



MILE HIGH VIEW

NEWSLETTER OF THE MILE HIGH WING,
COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE (CAF)

Keep 'Em Flying!

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Holiday Spirit

By Col Stan Peterson, Wing Leader

The spirit lives on. Adversity, unfortunately, lives on as well, as we experienced with the loss of our C-60, *Mile High Honey*. Yet one rewarding and phenomenal result of the loss has been discovering the Mile High Wing members' marvelous attitude. They want to keep the public informed, and to educate the next generation about the sacrifices that have been made for the incredible freedoms we enjoy as United States citizens.

I've been overwhelmed by the mettle displayed by this group. At our last Wing meeting, a show of hands was taken to see if the members wanted to continue the operation after the loss of our aircraft. Surprisingly, and without hesitation, everyone's hand went up. Everyone indicated their willingness to forge ahead – in a spirit not unlike that displayed by the veterans that we all admire and honor for their bravery and tenacity.

The esprit de corps came to the forefront with enthusiasm and energy when our Fund Raising Officer, Mike Kalinowski, suggested that it might be a good idea to purchase a booth for the PX operation at Denver's Annual Holiday Food and Gift Festival.

Scott Lawrence accepted the challenge of ordering inventory on short notice and establishing a plan of action once we found we had enough volunteers to staff a booth. He also set up a work schedule and procured the booth at the event.

Dan King quickly volunteered his expertise as an exhibitor as well as providing us with more of his outstanding graphics and panels, which helped to make the overall PX presentation the best ever.

Thanks also to the volunteers that helped to staff the booth during those long hours: Gerry & Stan Hanson,

Quentin Huston, Chuck Kinney, Paul LaPrad, Jeff McCown, and Anne Peterson.

In one day at the Festival, we made enough money to cover our entry fee, sold over four hundred dog tags (the machine has now paid for itself), sold over four hundred little paratroopers (one dollar apiece), and numerous T-shirts and diecast models. The consensus is that we'll do it again.

In line with keeping the spirit alive, we've initiated a search for a replacement airplane. Presently we are considering not only what the CAF has up for adoption, but we are looking at other markets and options that will work for the Mile High Wing and the CAF as well.

Please remember our monthly meeting this Saturday at Front Range Airport. The general meeting will be at 10:00 hours; the staff will meet at 08:00 hours. The order of business will include nominations for new officers, so make sure you don't miss this one. →



Stan Peterson, Dan King, Chuck Kinney, and Scott Lawrence work to promote the Wing at Denver's Holiday Food and Gift Festival

Calendar of Events

Nov. 20, 2004 – Wing meeting: 10:00 a.m.,
Front Range Airport.

Dec. 18, 2004 – Wing meeting: 10:00 a.m.,
Front Range Airport. Guest speaker: Bruce
McAllister, author of *Wings Over Denali*. Bring
a small (\$5-\$10) gift for the Christmas party!



**A possible candidate for a new Wing aircraft ??
WWII Navy Light Personnel Transport (GH-3).
The search begins...**



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