

# Historic Aviation Memorial Museum



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## Museum Staff

Norm Walker——Interim Curator

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The Collings Foundation “Wings of Freedom” tour which was scheduled to arrive in Tyler on Friday, March 18, actually arrived on Saturday morning because of the weather. However, after the aircraft arrived, things then got very busy! Visitors in numbers and the crews began scheduling rides. The B-24 had a broken hinge on one of the bomb bay doors, so one of our members helped remove the door and carried it across the airport to our Restoration Center for repair.

The visit went very well. From morning until the evening visitors were enjoying our museum and admiring and flying on the vintage aircraft.

Our visitors came from all over. One couple visiting the weekend event were from Germany. We discovered last Sunday that the husband and booked and ridden on all of the aircraft (B-17, B-24, B-25, and the P-51). What an exciting day he must have had.

Another key event was the raffle for a free ride on the B-24.

Each adult person who purchased a ticket to the weekends events were issued a raffle ticket. The drawing wash held Sunday afternoon and the winner was Ravean Johnson. We called to notify him of his winning ticket; he said that he was on his way out of town and requested the ticket be given to his 9 year old brother-in-law, Clay Moore. Collings Foundation people agreed to the change and Clay flew on the last flight for the day. He was beaming when he departed the aircraft upon his return.

We all went home Sunday evening tired but with a feeling of accomplishment for the week-end activities.

### **EAA YOUNG EAGLE FLIGHTS**

On April 9 the local Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter pilots w/airplanes and support staff flew and drove in to HAMM to set up for young adults between the ages of 8 and 17 to have their first free ride in an airplane. Shortly after their arrival a bus loaded with 20 prospective Young Eagles arrived as did three addition young adults. By 1:00 pm all had been flown and issued Certificates of Flight. The EAA Young Eagle program is the only program of its kind, with the sole mission to introduce and inspire kids in the world of aviation.

### **RECOGNITION OF OUR MEMBERS**

#### **Marshall Ewing**

Marshall was born in Brownwood, TX, April 27, 1930. His family moved to Georgetown, TX. where he was raised and graduated from high school in 1947. He then attended Southwestern University in the fall of 1947 and spring of 1948. He joined the Navy in September 1948 and entered flight training in February 1950 ( NAVCAD).

He received his wing as a Naval Aviator in July 1951 and received orders for VF-871, a Oakland, CA. Rescue Squadron that had been called up for duty in early 1950 flying F4U-4 Corsair aircraft. In June 1952 his unit was deployed to the USS Essex (CV-9). While deployed off the coast of Korea, he flew 56 combat missions from August 1952 to January 1953. The USS Essex returned to the US in February 1953 and Marshall transitioned from Corsairs to F9F-2 Panther Jets.

The USS Essex again deployed to Korea in November 1953, which was essentially a training cruise as the war had ended in July 1953. He returned to the US in August 1954 and left the Navy.

Marshall then entered Texas Tech University where he met Barbara married on June 4, 1957. They had five children.

He graduated from Texas Tech in January 1959 and joined Sinclair Oil Company, which was later purchased by ARCO in 1969. He retired in 1988 and his wife Barbara passed away Feb 4, 2014.

Marshall is active volunteer at the First Presbyterian Church, ETMC (front desk volunteer), Salvation Army Christian toy program (over 25 years) and is a valued member of HAMM

## HANGAR REPORT

The restoration effort on the F9F Cougar is in its final stages. It is one beautiful airplane. We are still waiting on the UT Tyler staff to finalize their plans for installing the mounting structure so we can install the Cougar. We will keep everyone apprised on the Cougar unveiling.

The restoration crew is also working on our Mig-17 in preparation for putting it on display with our other display aircraft. Removing a fuel Blatter from the fuselage is part of the process for preparing the aircraft for display. However, the blatter removal has turned into a complicated problem as the attach mechanism is different from the other Migs in our hangar. Any suggestions would be appreciated.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Bruce Andrews**

**William “Don” Cramer**

**Steve Clark**

**Randy Ewers**

**Gordon M. Crampton**

**Brad Krajicek           Renewal**

**Chester R. Mayo       Renewal**

## IN MEMORY

**Vince Arvin** - Vince, husband to Linda Arvin passed away on April 21,2016. Although Vince was not a member of HAMM, Linda has long been a valued member of the HAMM team.

## BRICK BY BRICK

Become a part of the Historic Aviation Memorial Museum’s Memory Courtyard, which is located at the old North Terminal, Tyler Pounds Regional Airport. With your donation, a brick will be engraved with your personalized dedication, installed in the courtyard and serve as a lasting legacy for your family and friends. Recent additions to our Memory Courtyard include:

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The museum is currently seeking **volunteers** to fill a variety of positions, including **Docents, Gift Shop/Greeters, Library/Administrative Assistants**, and **volunteers** for our **Restoration Facility** to assist with **aircraft Restoration**. The museum also needs **volunteers** to prepare **Grant requests**. Your help would be greatly appreciated: additionally, you may be surprised at how much you will enjoy meeting and talking with our visitors.

