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PROP WASH

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



As 2009 comes to a close,

DFW Wing still needs your help

November was a busy month. For Veteran's Day Salutes, we flew on November 7th over the Waxahachie Civic Center, and on November 11th, we flew over the Grand Prairie

Wing Leader



Col. Charlie Wood

City Hall. We salute our Veteran's! On November 21st we hosted the Challenge Air Group, a non-profit group that offers plane rides to physically challenged children. They had a nice event!

Please re-read the November Propwash concerning our financial needs for our assigned planes. The R4D faces a very large financial obligation (you should be receiving a letter concerning this) and also the Stearman will need brakes/prop/wheel/intercom/etc. (Approx. \$6,000.) to get it ready for service. Two Colonels; Ken Norvell, and Jason Newburg have stepped up to furnish the intercom system for the Stearman.

We also need your help on the Hind 24 Helicopter to ready it for static display. Don't forget the hangar needs, housekeeping/grounds/maintenance on all the equipment, jeeps/tug/lawn equipment/building/parts room organizing, and of course, putting up the Christmas decorations and removing/storing them afterwards. We must keep our facility presentable to the public at all times...we need your help with this!

DFW Wing Staff election results are: Col. Curtis Green was elected as Adjutant, and Col. Steve Bennett was elected as Executive Officer.

The Safety Officer position will remain



unfilled until Col. Jonathan Esposito returns from Iraq...he can be appointed with a majority vote of the Staff.

The Christmas/awards party will be December 5, 2009 at the DFW Wing hangar. Social hour starts at 6pm, dinner at 7pm. The price is \$20 per person. Contact Jim Breitenstine by December 1, 2009. We hope to see all of you there!

Please make plans to attend the Winter Staff

Conference in Midland on March 19, 20, 21, 2009.

Headquarters has offered you a recruiting incentive...a \$50 gift certificate for your new Colonel recruit (must sign up at the \$200. level) and also the same for yourself until December 31, 2009. I hope this gets you busy recruiting. RECRUIT and RETAIN!

Shirley and I wish you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!



DFW Wing hosts visitors from Challenge Air

The DFW Wing hosted Challenge Air on November 21st. It was an exciting day for several first time flyers and presented an opportunity to share aviation and WWII history with some very interested visitors.

Challenge Air, a not for profit organization founded by Dallas native Rick Amber "with the belief that every disabled person should see the world from a different view...out of their wheelchairs and crutches and from the sky.

Amber lost the use of his legs when his jet crashed during a landing attempt on the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Hancock. He was returning from his 109th combat mission."

"The human spirit prevails over any physical or mental obstacle. After a day with Challenge Air, no height seems unreachable." - Rick Amber

For more information regarding this remarkable organization visit their website www.challengeair.com.



Schedule of Events 2009

Saturday, December 5

DFW Wing Christmas Party. Social hour begins at 6pm, dinner at 7pm. Please try to attend. Party will serve as our meeting for December.

Friday, December 11

DFW Aviation & Transportation Career Expo, DFW Airport. R4D will attend.



Christmas Party December 5, 2009

*Social hour starts at 6:00PM
followed by dinner at 7PM.*

Cost is \$20 per person

Please send your check by Dec. 1, 2009 to:

**Jim Breitenstine
6908 Ridgewood Drive
Fort Worth, Tx. 76132**

We ask that you bring an unwrapped gift tagged for a boy or a girl which will be donated to the Lancaster Outreach Program.

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:

**Jim Breitenstine
6908 Ridgewood Dr., Fort Worth, TX. 76132**

Also send any donations for our planes to Jim at the address listed above. We need everyone's help to "Keep 'em Flying"

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Hangar Needs

Disposable table cloths.

Paper towels.

Gasoline for the tug and lawn mower.

Thanks for all your kind donations.

Christmas letter to Daddy's little girl

Rather than write an article this month I thought I would share the letter written to me by my Daddy (Yes, he is still "Daddy") the night before his LSM was to leave San Diego for the South Pacific.

**Wing Historian/
Field Collection**



Col. Elaine Webb

It is obvious the letter was written so, if he did not return, I would know of his love for my Mother and for me.

As you read my letter please remember our service members serving in harms way, many of them mothers and fathers, so far away from their children, fighting to preserve our American way of life.

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Lutheran Center

My Darling Daughter:

Daddy has never written a letter to anyone so young as you; and I know that you won't be able to understand. Still something in my heart tells me I should write you. I have received some

mighty Sweet letters from you. Some are just tiny marks made with your own little hands; while others are grouped into sweet little words with the help of your Mother.

This is Christmas Eve now a night when Daddy should be with you; but the war has called him away now to fight for a free world – a world in which you will always have a Santa Claus. Some little children don't know that there is a Santa Claus. But when you awaken tomorrow morning you will find that he has visited you in spite of the war torn world at this time: For that Daddy can be thankful.

This is my first Christmas to be away from home. I did get to see you last Christmas but that's about all as I had to leave to report back for duty on Christmas day. In spite of Daddy being away from you and Mama, he has seen you in some of your first stages of changing from a baby into a nice little girl.

It was Daddy who carried you into our house for the first time. Then I carried Mama in – we thought you were the grandest Baby in the world.

In a short time Mama became sick; and it was Daddy who mixed your first formula and gave you your first bottle. Daddy had you cutting teeth when you were three months old, but they really didn't come until a few months later. You and Mother were visiting Daddy when you took your first steps. Daddy had a lot of fun help-

ing you to gain confidence in yourself – I tried to teach you a few words; but you always talked some foreign language. However I did here some of your first words like "Mama" "Daddy" "See" etc – From what Mama says; you have began to change fast now – Its too bad Daddy has to miss out on so many of your little changes in life as it was my desire to see you grow up.

Daddy can be thankful though that regardless of his absence Mama will bring you up as a little girl should be; Because dear Baby you have the Sweetest Mother in the world.

I'm afraid this isn't the letter I would like it to be. Anyway it's an answer to all the letters you have sent Daddy. I must close now and attend church as it might be my last chance for a while. You see Daddy is about ready to go overseas; not a matter of days anymore but hours now. We hope that we won't be gone long and that your Daddy and all the rest of the little girls Daddy's can come home pretty soon to stay and be happy with you and your mothers. Maybe Daddy can be with you next Christmas. Goodnite now and may God watch over you all the days of your life. Be a good Little Girl.

Love, Daddy

P.S. I wonder if you still pull mom's hair. Even though it was mean Daddy thought it was funny.

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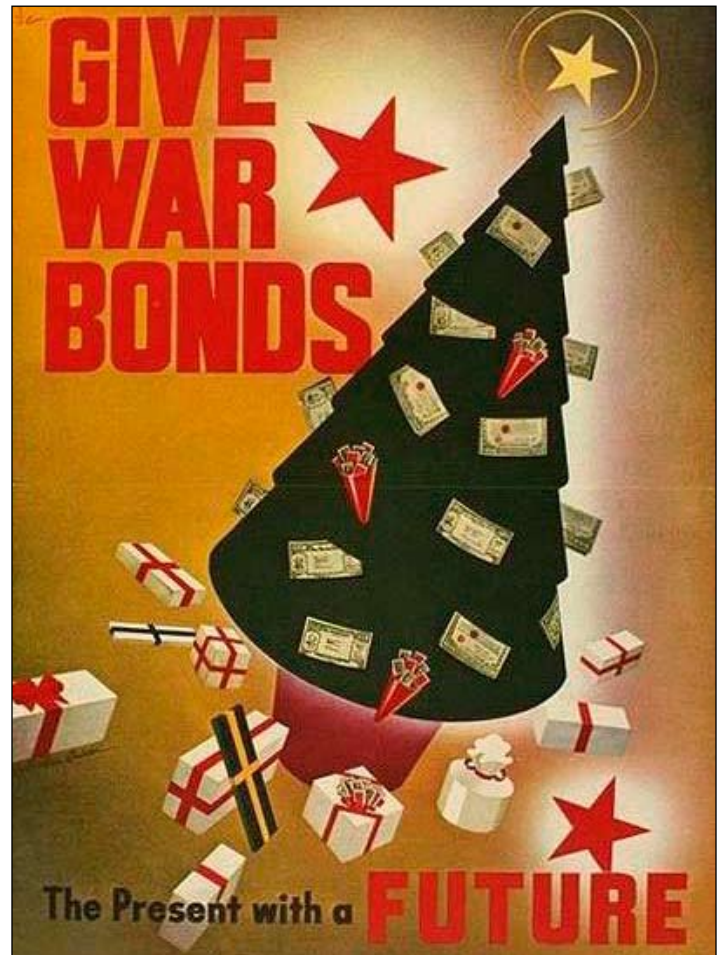
Next Meeting is **Saturday, January 9**

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

The Christmas Party on Dec. 5, 2009 will serve as our
December meeting

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

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