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Why Go to Kansas City?

By George Stovall

The One in Missouri

If we do go—what do we find?

First of all the 483rd WWII B—17 Bomb Group is holding their 34th reunion there the week of October 10th through the 17th. That's a big draw



The history of a Western settlement, like Kansas City, pretty much helps develop a town's culture, and so it is with our destination this fall, Kansas City Missouri.

Lewis and Clark first stopped there on the way west on June 26th 1804. Clark who had a good eye for a future landing place remarked so in his daily journal. In 1821 Missouri came into the Union under the Missouri compromise as a slave state. Thus when the frontier's men, mostly of Scottish/Irish stock and from Kentucky headed west to this new state many brought along their slaves. The majority of these hearty, tough, independent folk brought their personal values with them to hack out an existence in this new, fertile and virgin land.

From these early years, a true semblance of civilized society was hard to come by; from the 1820's through to several years after the Civil War. The undercurrent of slavery pitted against the free slavery factions, coupled with a lawless western frontier post mentality, gave rise to a sordid assortment of thugs, bushwackers, jay hawkers, cut throats, "Border ruffians", and "Bloody Bill" Anderson, all roaming the states of Kansas and Missouri, like John Brown, Quattrill Raiders, and Jessie James to name a few. Into this mix of roaming mayhem, a local settlement grew and prospered—Kansas City. And thanks to "Bobbed Wire" cattle couldn't be driven now to market, so the railroads came to Kansas City by 1851, the town was incorporated, put on the map, the raging Missouri River was filled with a flotilla of steamships bringing new and eager folks yearning for a better life. So with this background laid the foundation of what places are there today.

Kansas City—"Heart of America", "manure on its feet and wheat in its jeans" was a fair assessment in early times of Kansas City. Today we will find these places of interest, some connected to the past but alive and well today, and others of more recent additions for your entertainment.

The Roaring 20's section

Think Count Basie

Jazz at 18th and Vine with the American Jazz Museum

Arthur Bryants Barb—B—Q

One of the oldest where all the Presidents went
WWI Museum

Only one in the United States! YES

The Crown Center

Visit Hallmark and get that card for your Aunt Mabel!

Stop at the Federal Reserve Bank and see a 27lb gold bar and Harry Truman's coin collection.

Build a hog!! Stop at Harley Davidson assembly plant and see for yourselves!

Arabia Steamboat Museum—a must for history lovers, see what a sunken steamboat was bringing to Kansas City in 1851. You will be surprised at what they have found.

Also some places of Historical Interest in the Surrounding Area

The Pony Express—the beginning of the Oregon, California and Santa Fe Trails

The new Genealogy Center for Family History Research

Did you know Kansas City is the City of Fountains—more than any other city in the U.S.

The Truman Museum and Home—#1 on everyone's list, located in Independence

By Now you Should Be Hungry

Where is the Best BBQ?

In order of no preference

The Oldest: Arthur Bryant

But for a steak instead and the oldest in K.C try: The Golden OX

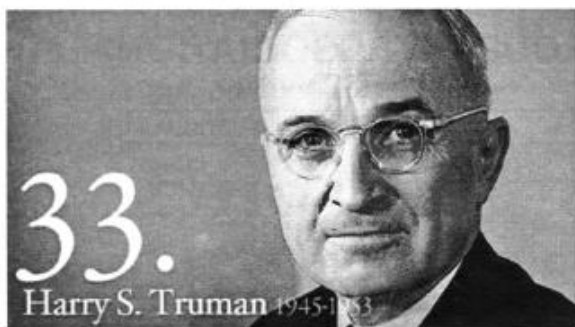
But don't miss Jack Stack Barbecue

And start with: 10 onion rings on a stem followed by fire kissed prawns and Charred Prawns.

Truman

An American Original

By George Stovall



Harry S. Truman
May 8th 1884—Dec 26th 1972
"The Buck Stops Here"
"If you can't stand the heat then get out of the kitchen"
"If you want a friend in Washington: Get a DOG!"

On April 12th 1945 the vice President of the United States, Harry Truman, was summoned to the White House. He was told by Eleanor Roosevelt that the President had died and he would now be sworn in as the 33rd President of the United States. Harry Truman recalled the moment, "that I felt the entire weight of the whole world had suddenly dropped on my shoulders." Thus began the Presidential odyssey of one of the least expected political figures to ascend to the highest office in the land.

Most of us, and for many, like Marion who was born in 1934, two years after FDR began as our 32nd President, had never known any other President. FDR had lead us through the depression, over-hauled the government for the good of the people, prepared us for WWII, and strongly led the nation thru this world wide struggle for democracy and freedom throughout the world. But that Great War, raging on two fronts, Europe and the Pacific theatre, was not yet concluded with victories. Germany was yet to surrender and Japan was still in firm control of her homeland. We all expected, the frail and in poor health, FDR to be at the helm of state and lead us through to the final victory. But fate stepped in the way and suddenly the nation was thrown into a great national mourning, citizens questioning, some feared, the task of national leadership needed with an unknown at the President's desk—Harry S. Truman, who just a mere ten years earlier had been a country Judge in Independence Missouri. Just who was this sixty some year old fellow with coke bottle glasses and certainly not the lilting and stentorian voice of FDR?

Harry S. Truman began his life's odyssey in a farm house not far from Independence Missouri, on May 8th 1884, by 1900 when he was just 16 he began to take an interest in politics, attending with his father the 1900 Democratic convention and continued this interest in local public service with the building of a network of contacts. Then in April 1917, America declared war on Germany. Truman, who had been a member of the Missouri National Guard, signed up, appointed a 1st LT in the artillery, went overseas, promoted to Captain of his artillery unit which distinguished itself in combat. While in Paris in 1919,

Truman became one of the founding members of the American Legion, an affiliation that would serve importantly in Truman's political ambitions.

He was back home by May 1919, he married Bess Wallace in June of that year, started a habdashry, failed, and ran for County Judge in 1922, defeated, reran in 1926 and was elected. Truman was making a name for himself as a good county administrator from his position as County Judge. The Pendergast Political Machine of nearby Kansas City took notice and after some haggling picked Harry Truman to run for U.S Senator as a Democrat for the State of Missouri in 1934. He Won!

It was customary with the Pendergast Political Machine to spread the political spoils around; therefore, Truman would be out after one term (6 years). Harry Truman balked "I'm now my own man!" He ran for a second term in the 1940 election and won again.

FDR was building the "Arsenal for Democracy" even though the U.S was staunchly non-interventionists in Europe's struggle with Hitler, FDR was still getting the nation ready just in case and lend leasing war materials to Great Britain. War production had started in the U.S, then Pearl Harbor Dec 7th 1941 and it was full speed ahead in war production. Truman was now a seasoned senator and was Chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee with committee assignments that led to uncovering of profiteering, waste and fraud in government



military supply contracting. Even though FDR may have been somewhat irked by the Truman Committee Aggressive Investigation, FDR took notice of the damaging newspaper accounts. The Truman Committee received unanimous praise from the press and elevated Truman to grace the cover of Time Magazine: "America's First Line of Defense". Truman was becoming a mentioned name in hierarchy of Democratic politics. Thus he was on the list of possible Vice—President Candidates on the fourth term ticket of FDR in the election of 1944.

Historians and biographers all have grappled with what and why FDR finally chose Truman as his running mate, FDR never said, but he chose Truman (I have my own reasoning, I believe Truman's Presidency reveals why FDR chose Truman).

Harry Truman had been Vice President for 82 days before his sudden call to the White House. The Constitution says that the duties of the Vice-President is to take on the role of President upon the death of the current President; nothing else. And until the most recent time, mostly beginning with the term of Al Gore, Vice-Presidents were relegated to the tasks of attending State Funerals and meeting foreign Dignitaries visiting the U.S. Calvin Coolidge, who like Truman, became President upon the death of Warren G. Harding, in August 1923, said "there is nothing to say about the office of the Vice-President"! John Nance Garner, who had been the speaker of the House of Representatives and became Vice-President under FDR in 1933, said the office of VicePresident "isn't worth the price of a pitcher of warm spit". So it is not surprising to find that Truman came in the Presidency completely uninformed on many very important domestic and foreign secrets of the government in handling the on-going worldwide conflict. He knew nothing about the development of the atomic bomb, but Truman turned out to be a fast learner!

But his first big opportunity on the World stage was something of a false start. The war in Europe ended in just weeks, the Potsdam conference soon followed. Truman was thrown in with the other members of the big three—Churchill and Stalin. Truman misjudged Stalin, "A man I believe I can work with". Harry would not make that mistake again. Europe



great status; behind, Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and FDR.

Here for the convenience of brevity, are some of President Truman's lasting domestic and foreign accomplishments.

The order to drop the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki were obviously prompted by the terrible loss of U.S. soldiers (mostly Marines) lives lost in the bloody battles to take the islands of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. The dropping of the first and only atomic bombs, immediately caused Japan to surrender.

After WWII the Marshall Plan to rebuild Europe under the supervision of General George C. Marshall was established. Truman knew that defeated Germany and other European nations needed to get back on their feet and also keep the red menace from taking over. He even revived Herbert Hoover to help administer the food and material supplies, an unheard of gesture from a Democrat, but that was Harry "Put the best men in charge who have past accomplishments" (Hoover's record in food distribution after WWI) Europe was rebuilt.

But further south and east communist agitation was raising havoc in Greece and Turkey. These countries were out to topple in favor of communism.

Truman started what became known as the Truman Doctrine and helped Greece and Turkey throw off the red menace. In my opinion, it was the only time, then and since, that nation building has worked; ever since we have failed in our meddling in other country's affairs in Latin and South America, Iran, and woefully our adventure in Iraq and now the endless quagmire in Afghanistan.

Continuing his Truman Doctrine he backed the non-communist factions in Italy in 1948 and saved Italy from becoming a red state. Back home in 1947, over the objection of General Eisenhower, Truman integrated the armed forces. To Harry Truman, you don't study a problem that needs fixing—just fix it. Eisenhower resigned as head of the army.

Even though Missouri came into the union in 1821 as a slave state and many a Missourian, the Truman family included, used the "F" word in referring to those of the black race, Harry Truman felt the negro who were natural born citizens of the U.S. should have equal rights like white folks. Truman attempted to get a bill through congress to that end, but was rebuffed by a filibuster from Senator Strom Thurman of South Carolina. The bill was pulled. The Civil Rights act would now have to wait until 1964 under President Lyndon Johnson.

In the WWII conference Germany was cut in half—East and West, but Berlin was stranded in East Germany as an open city to be administered in sections by the western powers and the Soviet Union. Then in 1948 Stalin closed the highway out of Berlin, which put Berlin 100 miles from nowhere. What to do? Starve? Give up? Not to Harry Truman! He without hesitation started the Berlin airlift operation. Some thought it was a foolish idea. The airlift turned out to be an extraordinary success. After ten months, the Soviets threw in the towel and the road to Berlin was reopened.

was carved up as spoils of WWII. Germany was cut in half and the Soviet Union would eventually control the Eastern half of Europe, dubbed by Churchill as the "Iron Curtain".

Truman came home and begun the next 7 1/2 years of his Presidency and left a Presidential Legacy that propelled him to near

In 1947 Truman saw the need and participated in the formation of the new state of Israel.

By 1948, it was now election time. Thomas E Dewey, governor of New York, who had been defeated by FDR in 1944, was savoring a 2nd chance to gain the White House. To the Republicans it would be a breeze against poor old Harry. The Democrats had no choice but to back their sitting President. Truman chose as his running mate, to somewhat balance the ticket, Senator Alben Barkley, of Kentucky, a fairly elderly fire brand at the stump who could raise any crowd to their feet. Harry Truman, though it was nearly midnight in the convention hall in Philadelphia, galvanized the delegates with a rousing "We can Win!" speech that set the even-



tual exhilarating tone of the upcoming Presidential campaign.

The Truman campaign for the presidency in the fall of 1948 was certainly one for the history books. The President, though always behind in the polls and with little backing from the press, mounted an aggressive campaign to meet

the people via the Presidential Train. It came to be called, first derisible by Tom Dewey as a "Whistle Stop" tour, a town too small to stop at—just whistle when the train goes by. Unless, of course, there is a crowd, but Harry Truman was the President dubbed to be on the losing side. The crowds came out and soon warmed to Harry's "give 'em hell speeches". No matter where or when, Harry and Bess were out on that rear platform to meet with folks.

On the last shoving off, the "Whistle Stop Tour" from Chicago thru Detroit and upstate New York and down to its culmination in New York City, the crowds became bigger and bigger. By the time the President got to New York City the crowds were pushing a million strong. Jim Haggerty, Truman campaign manager, remarked or maybe to the President—"With huge crowds like these, I think we have it made, Mr. President". This was on a weekend, the election would be the following Tuesday.



In the meantime, newspapers and pollsters had stopped forecasting—about two weeks before Tuesday's balloting. Dewey was ahead in all the polls. He will win. Only Time Magazine's political gurus questioned the presidential election forecasts. The Chicago paper "The Sun" was so sure of Dewey's win that they went to press early—with the bold headline: Dewey Defeated Truman" thus ended one of the biggest upsets of a presidential election. Everyone had underestimated Harry Truman, except Truman himself. He would read about the results in the morning. After all, the president had led in early returns from Maine and Vermont and never trailed in the count. So goes history.

In June 1950 communist North Korea invaded South Korea, Truman did not hesitate, he ordered U.S. forces to meet the North Korean invaders. Otherwise without U.S. action along with the United Nations, South Korea today, a thriving nation, could be like North Korea is today. Truman put General Douglas MacArthur in charge. General MacArthur's military genius drove the North Korean forces back to the Chinese border. Then a bad turn of events, the Chinese came into the conflict and helped the North Koreans drive the U.S. and United Nation South. Our retreat was costly and ugly. The question then, should we go after the Chinese and cross the border and get in a fight with China? But this is for National Diplomacy not the province of generals. General MacArthur was getting adamant in his demands that we should go after the Chinese also. The great and popular commander was now over stepping his boundaries to President Truman; Truman had no other choice but to sack the most heroic and popular general the Americans maybe have ever had. It took a lot of guts to fire MacArthur, but Truman did it, and took the consequences. His

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Publicity Directors Report

By George Stovall

The question is asked: Why should I want to go to Kansas City, Missouri?

The reply is easy—The 483rd Bomb Group is having their 33rd Reunion this

October!

Here are some historical tid—bits about the locals
Colorful History

✓ Artist Frederic Remington sold his first painting in Kansas City. The 23 year old arrived here in 1884.

✓ In 1904 Lyda Burton Conley studied law and became the first Native American female lawyer in the country. She used her new degree to petition Congress to pass a bill prohibiting the removal of the Huron Indian Cemetery in downtown Kansas City, Kansas

✓ The City Union Mission received a much needed boost from a most unlikely patron when in 1934 a 92 year old bordello owner Annie Chambers was moved to tears during a funeral sermon by Reverend David Bulkley. She deeded her opulent brothel to his cause and her residence at Third and Wyandotte Streets was converted into a women's shelter.

✓ One of the World's most successful companies started at the YMCA. In 1910, 18 year old Joyce Hall arrived in Kansas City from Norfolk, Nebraska with a shoebox of postcards. (Now of which we call Hallmark!)

✓ At one time Alexander Majors's Pony Express Freight and Stagecoach Company employed 4,000 circuit riders, including 15 year old wagon—master Billy Cody. But by 1860 the telegraph and railroad spelled doom for the operation, and "The Great Bullwhacker" lost his fortune. In

1895 the entertainer, now known a Buffalo Bill Cody, made his former employer part of his Wild West Show

✓ Some of our city's liveliest history happened in nightspots along 18th and Vine during the Jazz Age. You can relive those days—to a more refined degree—at the district American Jazz Museum; the Blue Room, which doubles as a museum and nightclub; and during 12 O'clock Jump Jazz Jams on Saturday night at the Mutual Musicians Foundation. Get event information on the 24-hour Kansas City Jazz Ambassadors' Hotline, (816) 759-5277

✓ Where will you find the only monument and museum in the world dedicated solely to World War I? It's not Washington DC, or Normandy—it's the 217 foot tall Liberty Memorial right here in Kansas City!

President's Message



How's the weather in your neck of the woods? Not a rhetorical question this time. There is so much bad weather going on with tornados, rain, and flooding. I hope you are warm and cozy as we are going into spring, and are not out sand bagging your yard.

George has outdone himself this issue with the article he wrote on Harry Truman and also his Publicity Report as well. Thanks George for your Truman article - it may show a bit of a bias but hey - that's the George we know, but it still remains true history.

We are still working on getting everything taken care of for another great reunion in Kansas City. Since it is pretty much centrally located, I hope you will put the reunion in you fall travel plans.

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

Dennis

TAPS

Deceased Members not Previously Noted in Newsletters

Name	Squad	Date	Reported By
ARNOLD, SHERMAN R	815	00/00/07	KENNETH DAVIS
BARKEN, MAX M	840	10/19/2010	SPOUSE
BATTEY, JAMES F	815	9/21/2008	SSI/DEATHS
BECK, JAMES F	816	12/27/2009	SSI/DEATHS
BREUER, CHRISTIAN J	840	1/4/2011	WILLIAM BREUER
CARENBAUER, GEORGE E	817	3/6/2011	CARL CARENBAUER
COONEY, PAULA	840	5/13/2010	AGNES COONEY
DALEY, ANNA E	HON	2/25/2010	SSI/DEATHS
DUNNING, JOHN	817	04/03/2011	JOHN DUNNING
GAZAILLE, HERVE A	816	2/22/2011	DENNIS GAZAILLE
GENNAWEY, RAYMOND M	817	12/6/2005	SSI/DEATHS
GORMAN, JOHN J	817	2/25/2011	ELLIS MAXEY
GUIDRY, CECIL T	816	7/5/2010	DAUGHTER
HALEBSKY, MAX	817	10/15/2010	THELMA
JAMESON, JAMES ROBERT	815	11/27/2010	BURTON D ROBINSON
MANDEL, LEON	816	2/28/2011	RICHARD MANDEL
MCGUGAN, WILLIAM J B	817	12/2/2010	BELINDA B MCGUGAN
NELSON, STUART D	816	12/26/2010	TERRIE NELSON
NEWMAN, HAROLD M	840	11/26/2010	ROBERT ORTON
ORRELL, MAURY N	817	4/21/2011	MIKE ORRELL
SLATTERY, TOM L	816	08/00/10	RENA (DAUGHTER)
SMITH, ARTHUR J	816	12/13/2010	SSI/DEATHS
SMITH, CARL C	817	2/10/2011	POST OFFICE
SODEN, THELBERT A	817	10/17/2010	SSI/DEATHS
STANLEY, VICTOR S	815	10/28/2010	MARION C SREET

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 _____ e-mail _____
 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.



Guy Venier

Roster News

Comrades, this issue is addressed to the inactive members of our association in regards to their status. Please check your address label and if it says I-07, it means that this is going to be your last newsletter unless you reactivate your dues by sending in 25.00 for yearly dues which in essence, is for a two year membership or 100.00 for Life membership which also entitles you

a copy of the "Heroes of the 483rd" CD. When I mention two years, It means that you will continue to receive the newsletters for the years 2011 and 2012. Your status will be for 2011, A-11 and for 2012, SI-11. If this seems confusing, don't hesitate to contact me and I will be glad to discuss this with you.

God willing, see you in Kansas City, MO.

Guy



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popularity plummeted to the lowest of lows. All of this in a way made General MacArthur a bigger hero. A heroic homecoming with a ticker tape parade in New York City coupled with the dramatic address to members of Congress that maybe the best—culminating in "Old Soldiers Never Die—They Just Fade Away!"

In the meantime Harry Truman's tenure as the 33rd President was nearing its finality. By Jan 20th

1953, when General Dwight D. Eisenhower took office, Harry Truman would leave by train for Independence Missouri and would become the city's most favored son. And over time the record of Harry S. Truman, almost 8 years in leading the United States, would reveal real lasting stature of their common man from the state of Missouri.

Ed Note: No matter your political beliefs, with the exception of perhaps George Washington, I doubt any other President had to face the challenges and decisions that Harry Truman did in what we now refer to as the "honeymoon period" - his first 100 days as President. Many try to get their programs in place during that time period - but what was demanded of Harry was another matter. I think it was best stated by Eleanor Roosevelt after telling Truman that FDR had died. Harry in offering his consolation to the widowed Eleanor Roosevelt, asked, "Is there anything I can do for you?" Mrs. Roosevelt responded, "Is there anything we can do for you? For you are the one in trouble now."



Chaplain Corner

I pick up the Daily Newspaper often feel the BEST Part of it is the comics. At least they afford us a chance to laugh. My heart goes out to those who are currently losing loved-ones in battles where our Government send them. I ask myself is there a victory to be had??

Just recently a friend who had no feel for what our Veterans go through to protect our Country and our Freedom, said to me you must read this book-- "THE BOMBER BOYS" by TRAVIS L. LAYERS. I confess-- even with my 35 missions, I was shocked. It's available in public libraries in LARGE PRINT--CHECK IT OUT AND SHARE YOUR OPINIONS IN KANSAS CITY.

Ken Davis,
Chaplain

PX Give—A—Way

The PX is pretty much closed because of a lack of customers. Therefore, we are giving away the following items to those who attend the Kansas City Reunion this fall or want PX items mailed to you. If you have items mailed to you, please send the postage fee back to me. Picked up in Kansas City, items are just \$1.00 each or a donation to the 483rd. You can email me at gstovall@peak.org, call (541) 758-0009 or snail mail me at 825 NE Lawndale Place, Corvallis, OR 97330

PX Price List

Ball point Pens	Free
483rd Logo bumper stickers	Free
483rd Logo Canvas tote bag	Free
Party Hats and small US Flags	Free
483rd License plate holder, white with blue letters	Free
483rd License plate, plastic, blue with white letters	Free
Portfolio with calculator	\$1.00
8in Wall Clock	\$1.00
Reunion Note Pads	\$1.00
Washington DC Reunion Books 9 Left (Rare)	\$1.00
483rd Logo Desk Clock with two photo frames and folds into triangles	\$1.00
Tee Shirt, white, B-17 on front, sizes left 19MD, 5LG, 5XL, 6-XXL, 2-XXXL	\$1.00
483rd Caps	\$1.00
SWEATSHIRTS:	
White only size left 1-SM	\$1.00
Blue only size left 2-XXL	\$1.00
Red sizes and quantity left 4SM, 5MD, 7LG, 1 XL, 1 XXL	\$1.00
Blue Bomber Jacket Sizes left: 1-M, 2-XL, 1XXL, 1-XXL, 2-XXXXL	\$1.00
White Polo Shirt, B-17, 15th Air Force above pocket: 4-Sm5-M, 3-Lg, 1-XL, 3-XXL, 2-XXXL	\$1.00
Cap, B-17 15th Air Force, Italy 1944-45 on front, adjustable	\$1.00

483rd Bomb Group Reunion Schedule

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

Tuesday 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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- Complimentary Local Calls!
- Complimentary USA Today each morning!
- Two coupons per room, per day, valid for 50% off breakfast
- Group rates will be honored 3 days pre and post meeting based on availability

RATES

All room rates are quoted exclusive of applicable state and local taxes, currently 15.225% and KC Development Fee of \$1.73.

\$ 89.00 Single	\$ 89.00 Double
\$ 89.00 Triple	\$ 89.00 Quad

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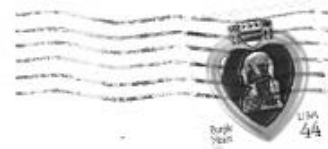
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