

## Tennessee members fly in B-17 Liberty Belle

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Tennessee - 8 Members from Group 1 staff jumped at the opportunity to see the Liberty Belle, a B-17G Flying Fortress owned by The Liberty Foundation. Not many get the opportunity to see a such a beautiful and significant aircraft that so greatly impacted the history of our country, but this group was invited to join the crew on a 75 minute flight from McGhee Tyson to Smyrna Airport. During the flight members were able walk around and inspect the aircraft from the rear landing gear to the bombardier position, speak to the pilot and co-pilot and enjoy an amazing view from an opening in the top of the aircraft.

Few members had words they felt were adequate to describe the experience. "Once in a lifetime" and "an experience I will never forget" were the thoughts most expressed. The crew of three included pilot Bob Hill from Nashville who has been flying the Liberty Belle since 2005 , co-pilot John Ferguson from Los Angeles has been with the crew for one year, and the flight engineer Dave Alderman also from Nashville has been volunteering for two years. Group 1 Commander Maj Darryll Sexton organized this flight for his staff in appreciation of their hard work.



