



PANTANELLA NEWS

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**CHECK ALL REUNIONS
YOU HAVE ATTENDED?**

***WHY NOT ADD ONE MORE
IN KANSAS CITY?***

- ☐ Sept. 11-15, 1986 Colorado Springs, Colorado
- ☐ Sept. 17-20, 1987 Dayton, Ohio
- ☐ Sept. 15-18, 1988 San Antonio, Texas
- ☐ Aug. 23-26, 1990 Waltham, Massachusetts
- ☐ Sept. 10-13, 1992 Omaha, Nebraska
- ☐ Oct. 13-16, 1994 Tucson, Arizona
- ☐ Sept. 26-29, 1996 Montgomery, Alabama
- ☐ Oct. 7-11, 1998 Wright Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio
- ☐ Sept. 13-6, 2000 Travis AFB, Fairfield, California
- ☐ Sept. 13-16, 2001 Omaha, Nebraska
- ☐ Sept. 14-17, 2002 Colorado Springs, Colorado
- ☐ Sept. 14-17, 2003 Houston, Texas
- ☐ Oct. 3-6, 2004 Ellsworth AFB, Rapid City, South Dakota
- ☐ 2005 Katrina (flood in LA) cancelled reunion
- ☐ Oct. 4-7, 2006 Barksdale AFB, Shreveport, Louisiana
- ☐ Oct. 7-10, 2007 Fort Myer Army Base, Alexandria, Virginia (Washington DC)
- ☐ Oct. 5-8, 2008 Wright Patterson AFB Dayton, Ohio
- ☐ Oct. 4-7, 2009 Whiteman AFB, Independence, Missouri
- ☐ Oct. 4-7, 2010 MacDill AFB, Tampa, Florida
- ☐ Sept. 18-21, 2011 Naval Air Station, Joint Reserve Base, New Orleans, Louisiana
- ☐ Sept. 30-Oct. 3, 2012 Branson, Missouri
- ☐ Nov. 10-12, 2013 Charleston, South Carolina
- ☐ Oct. 1-4, 2014 Dover, Delaware
- ☐ **Sept. 24-27, 2015 Kansas City, MO**

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781ST BOMB SQUADRON 2015 REUNION CONVERGES ON KANSAS CITY



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781st BOMB SQUADRON (H)

Part of the 465th Bomb Gp. 15th AF

Italy 1944-1945

Flew 191 Missions over Southern Europe
dropping thousands of tons of death and
destruction to the enemy. Shot down 25
enemy aircraft. Received two Presidential
Unit Citations in Seven Battle Campaigns.



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President's Letter

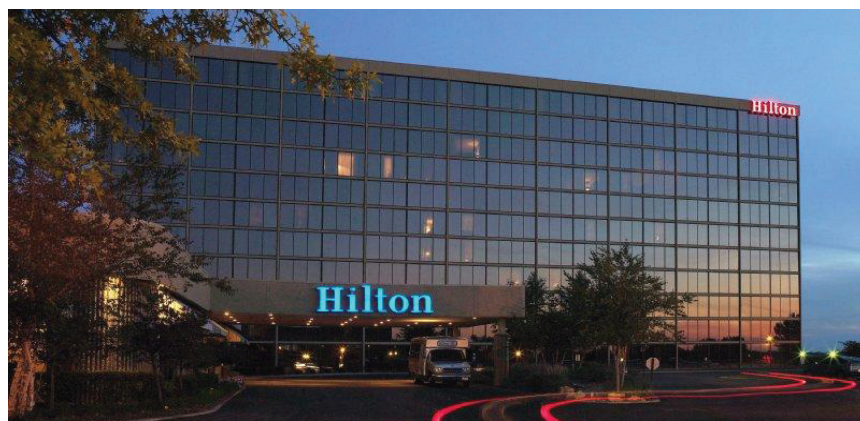
As I write this, we have four veterans registered for the Kansas City Reunion. Two from the 781st, one from the 782nd and one from the 783rd. I hope we will have many more. For sure there will be veterans from the other Groups that we have never met but possible had very similar experiences as we did. We have

requested a write-up of your Air Force History on the Registration Form. Most Veterans should have it written down. If you don't, I know your family would like a written copy of your experience.

— Orren Lee

Abbreviated Newsletter

From your Executive Secretary: We have published an abbreviated newsletter early to alert you to the deadline for the Reunion Hotel in Kansas City.



Hotel Registration - Special Notice:

We checked on the deadline for hotel registrations. It is noon on September 1st. After that date and time, rooms can be reserved at the group rate only if there are rooms available. If you make a reservation

and have to cancel, that can be done up to 24 hours prior to arrival without a penalty. Same day cancellations will result in a one night charge.

Hotel for 2015 Reunion

Hilton Kansas City Airport Hotel

8801 NW 112th Street | Kansas City, Missouri, 64153

Phone 1-816-891-8900. Ask for In-House Reservations

Group Booking Code is: BOM. The rooms are filling up fast.

If You Prefer, Reserve Online:

<http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/M/MCIAPHF-BOM-20150922/index.jhtml>

Digital Copy of History Book

Director Don Munce has had his company scan in the 781st History Book so we have a digital copy. They are still in the process of checking out the feasibility of getting it on a website. Don will bring printed copies to the reunion which will be free to 781st Veterans and for sale to others for \$10.00.

FOLDED WINGS

WILLIAM BOHNEY,

William Bohny joined the folded wings in June 2014 as reported by his wife, Rosemary.



RAY CAUBLE,

It is with great sadness that I inform the group of the passing of Ray Cauble. Ray died on July 30, 2015 at Millington Healthcare Center at the age of 97

following a brief illness. Born in Blue Island, IL, he was promoted to the rank of Captain in the Army Air Corp. He was the pilot of a B-24 Liberator, The Bell Ringer. He was a retired manufacturing engineer for the Tool and Die Industry. He leaves to cherish his memory his daughter, Phillis Krech (Dave) and a son, Thomas Cauble (Lynette); 3 grandsons and 7 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 63 years, Garnet Cauble. Visitation and services were Thursday, August 6 at Roller Family Funeral Home with internment with full Military Honors at West Tennessee Veterans Cemetery. Ray attended almost every one of the reunions of the 781st and was eagerly looking forward to this year in Kansas City.



CARL DAHL,

Carl passed away peacefully on June 12, 2015 at the age of 93.

He has now joined his beloved wife Wanda, his

father Carl, his mother Marjorie, his brothers Harold, Donald and Jack in the loving arms of The Lord. Carl is survived by his sons Carl (Judy) and Clifford, his granddaughter Vonnie (Mike) and his great-grandson Michael and many nieces and nephews. Carl served in the US Army Air Corps during WWII flying a B-24 Liberator in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations. After being shot down for the second time and receiving a medical discharge he was awarded: The Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with oak leaf cluster, European Theatre of Operations ribbon with 4 flying clusters, Presidential Citation, and a Missing in Action (MIA) ribbon. He requested and was provided a private family service at East Lawn Cemetery that included a Three Gun Salute and flag presentation by the USAF. He was buried with his beloved Wanda.

TELIO GIAMMARCO,

Veteran Telio Giammarco joined the folded wings 2-15-2012 as reported by his wife, Anna.

LOIS REHN,

Lois Rehn, wife of veteran Kenneth Rehn, passed away June 29th as reported by their daughter, Teresa Carlson.



**Our thoughts and prayers are
with all our fallen comrades who
have found everlasting peace. You
have served your country well. We
will remember you forever.**



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