Trails Museum.
11:00 arrive Frontier Trails Museum
12:30 pm 1 hour Lunch in Independence
1:30 pm depart for Harry Truman Presidential Library
4:30 pm depart for Hotel
5:00-5:15 arrive back at hotel

Thursday P.M. October 13

Free evening to most - EXCEPT for POW/Escapes meeting and C/W meeting in conference rooms at 7:00 pm
7:00 2nd Generation mixer, Cash Bar and munchies.

Friday October 14

8:00-11:00 am Ladies Brunch, Entertainment TBD
8:00-9:00 am Squadron meeting and pictures
9:01-10:00 am squadron meeting and pictures
11:00 am-12:15 pm Board of Directors Meeting held in Conference room
1:00 pm Load for Steamboat Arabia
1:30 pm arrive Steamboat Arabia
3:30 pm Depart for Jazz Museum/ Negro Leagues Baseball Museum.
5:00 pm depart for Arthur Bryant's legendary Kansas City BBQ
5:30-7:00 pm its time to sit down and enjoy the Arthur Bryant's legendary Kansas City BBQ. Choose any two: Beef - Ham - Pork - Turkey - Chicken, Bryant's famous sauces, BBQ Baked Beans, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Bread & Pickles, Beverage.
7:30 pm head for the bar - at the Holiday Inn

Saturday October 15-Saturday Night Banquet

9:00-11:00 am Business meeting
1:00-2:30 pm Memorial service
5:30-6:45 Cash Bar/ Happy hour
7:00 pm Banquet Dinner with ROTC Scholarship presentation. Speaker and entertainment TBD, if any.

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