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Newsletter of the Dallas/Fort Worth Wing of the Commemorative Air Force
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Wing opportunities are for everyone

Due to Winter Staff Conference on the second weekend (March 6, 7, 8, 2008) in Odessa, we will have our March membership meeting on March 15, 2008 (3rd Saturday) starting at 8:00 A.M. It is an all day event. Please be on time!

Wing Leader



Col. Charlie Wood

There will be a 4 hour safety course/meeting conducted by Vice President of Safety/Maintenance/Operations, Bob Stenevik. Pot

Luck lunch will follow at 12:00 noon, please bring food, drinks, ice, etc.

CAFR/Check Pilot course starts at 1:00 P.M. and should be over by 3:00 P.M. We would like all DFW Wing members to attend, let's fill the room. We should also have members from other Wing/Squadrons in attendance.

Warbirds on Parade and Staff meetings will follow.

As you have probably heard by now, the B-29/B-24 Squadron is moving to Addison airport, and will receive a sizeable donation and support from DFW Wing member Col. Jim Cavanaugh. I think this is a wonderful opportunity for more CAF presence in the Metro-plex. Let's offer them our support! "Thank you, Col. Cavanaugh!"

The Veterans Hospital Valentine's Day visit took place on February 14, 2008. Members in attendance were Colonels: Tom Manley, Aubrey and Barbara Hair, and myself. Several members of the American Fighter Aces ("Twilight Knights") Chuck Francis, Ray Miller, Dick Agnew, and Jack Bond. Jack spoke to us last year at a meeting, and has said, he will come to our pot luck luncheon soon. We all enjoyed the visit! "God Bless our Veterans!"

Warbirds on Parade/Salute to Veterans, will be September 6, 2008. Please plan to work this event. We never have enough volunteer members to cover all the needed positions on this day. We also need each member to seek a sponsor for this event. This is our big fundraiser for the year! Please mark your calendar.

On March 1, 2008, CAF membership dues will be increased to \$200. per year. DFW Wing dues are now \$60 per year. Nationally, we lose twice the members that we sign up each year. We must reverse this trend...only YOU can do it! The following expenses have doubled: ANNUAC (annual unit administrative costs/expenses assessed the Wing...and each airplane). Our utilities, insurance, and land lease on the hangar have increase considerably. We must find new ways to raise money...and sign up new members to help share the load.

The following Colonels have donated to the Sperry A-17 Gun turret project:

1. Mike Presley
2. Steve Bennett (Also, donated the engine lift)
3. Jim Allmon
4. Jim Davis
5. James Anderson
6. Taylor Stevenson
7. Julian Banks
8. Chester Jurskis
9. Chris Trott (Also, donated to the Fuel Fund).
10. Jim Breitenstine
11. Don Barton
12. Don Kilgore

Thanks to all that have made donations to the DFW Wing this month!

We need workers to maintain the facility and planes. Please come Saturdays ready to work.

Just a reminder...the hangar is open Saturday and Sunday. We have been watching movies on Saturday night and Sunday evening. Col. Jim Allmon has the 16mm projector up

and running, and we have our new projector for DVD's. You are missing out on pop corn and a lot of fun!

The following Colonels have signed up a new member this month:

1. Jerry Wisley
2. Tom Manley
3. Russ Coonley

Our Condolences to the family of Colonel Ray Torres! It was good to see so many at Ray's memorial service paying their respects.

Thank you all for you commitment to the DFW Wing!



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Stellar reputation must be maintained

HEY! Great turn out for our February Wing meeting. Col. Gordon Stevenson provided a briefing status of the B-29 and B-24 movement plans for final relocation from Midland to Addison Airport. Response from everyone present was most favorable.

Executive Officer



Col. Jerry Wisley

There was more food provided than could possibly be consumed and a very special "Thank You" to all of you who provided.

Those of you who have been in the Wing for a long time will remember Col. Ray Torres. He passed away on January 31st, from the effects of cancer. Col's West Sanders, Elaine Webb, Jim Goad and I attended the memorial service. The service was most moving and a tribute to him. He was the Wings' Executive Officer and flew the L-5. I have requested from Martha, his wife, to provide us a photograph of Ray for our "Gone West" wall in the Officers' Club.


Have you recruited or invited someone to our Wing/Hangar recently? If not, then it's been too long. What are you waiting on? Col. Tom Manley and I have each signed up a new member. If we can do it, I know you can to.

As Col. Stevenson remarked, "The DFW Wing is a most notable Wing in the whole of the CAF." You might ask yourself if you were instrumental in being a part of our stellar reputation.

See you at Winter Staff Conference in Midland. I'll be taking names!



If you were not at the February Wing Meeting, you missed out on a good time.



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R4D Ground School Sunday, March 30, 2008 0900 hrs till 1630 hrs.

Crew members need to attend, but every one is invited. We will have breakfast snacks, limited war stories, a break for lunch and a great time. Our instructors will dazzle you with their knowledge and insights to flying the R4D. If you are interested in flying locally or to the air shows in any of the Wing's aircraft, please attend. All are welcome. Questions, call Jim Breitenstine, 817 294-2936, e-mail jbreiten@charet.net.

New Members

We welcome 3 new members:

Col. Mark Sharrock,
joined the CAF and the DFW Wing.

Col. Jeff P. Howle,
joined the CAF and the DFW Wing.

Col. Preston Bakic,
joined the CAF and the DFW Wing.

Say hello to these new members when you see them!

Member Needs

Please keep the following members and their families in your thoughts and prayers:

Colonel Chuck Horner

Bob Inselmann, who owns Bob's Aviation Art and is a sponsor of our "Warbirds on Parade" each year, is recovering from surgery and doing very well. Please keep Bob, Margaret and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

Hangar Needs

DVD movies for movie nights.

Ice, soft drinks, bottled water.

Thanks for all you kind donations!

Schedule of Events 2008

March 7, 8 and 9	Confirmed
Winter Staff Conference. Midland/Odessa Headquarters.	
Sunday, March 30	Confirmed
R4D Ground School. 9AM to 4:30PM. Crew members need to attend but everyone is welcome.	
April 25 and 26	Confirmed
McKinney Airport. Details to follow.	
May 2, 3 and 4	Confirmed
Temple. Details to follow.	
Saturday, May 10	Confirmed
Corsicana Airshow. (Coyote Squadron)	
Saturday, May 17	Confirmed
Gilmer Fly-In. More details will follow.	
Saturday, May 24	Confirmed
Lone Star Wing Fly-in, Marshall, TX.	
Saturday, May 24	Confirmed
WASP reunion, Sweetwater, TX. L5 only.	
May 30 and 31	Confirmed
Cowtown Roundup. Fort Worth Meacham.	

Ruptured Duck lapel button was authorized for all branches

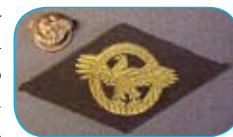
The "Ruptured Duck" lapel button authorized for all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces is described as a gold metal lapel button, 7/16" in height by 5/8" in width; a n eagle within a circle with wings spread.

War Department General Order No. 13, dated 9 June 1925, authorized the wearing of the Badge. It was also described in Regulations in December 1926 but not illustrated until 10 November 1941.

Wing Historian/ Field Collection



Col. Elaine Webb



In May 1943 the lapel button was produced in blue plastic. The blue plastic was not recognizable against a blue background and metals were scarce so it was decided the lapel button would be produced in a gold plated plastic. Before any buttons were issued they were all gold plated. In May 1944 production began in gold color metal or gold plated plastic. The insignia was also produced on olive drab wool fabric for wear on the enlisted man's service coat and wool outer garments and on khaki for wear on summer weight shirts.

The Honorable Discharge insignias allowed discharged service personnel to wear their uniform for thirty days after they were separated from service as clothing was in short supply. The insignia showed the individual to be discharged and in transit; not AWOL.

Many service members believed the eagle more closely resembled a duck than an eagle. As the discharged were eager to reach home it wasn't long before someone in a hurry was said to have "left like a ruptured duck" or "took off like a ruptured duck" and the nickname was born.

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 over by 3:00 PM.

Warbirds on Parade and Staff meeting to follow.
 Wing Membership Meeting at 2PM

Take time to thank the following sponsors for their ongoing support to the DFW Wing

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 - Norm McGowan
 - Tom McCoy
 - Jim Breitenstine
 - Jim Cavanaugh (Cavanaugh Flight Museum)
 - Robert Collier
 - David Koch
 - Mike Presley
 - Steve Bennett
 - Wyley "Coyote" Smith
 - Julian Banks
 - Don Kilgore
 - Chuck Francis



DFW Wing Hangar and Museum are open
 Saturdays from 9am to 4pm, Sundays from 12pm to 4pm
 and other days by appointment. Call 972-227-9119