



The 485th TMW Attendees

485th TMW (GLCM) Reunion - by former Sgt Paul Amswald, Chicago, IL

The 24th annual reunion of the 485th Tactical Missile Wing (485 TMW) Alumni Association (Florennes Air Base, Belgium) took place in Cocoa Beach, FL on 25-28 April 2013. With nearly 90 of the Cold War warriors attending, this year's reunion was by far, the largest yet. The large turnout was thanks in no small part to the Association's increased presence on the web, with a newly updated web site (www.485TMW.com) and Facebook group (485th TMW@Florennes AB).

Activities included a tour of Kennedy Space Center and the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, a cocktail reception at the reunion hotel, the annual business meeting of the Association and the banquet dinner, featuring Brig Gen Anthony J. Cotton, the Commander, 45th Space Wing, and Director, Eastern Range, Patrick AFB as the keynote speaker. Additionally at the banquet, there was a very moving tribute to our former Wing Commander, Colonel Calvin Chasteen, given by Association President, Frank Beauvais.

During the annual meeting it was confirmed that for next year's 25th Anniversary Reunion, the Association will return once again to where it all began, Florennes Air Base, Belgium. The dates selected for the Silver Anniversary Reunion are 5-8 June 2014. The 2nd Wing Tactique has graciously provided up to 50 rooms for billeting. A contingent of both US and Belgian personnel are already feverishly planning the activities.

In addition, elections for open offices were held at the meeting, with Wade Kelling being elected as Vice President, Lisa Arsenault as Membership/Recording Secretary and Dale Moyer to the Board of Directors.

Apart from the scheduled activities, there was a constant flow of laughter emanating from the hospitality rooms as friends, old and new, gathered to share their memories. The hospitality rooms also housed an extensive collection of

GLCM memorabilia presented by Steve "Red Eye" Quintin, who also donned all of his former tactical gear (including full, camouflage face paint) for an impromptu motivational speech at the banquet.

Upon conclusion of the activities, 21 of the attendees banded together and boarded the Carnival Sensation in Port Canaveral for a 4 day cruise to Freeport and Nassau, Grand Bahamas, where a grand time was had by all.



MSgt (Ret) Jim Timm and Steve "Red Eye" Quintin in camo

455th/91st MIMS Reunion - by Larry Cooney, AAFM Mbr No A1360, Auburn, IN

On 3-5 March 2013 nine men who served in the 455th/91st Missile Maintenance Squadron (MIMS) in the middle 1960s met in Osteen, FL, for their first reunion. We were some of the first maintenance Airmen to maintain the new Minuteman I system at Minot AFB, ND. Some of them arrived in 1964, and the rest arrived in 1967 to relieve the first group. We relived the long hours and days spent at the missile sites maintaining the new missile system. One of the discussions was the realization how the Air Force entrusted the maintenance of this new weapon system to twenty something year old young men. But, we were well trained and served with some great NCO's and officers in the MIMS Squadron. The next reunion has already been planned to be held in conjunction with the next AAFM National meeting in Shreveport, LA. Any former 455/91 MIMS personnel who would like to be included in the next reunion please contact AAFM member Larry Cooney at 260-541-1647 or cooney.larry@gmail.com



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