

Trenches to Foxholes

424th Air Base Squadron honors downed aircrew



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The 424th Air Base Squadron participated in a commemorative ceremony in Fouleng, Saturday, April 11, 2015. The ceremony honored the crew members of the B17 Royal Flush that crashed in a field at Fouleng, April 13, 1944. Americans and Belgians gathered to pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice and to the local resistance who rescued three of the crew members by bringing them to safety prior to the arrival of the Nazis at the crash site. (Top left picture) The U.S. Color Guard composed of, from left to right, Senior Airman Matthew Franck, Staff Sgt. Bradley Baker, Airman 1st Class Scotland Mikkelsen and Staff Sgt. Derrick Shelton, stand at attention during the wreath laying ceremony. (Bottom left picture) From left to right, Senior Airman John Norred, Senior Airman Nicolas Granado and Tech. Sgt. Richens Wootton salute during the commemoration. (Top right picture) Maj. Vilachack Ladara, representing the Commander, 424th Air Base Squadron salutes next to Mayor Christian Leclercq from Sully upon laying a wreath at the monument that lists the crew members of the B17 Royal Flush.



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Members of the 424th Air Base Squadron stationed on Chièvres Air Base (top right and bottom left picture) also participated in a ceremony in Dergneau, Sunday, April 12, 2015. The ceremony honored the crew of the B24 Pale Ale that crashed in a field at Dergneau, Feb. 20, 1945 due to technical defaults. The ceremony was also attended by family members of Bombardier 2nd Lt. Henry Wynia. Wynia was one of the seven crew members who survived the crash.