



JAYHAWK SQUAWK



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For information on the December 1, 2008 staff meeting minutes, please contact Colonel Phyllis Sears.

The Hangar Movie has been suspended until April 2009.

**CAF Jayhawk Christmas Party
December 9, 2008
6:30 p.m.
Savute's**

Death of A Newsletter ????

As those of you who read Bev's November column know, I am stepping down as newsletter editor as of this month. According to Colonel Phyllis, no one has volunteered to take up the mouse and publish the CAF Jayhawk newsletter for 2009. You don't need to be Arthur Miller to publish the newsletter; you just need to have good computer skills and a sharp eye.

Don't let the newsletter become a thing of the past! Contact Colonel Phyllis today to volunteer to take up this important communication avenue.

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

THE COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE IS A HERITAGE ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION 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

I hope our members had a great Thanksgiving and are hard at work supporting the national economy! I keep reading the New York Times expecting them to tell me "all is ok." They are not doing it. All we can do is keep on doing the best we can. (Does anyone know the gentleman who won the 12.2 million dollar lottery in north Wichita?)

First of all, the Christmas Party is next Tuesday – I do hope you can attend. Bev will have the details in her column. I know we have some crud going around (I have it) so take all those vitamins and stay warm. I hope you can make the party and bring that covered dish with something wonderful in it. We will have some awards to give also.

For those who have not seen Herb's email, the Wing has cancelled the Movie night for December through March 2009. It is just too cold and the attendance has been down. We will see what the spring brings. We are looking for some good movies to put on the list. Please send me any movie suggestions.

We are having our annual planning session on January 24. Be sure to plan to attend this and put in your two cents worth. We need to have everyone involved in this. This is your Wing and your input is important.

I do want to let everyone know that the Wing has lost two members in the last week. Rex Crewse, Springfield MO, died on November 29, 2008. Rex has been a long time member of the Jayhawks; he just never lived very close. He moved from Missouri to Oklahoma back to Missouri but managed to avoid Kansas. Rex was instrumental in providing the paint for Camp Perry and our new hangar. I remember him scraping the paint off Camp Perry and painting it. He kept complaining about the heat!

One of the few, no maybe the only time, I ever saw Rex speechless was on a trip back from an airshow in Maryland. Rex, Rick DeGeer and his son, me and Mumbles (can't remember his real name!) rode with Joe Cowan to the Maryland show and on the way back Joe thought we would land in Ohio for lunch. Seemed a little strange to me but then Joe was the pilot. We were met by General Paul Tibbets and he took us to lunch! Rick had a college class that required an interview with a World War II veteran and Joe thought Paul would make the perfect interviewee. We had a wonderful lunch and listened to Paul tell his stories. Rex and I had our mouths hanging open just listening! As anyone who knew Rex is aware, Rex had his own million stories and to have him listening rather than talking was a rare thing. I have known Rex and Loretta for more years than either Loretta or I will admit to and there is not a finer gentleman and staunch advocate of aviation and the CAF than Rex. He will be greatly missed!

Connie Roth, wife of Col Joe Roth, passed away this week. She was found Monday but it is believed that she passed away over the weekend. Her services will be held this Saturday, Dec 6 with a Rosary at noon and Mass at 12:30 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Connie was a member of the Wing for a few years. Whether a member or volunteer, she was in the thick of things. She was always willing to help the Wing in anyway she could. I always looked forward to our food events because I knew Connie would bring wonderful food. She was a great cook! Connie was a good friend and will be missed.

Now please everyone take care of yourselves – no more of this!

Upcoming Events

Col. Bev Brady, PIO

The holidays have arrived under a shroud of sadness as we mourn the passing of two dear friends, Rex Crewse and Connie Roth. The Jayhawk Wing Christmas party will go on as scheduled on Tuesday, December 9 at Savute's beginning at 6:30. At times like this, it is good for us to gather together to offer comfort and draw strength from each other.

Just a reminder: Wing members are asked to bring food for the covered dish dinner at 7:30 p.m. Please plan to attend with your spouses or significant other; your friends and family are also welcome.

Remember, the Christmas party is held in lieu of the December General Meeting, and the newly elected officers will be announced.

Saturday, January 24 is the date for the Jayhawk Wing's annual event planning session. Please note the location: Watermark Books & Café, 4710 E. Douglas (SW corner of Douglas and Oliver) in the lower level in the "Starry Night" room.

We have chosen to meet away from the hangar to eliminate the necessity of heating the hangar and incurring the cost to do so. Please arrive by no later than **9:30 a.m.** so we can start the meeting promptly as we have a lot of ground to cover including getting started on **Salute to Valor 2009**. Watermark is not charging us for the use of the room (let's remember to say thanks!!!). We'll have Watermark provide some coffee and pastries and will ask for a small donation from those who partake. They have a fabulous menu, and you may even want to plan to stay and have lunch following the meeting!

The annual planning session is an important meeting, so please plan to attend and bring your good ideas with you! We'll try to move the meeting along, but plan to allow most of the morning.

Don't forget!! Salute to Valor 2009 will be held March 14, 2009 at the Wichita Airport Hilton.

Roger hopes his box barricade will protect him from the PT.



Iva & Barb are hard at work.



At least we LOOK like we're hard at work ☺



They just keep counting, and counting, and counting.



Herb, I really do know how to count.



Don't even think about it, Earl.



Roger, Pat, & Phyllis are hard at work



So Earl shot Pam instead.



Pam, our bag lady, taking cans for cash



Pam being told where to go!



Pam, having got where she was told to go, gets the money for ALL of our cans - \$16.45!!!



Overseas Coupon Update: Thank you to all of you who've clipped coupons. We sent \$2,656.48 in coupons to Alconbury Air Base in England this quarter. Keep those coupons coming!

December 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:00 Staff Meeting	2	3 5:30 p.m. Flite Nite	4	5	6 8:00 Breakfast
7	8	9 6:30 Wing Christmas Party!!!!!!	10 5:30 p.m. Flite Nite	11	12	13 8:00 Breakfast
14	15	16	17 5:30 p.m. Flite Nite	18	19	20 8:00 Breakfast
21	22	23	24 5:30 p.m. Flite Nite	25	26	27 8:00 Breakfast
28	29	30	31 5:30 p.m. Flite Nite			

January 2009

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11	12 7:00 General Meeting	13	14 5:30 p.m. Flite Nite	15	16	17 8:00 Breakfast
18	19	20	21 5:30 p.m. Flite Nite	22	23	24 8:00 Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Yearly Planning Session**
25	26	27	28 5:30 p.m. Flite Nite	29	30	29

**Annual Planning Session is Saturday, January 24 at 9:30 a.m. at Watermark Books & Café, 4701 E. Douglas. See details in Col Bev Brady's Upcoming Events Column.



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