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Fallen continued

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U.S. Airmen from Chièvres Air Base, Belgium joined members of the Belgian American Foundation and patriotic associations to pay tribute to fallen World War II U.S. Airmen and Soldiers at Macquenoise and Monceau-Imbrechies, Belgium Sunday.

Macquenoise is the crash site of the B-17 Susan Ruth. On Feb. 8, 1944 the Susan Ruth was hit en route to a bombing of Frankfurt, Germany.

Two of the 10 aircrew were killed during the crash.

While trying to make their way back to the allies three of the aircrew were captured and executed by the Nazis in Saint-Remy.

As the 309th Airlift Squadron honor guard presented the colors, Lt. Col. Tracy Patterson, 309th commander addressed the attendees.

"As we reflect on what happened here, we should not only recognize the tragedies of war, but also the positive effects of what standing up to Nazi aggression eventually brought to the world," said Patterson. So many friendships have been, and will be developed because of events like the one we're attending today. Think about the friendships that have been created on this crash site."

After the ceremony at Macquenoise the commander and color guard went a few miles away to the memorial at Monceau-Imbrechies which honors the 12 Soldiers who died on the first day of the liberation of Belgium, Sept. 2, 1944.

"I know that throughout my military career and beyond, I will remember these moments, as they will be forever engraved in my heart," Patterson said.



Lt. Col. Tracy Patterson, Commander 309th Airlift Squadron, pays tribute at the memorial in Monceau-Imbrechies, Belgium honoring the first U.S. Soldiers killed during the liberation of Belgium on Sept. 2, 1944. Patterson along with the Color Guard members (left to right) Senior Airman Tanner Atwood, Master Sgt. Daniel Alo, Tech Sgt. Mathue Snow and Staff Sgt. Jason Tyson, joined members of the Belgian American Foundation and patriotic associations, Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012.

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