



## 2022 Fifteenth Air Force Bomb Groups Reunion



### 461<sup>st</sup> Bomb Group Reunion

September 15-18

Wichita, Kansas

- Host Hotel – Wichita Marriott  
9100 Corporate Hills Drive  
Wichita, Kansas 66207  
Phone: 316-651-0333



- Room rates will be \$102.00 per night, plus tax and will include a full, hot breakfast buffet, including made to order omelets, for up to two per room.
- Rooms at the group rate will be available for probably three days before and after the reunion dates. Exact dates are yet to be determined.
- Free airport shuttle from 7:00 am – 10:00 pm.
- This hotel has been recently renovated and is spectacular. The staff is outstanding and our Hospitality room will be second to none. This is a lovely property all the way around.
- ***NOTE: This room block is NOT YET AVAILABLE TO MAKE RESERVATIONS. When that becomes possible, we will post an update. So please check the website regularly.***

Wichita Kansas is a surprising gem of a city smack dab in the middle of flyover country! Wichita has a very rich history in aviation and in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, the municipal airport was the busiest airport in the country due to its central location. There are MANY things to see and do; much more than we will have time to experience.

**Some of the tour options that are being considered include:**

**McConnell Air Force Base tour.** Located four miles southeast of the central business district of Wichita, a city in Sedgwick County, Kansas, United States, the airbase was named in honor of Fred and Thomas McConnell of Wichita, who had both been Air Force pilots and veterans of World War II. It is the home of Air Mobility Command's 22<sup>nd</sup> Air Refueling Wing, Air Force Reserve Command's 931<sup>st</sup> Air Refueling Wing, and the Kansas Air National Guard's 184<sup>th</sup> Intelligence Wing.



**The Kansas Aviation Museum.** Housed in the former Wichita Airport terminal building, there is much to see in this beautiful Art Deco style building including aircraft on static display outside on the ramp. It is also a great place to watch the a/c from McConnell AFB take off and land, which happens on a regular basis.

(See airport terminal pics on next page)



- The Museum of World Treasures. A quirky and fun museum in the heart of the Old Town district of Wichita. Old Town is a fun area loaded with restaurants and shops and is very walkable.



### **Verterans Memorial Park**

A lovely park along the banks of the Arkansas river in the beautiful riverfront area of Wichita. It features seven memorials to veterans of all wars and Gold Star mothers.



A note from the Reunion Committee Chair:

All, I really hope you'll consider attending this next reunion. All of the ingredients are here to make this a really fun and memorable affair. Wichita is a fun and surprising city. It has lots to offer and is a clean, friendly town that is easier to get to than what you might think. The airport offers flights with all major airlines and the interstate highway I-35 splits the country in half. Please consider coming to perpetuate and honor the legacy and memory of those veterans who are still with us and for those who have gone on to their glory.

Dave Blake

(Son of Lt. Robert Blake, 765<sup>th</sup> Sq.)