



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.**

March 21, 2008 FRIDAY NIGHT HANGAR MOVIE



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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, it has been a busy month! Several of us have had the flu. Bronchitis, sinus infections, and spring fever. Trying to knock on doors to get Salute to Valor auction items and sell tickets has been a struggle, which is my way of saying "please sell those tickets!" We are short in that area right now and the deadline is March 10. If you have not bought your own tickets, it is now time to do so!

ANUAC is paid for 2008, which gives us until the end of the year to get the UC78 sponsored to take care of its bills. We need to come up with some creative ideas to get her noticed. This means everyone in the Wing needs to think outside of the box! Have any of you checked with your company regarding matching donations? Please do so.

Several fundraiser ideas, besides Salute to Valor, are in the beginning stages for this year. We should have some information at the next meeting. Please attend and bring your good ideas. Folks, we could pass the hat at each meeting; everyone could put in \$20, and we still would not have the money needed to accomplish what we need to do. There is maintaining the support of the UC78, restrooms for the hangar, which would allow us to have fundraising events at the hangar, the Young Aviators School, growing the Hangar Movie Night, growing our presence in the surrounding communities, and becoming a bigger and stronger Wing. All this is going to take you.

The last Salute to Valor meeting will be held this Saturday at 9:30, probably at Earl's office unless it warms up! A float committee meeting will follow it and who knows what will follow that! We have to locate a proper sized trailer; Chauncey has volunteered to pull it and we have a couple of ideas for the float. They involve a Corsair, Stearman, round engine noise, smoke and a tailgate! Come give us your input.

Salute to Valor ticket sales end Monday, March 10, 2008

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 contact Phvllis!

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

Salute to Valor '08 is nearly upon us, and while we've gathered a good amount of terrific auction items, ticket sales are lagging. If you haven't bought your tickets, and if you haven't sold tickets to your friends, family and co-workers, please, please make every effort! The Wing **absolutely must** do well financially with this event, and it is up to each and every one of us to ensure that success!

The float committee held its first meeting, and the plan is to have a float up and ready to go in time to enter it in the Wichita Riverfest Parade. The deadline for parade entries is April 11, so we'll need to work quickly to finalize the plan and put it into action!

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 (there is a possibility this may move to June 7)

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 remain on **Salute to Valor 2008, March 15, 2008** at the Wichita Airport Hilton. Your Wing needs **YOU!!!**



March 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:00 Breakfast 9:30 STV Meeting
2	3 6:00 Staff Meeting *Note New Time!!!	4	5 5:30 p.m. Flite Nite	6	7	8 8:00 Breakfast 9:30 STV Meeting
9	10 7:00 General Meeting	11	12 5:30 p.m. Flite Nite	13	14	15 8:00 Breakfast 8:00 STV Set Up 6:00 Salute to Valor
16	17	18	19 5:30 p.m. Flite Nite	20	21 HANGAR MOVIE "Destination Tokyo"	22 8:00 Breakfast
23	24	25	26 5:30 p.m. Flite Nite	27	28	29
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April 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 8:00 Breakfast
6	7 6:00 Staff Meeting *Note New Time!!!	8	9 5:30 p.m. Flite Nite	10	11	12 8:00 Breakfast
13	14 7:00 General Meeting	15	16 5:30 p.m. Flite Nite	17	18	19 8:00 Breakfast
20	21	22	23 5:30 p.m. Flite Nite	24	25 HANGAR MOVIE "The Longest Day"	26 8:00 Breakfast 9:30 Piatt Memorial & Veterans Park visit
27	28	29	30 5:30 p.m. Flite Nite			

Your Flight Evaluation Board hard at work



This month in military history

Less than a year after its first mission in Bangkok, Boeing's B-29 played a major role in the war against Japan. After several days of single B-29 "dry runs" over Tokyo to set off spotlights and anti-aircraft fire, the 500th Bomb Group and the 9th Bomb Group, as well as other B-29 bomb groups, received orders for a massive strike against Tokyo.

Lt. Robert Copeland, copilot of Z Squadron 8 noted details about the Tokyo briefing in his journal: "We briefed this morning for another trip to Tokyo. We'll take off at 1835 tonight and hit there in the morning at 0115 approx. We're going in at between 7,000 and 7,800 feet. 150 of the 250 ships taking part in the strike will be ahead of us so there should be some large fires when we get there. We're carrying 40 M-18 incendiary clusters. No guns will be carried"

(<http://flgrube1.tripod.com/id13.html>). Lt. Copeland's B-29 was one of 279 planes that left for Tokyo that night, dropping 1,665 tons of incendiary bombs, which destroyed some fifteen square miles of urban Tokyo. Fourteen B-29s were lost in this venture, but only one of those planes belonged to the 500th Bomb Group.

Our very own Charles Chauncey also participated in these raids. According to his article, the very fires their bombs set endangered the crews as well. In addition to the smoke, the fires created wind shears that threatened to tear the planes apart,

and the heat from the fires caused physical damage to the planes. During the Nagoya raid, Chauncey's B-29 *Goin' Jesse* lost oil pressure. Despite the mechanical difficulty, the crew continued on to make its bombing run on Nagoya. Their valor inspired *Night over Nagoya*, a painting by R. T. Foster (<http://www.wingsoverkansas.com/profiles/article.asp?id=71>)

During the course of the next few days, the B-29s made similar bombing runs over Osaka, Kobe, and Nagoya. The goal: to cripple Japan's war industry. The B-29s succeeded. While most remember only the *Enola Gay* and *Bock's Car*, the 509th Bomb Group B-29s which dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the 279 B-29 Superfortress aircraft participating in this March 1945 campaign did much to bring the war with Japan to its end.

Sources:

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CAF JAYHAWK STAFF MEETING MINUTES, 3 March 2008

Due to Col Roberts' absence, no minutes were recorded for this meeting. Please contact a member of the staff with any questions you have.



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