



JAYHAWK SQUAWK



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WE ARE HAVING A BIRTHDAY PARTY!



And you are invited.

That's right...the CAF Jayhawk Wing invites you to join in on a year long party!!! The hangar you support will be used for many things from building our new PARADE FLOAT, watching great World War II movies, working around our two World War II airplanes, or just relaxing in the Wing O Club.

What a great way to recruit new members!!! Bring your friends and show them reasons to be part of the biggest PARTY in this part of the country. Don't forget potential new CAF Cadets.

**REMEMBER TO ATTEND
THE WING MEETING ON
FEBRUARY 11, 2008 @ 7 P.M.**

FEBRUARY 15, 2008 FRIDAY NIGHT HANGAR MOVIE



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BIRTHDAY!
REWARD!
GRADUATION!
G. I. WELCOME
HOME!!!**

THE COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE IS A HERITAGE ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND FLYING OF RESTORED WORLD WAR II COMBAT AIRCRAFT, AND TO THE MEMORY OF THOSE WHO FLEW, BUILT, AND MAINTAINED THEM. INDEED, WE ARE FOREVER INDEBTED TO ALL OF THEM FOR PROTECTING AND PRESERVING OUR FREEDOMS AND OUR WAY OF LIFE.

" LEST WE FORGET "



PT-23 Cornell

UC-78 Bobcat



WINGING IT

Wing Leader Phyllis Sears

Well, the challenges for 2008 just doubled for all the members of the CAF. Headquarters has sent a DVD to members of the CAF telling us member dues have increased to \$200 per year starting March 1, 2008. All ANUAC dues have doubled for 2008. Our dues will now be \$1600 for the Wing, \$2000 for the Bobcat and \$950 for the PT-23 for a total of \$4550. Last year, aircraft insurance was \$9500 and aircraft expenses were \$7000. Folks, we have a great deal of money to raise if we are going to keep the aircraft!

Some of you work for companies who will do a matching grant if you donate to the Wing. Please make the effort to find out this information and see if there is a donation you can make to the Wing. Perhaps some of you will discover you are related to one of the fabled money families of the USA. (I keep asking my mother if she is a Rockefeller but she keeps denying it!) All jokes aside, this year is CRITICAL for the Wing and the CAF! There are many Wings who are going to be deciding the same thing as the Jayhawks – can we afford to sponsor both or any aircraft. By the way, I had to request my DVD from HQ. If you have not received yours, please contact HQ.

We had a planning session on January 26 and those of you who could not make it are now in charge of everything! Seriously please read Bev's column to find out the events scheduled to date for this year. This is a critical year for fundraising!

I agreed to chair a Float Committee. This means YOU are in danger of being drafted to help. The goal is to have a float to represent the Wing in parades in surrounding towns and Wichita. We are still working on a design; if you have an idea, throw it out there! We can use a few good men and a few good ideas!

Salute to Valor is in a month, folks. Have you rounded up an auction item? How about ticket sales? This can be a big event, but we have to work it to grow it! We need decent auction items and we need people outside of our group attending. I am working on my 2nd table. And no, Earl and Chuck, you still can't sit at Mardis' table! The idea is to fill your table with nonmembers.

GARAGE SALE June 14

Please start saving those spring cleaning items for the Wing Garage Sale. It will be 1 day only on June 14. We will plan to bring the items on Friday June 13 (uh oh!) to the hangar and set up for the sale. If you have any questions, or if you want to be charge, please, please contact Phyllis!

Send your 2008 \$50.00 Wing dues to...
**CAF Jayhawk Wing,
2560 S. Kessler, Wichita, KS 67217**

SALUTE TO VALOR

AUCTION ITEMS WANTED

Auction items are needed! Please each member come up with at least 1 item. We need to raise a lot of money this year. Auction items should be turned into me by March 7 in order to get paperwork done.

Also start on those ticket sales. Again we need many tables sold in order to have a good audience to buy those auction items.

Calling all Jayhawk Shutterbugs! If you take pictures of any Wing event, please give a digital copy to either Colonel Bill Roberts or Colonel Jenny Roberts for use in the CAF newsletter. Thanks!



Upcoming Events

Col Bev Brady - Public Information Officer

Nearly 20 Cols and Wingmen found their way to Watermark Books for the Jayhawk Wing's annual Planning Session January 26. Our group was small but we laid out some pretty big plans for 2008! We identified several area events where it might be possible to take our PX, and we're going to build a float so that we can participate in parades to help raise public awareness. Wing Leader Phyllis has agreed to chair the float committee with help from Cols Gunner, Herb, Dan, Chaunce, Earl, Chris and Bev, and Wingman Crystal. Once plans are formulated, we'll need "all hands on deck" to help build it!

Some of the events we're checking into to see if there is a possibility of the Wing's participation include the Wichita River Festival Parade (May 9); Derby Days (May 30 – June 1); Planes Over El Dorado (RC planes, June 28 – 29); Mulvane Old Settlers Days (August date tbd); and Aviation Fest, Wellington (October 4 – 5).

We are still gathering information on other area events that might provide an opportunity for the PX to make some much-needed moolah.

We have firm dates for the following events:

March 15 – Salute to Valor

April 26 – Memorial visit to Piatt Memorial Park and Veterans Memorial Park

May 10 – Jayhawk Wing Spring Fly Day and Cookout

May 31 – Poker Run

June 14 – Jayhawk Wing Garage Sale

July 5 – EAA Chapter 88 Fly-in, El Dorado

September 20 – 21 – Airsho '08, Midland, TX

October 12 – Jayhawk Wing Fall Fly Day and Cookout

Additional details on the above events will be provided. For now, our focus must be on **Salute to Valor 2008, March 15, 2008** at the Wichita Airport Hilton. Sell tickets and ask anyone and everyone for great donations for the auction.

Your Wing needs **YOU!!!**

Your 2008 CAF Staff

Colonel Phyllis Sears—Wing leader

Phyllis was born in Norwood, Missouri and moved to Wichita, KS the day before she began first grade, the trauma of which has never eased ☺

Phyllis helped found the CAF Jayhawk Wing, and has served the Wing over the years as newsletter editor, finance officer, co- PX officer, as Air Heritage Chairperson and Greek Chorus. She has worked over the years as plant manager of a 100 person printing company, airport office manager and her current job is office manager of an electrical engineering company. She has soloed in aircraft, bungee jumped and flown in many vintage aircraft. She has also marched in the Million Queen March of the Sweet Potato Queens in Jackson Miss as one of the Amelia Airharlots of Wichita.

She is looking forward to serving as Wing Leader of the Jayhawks since the past Wing Leaders made it look sooooo easy. If it turns out this is not the case, she knows where they all live.

Colonel Mary Green—Financial Officer

Mary has lived in Wichita since 1971 after graduating from Washburn University with a degree in Business Administration. She works as a real estate appraiser and has owned Green Appraisal Srvcs since 1977. She's been involved with the CAF for many years with her husband, Charles Chauncey and eventually became a Life Colonel.

Colonel Bill Roberts—Adjutant

Bill transferred to McConnell AB in 1999. After leaving the service, he went on to get his degree in computers from Friends University. Bill learned of the CAF in 2004 after flight lesson with Ben Sorensen. He joined shortly thereafter. As he puts it: "It's all Herb's fault." This is his first stint as a CAF Staff member.

Bill currently works for BRG Precision Products and continues to dream of the day when he'll own his own aircraft.

February 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 8:00 Breakfast
3	4 7:00 Staff Meeting	5	6 5:30 p.m. Flite Nite	7	8	9 8:00 Breakfast 9:30 STV Meeting
10	11 7:00 General Meeting	12	13 5:30 p.m. Flite Nite	14	15 HANGAR MOVIE "Flying Leathernecks"	16 8:00 Breakfast
17	18	19	20 5:30 p.m. Flite Nite	21	22	23 8:00 Breakfast 9:30 STV Meeting
24	25	26	27 5:30 p.m. Flite Nite	28	29	

March 2008

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16	17	18	19 5:30 p.m. Flite Nite	20	21 HANGAR MOVIE "Destination Tokyo"	22 8:00 Breakfast
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This month in military history

February marks milestones in both the European and Pacific theaters of WW2. On February 20, 1944, the USAAF, including the 457th Fireball Outfit on its first major mission, commences a seven-day attack on German factories involved in aircraft production, hailed as the largest daylight raid of WW2. On February 24, the RAF joins the US in attacking the Schweinfurt ball-bearing factory. Inclement weather brings Big Week to an end on February 26, 1944, but not before twenty-six aviation related factories are damaged or destroyed, lowering German production rates by twenty percent.

A year later on February 19, 1945 in the Pacific theater, the 4th and 5th Marine Divisions invaded Iwo Jima. The new B-29 bomber needed protective air support, but the smaller aircraft could not accompany the B-29 without refueling. The island stood halfway between the Mariannas and mainland Japan, and its three airfields made an ideal location for a refueling base. The Japanese, however, were not about to give up this, their homeland, without a fight. American troops faced 22,000 Japanese defenders as they sought to conquer the island. During

this battle, the men of the 28th Regiment, 5th division received orders to take Mount Surabachi, and on February 23, 1945, the men of Company E, 2nd Battalion fought their way up Mt Surabachi and raised the American flag for all to see. While an American victory, the Battle of Iwo Jima exacted a heavy price for the American troops, who suffered 26,000 casualties, with 6,800 reported deaths compared to almost 22,000 Japanese casualties. Today, a statue depicting that famous flag-raising stands in Washington D. C. as a tribute to these and all Marines who have given their lives in service to their country. For more information on the 457th Bomber Group: The Fireball Outfit, visit www.web-birds.com/8th/47/475.html and <http://members.bellatlantic.net/~machenny/457.html>. For more information and to see photos of the Iwo Jima experience, see www.iwojima.com, www.military.com/NewContent/0,1319,NI_Iwo_Jima2,00.html, www.nps.gov/archive/gwmp/usmc.htm.

IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE

CAF JAYHAWK WING

AND WOULD LIKE A COPY OF THE WING STAFF MEETING MINUTES

PLEASE MAKE YOUR REQUEST

HERE

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A COPY OF THE WING STAFF MEETING MINUTES WILL BE EMAILED TO YOU



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