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Newsletter of the Dallas/Fort Worth Wing of the Commemorative Air Force
Lancaster Airport, Lancaster, TX



New year begins with busy schedule

January was a busy month. We had an aircraft inspection visit by Gary Austin; CAF Director of Maintenance and Quality Assurance. He was ably assisted by CAF General Staff member; Ted Short and our Maintenance Officer Robert Collier was on hand to offer a cooperative hand.

Wing Leader



Col. Charlie Wood

We also hosted a meeting of the North Texas Association of Aviation Museums (NO-TAAM) on January 24th, and the CAF Membership committee meeting on January 31st, to think tank ways of promoting public awareness, recruiting, retention, changing mindsets, and spreading the CAF message.

Houston James, Pearl Harbor survivor was to be our speaker for our monthly membership meeting was unable to attend, but due to efforts of Col. Ed Halter, we had a speaker. Dale Messler (Pearl Harbor survivor) filled in and he recalled his experience on that fateful day. You missed a great story and good food and fellowship. Thanks all!

Please go to the updated CAF website (commemorativeairforce.org) and familiarize

yourself with it. Our President, Steve Brown is writing a weekly blog and you can simply click his email with your thoughts. You can also update your current personal info so you continue to receive communications. The HQ toll free number is 1-877-767-7175.

Winter maintenance is in full swing. We need your help on the many projects we have ongoing.

I am honored to have been chosen as Chairman of the CAF Membership Committee. It is a responsibility I will not take lightly. I will be calling on *YOU* to become a valued partner in this effort. I know we can depend on you to help strengthen our recruiting program. We all must start recruiting to insure the long term survival of the CAF! See me for recruiting applications.

Thanks to all of you that brought a dish/desserts/ice/drinks etc. to our January meeting. Don't forget, we will be doing it again on February 14, the 2nd Saturday of the month. Anything you bring is appreciated. Thank you so much!

Please make plans to attend the CAF Winter Staff Conference. This conference is essential for current and future Unit Staff. Check your Dispatch for details.

We are very thankful to each and everyone of you for your dedication to our worthy and noble cause...Keep 'em Flying!

Recruit and Retain



R4D Ground School

Sunday, April 5, 2009 - 9am to 4pm

Crew members need to attend, but every one is invited. 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 jbreitens@gmail.com

Member Needs

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

Col. James M. "Andy" Anderson

Col. Chuck Horner

Col. Brian Brown

Dues

We voted in January 2008 to raise our Wing dues to \$60. If you have not paid yours, please send a check payable to: DFW Wing CAF

Send checks to:

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World War II victories were documented by the use of gun cameras

Gun cameras were introduced during WWII to accurately document victories over enemy airplanes and show the efficiency of airpower in combat. The DFW Wing's Siemens German Gun Camera was donated to the Wing by Col. Ray Krottinger. The number 1216 is on the lens and 4727 is on the film case.

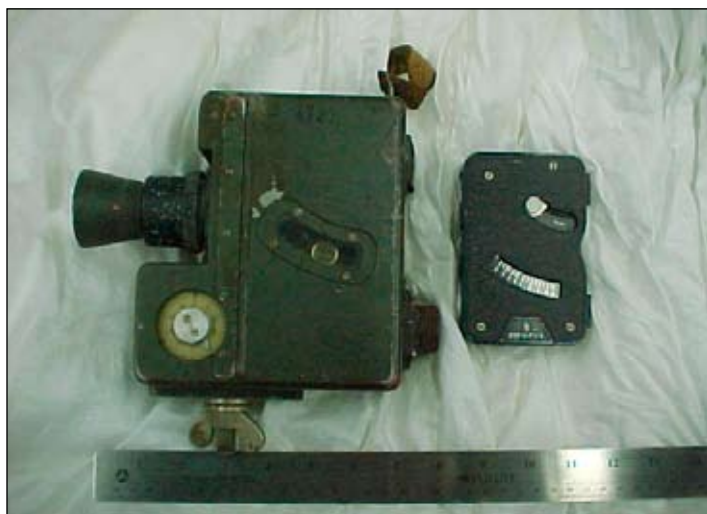
Wing Historian/ Field Collection




Col. Elaine Webb

Special thanks to Col. Jonathan Esposito for the new scanner\printer he donated to the museum area. Jonathan has made such a difference in the hangar appearance and organization; he is such a positive force. Thank you Colonels Jonathan and Angela for all you have done.

Kenneth Link has graciously renewed for another year our loan agreement for the album of WWII envelopes with squadron emblems and other artwork by Russell Ittner.




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Schedule of Events 2009

March 5, 6, 7 and 8

CAF Winter Staff Conference. Odessa, TX

Sunday, April 5

R4D Ground School. 9am to 4pm. Please register.

Saturday, May 16

Gilmer, TX Airshow. (Tentative)

June 19, 20 and 21

Midlothian/Waxahachie (Midway) Summer Balloon Classic and Fly-In. (Tentative)

September 5

DFW Wing "Warbirds on Parade". It is never too early to start planning for this event. Mark your calendars and let's make 2009 our best show ever!

New Members

We welcome 2 new members:

Col. Norm Hartman

Rejoined the DFW Wing.

Col. Jason Newburg

Joined both the CAF and the DFW Wing.

Say hello to these new members when you see them!

Hangar Needs

Riding Lawn Mower or donation to the mower fund

Disposable table cloths

Paper towels

Ice, soft drinks, bottled water.

Thanks for all your kind donations.

The DFW Wing would like to purchase a table in the O'Club at AIRSHO 2009. This would be a wonderful addition to have because of the A/C for some of our members. The table costs \$400 and we can get one next to the window if we buy it now. Please consider this worthy cause! All donations are appreciated.

Learn the meaning of a flag draped coffin

Did you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the years 1776?

Were you aware that the honor guard meticulously fold the flag 13 times? It does not symbolize the thirteen colonies.

Executive Officer



Col. Jerry Wisley

The following is what each fold does symbolize.

The first fold represents a symbol of life.

The second fold is a symbol of belief in eternal life.

The third fold is honor and remembrance of veterans

departing the ranks who gave their lives in defense of our country.

The fourth fold represents citizens trusting in God for His divine guidance.

The fifth fold is a tribute to the country.

The sixth fold is where people's heart lie. They pledge allegiance to the flag of the USA, the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The seventh fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces for protection from enemies.

The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The ninth is a tribute to womanhood, mothers. For their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of men and women who made this country great has been molded.

The tenth fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country.

The eleventh fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The twelfth fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

The thirteenth fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their nations motto, "In God We Trust."

When folded, it is of the appearance of a cocked hat, a reminder of the soldiers who served under General George Washington and Captain John Paul Jones.

Next guest speaker for February 14th. is Fisk Hanley, a B-29 crew member and Japanese survivor. He has written a book "Accused American War Criminals."

See you at the next Wing meeting.



Dale Messler, Pearl Harbor survivor, was the guest speaker for our January 10th Wing meeting. He shared his experiences and gave us insight into that fateful day which will always be remembered.



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Next Meeting is

Saturday, February 14

Pot Luck Lunch at 12:00pm, Wing Staff Meeting at 1pm
and Wing Membership Meeting at 2pm



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