



## Friends of the 416<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group (L)

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*"Keeping memories alive by perpetuating the accomplishments and heritage of the 416th Bomb Group for present and future generations"*

A special highlight of this year's Reunion is our trip to the New England Air Museum (NEAM) on Thursday, October 14 where we will visit the permanent exhibit of the "Reida Rae" A-26C flown by the 671st Squadron while stationed in Melun, France. The plane was completely restored by the NEAM A-26C Invader "Reida Rae" Restoration Project led by Carl Sgamboti, Honorary Veteran of the 416th Bomb Group. The airplane was presented as a memorial to the 416th Bomb Group in 2012.

Please meet in the Hospitality Room between 9:00 and 9:45 am to arrange for the hotel's shuttle service and other transportation to the museum. We will depart from the hotel at 9:45 am with plans to arrive at NEAM for group check-in at 10:00 am. Please remember to wear your mask and social distance as much as you are able as mandated by the State of Connecticut.

Our guided tour will be from 10:15 to 11:15 am. Please check with NEAM personnel regarding photography guidelines. Lunch will not be provided, but the museum has a small dining area inside with vending machines providing beverages and snacks. Outdoor picnic tables are also available weather permitting. Self-guided exploration will begin shortly after the guided tour and lasts until 1:30 pm. Our group will depart at 1:45 pm for the hotel. The Reunion Committee will provide a "pay as you go" Chick-Filet-A meal when we return to the hotel.

Should you wish to return to the museum Thursday afternoon, please keep and show your ticket for free same-day readmission. The museum closes at 4:00 pm.

Sincerely,

Kathe Rensner  
Chris Adams



*The "Reida Rae"*