

# Historic Aviation Memorial Museum



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## Museum Staff



## AVIATION 101

From Jun 28 – July 2, HAMM members successfully conducted another Aviation Camp with 15 young adults, age 12-15, in attendance. Camp activities included classroom instruction on aerodynamics, airplane components, aviation weather/cloud types, charts and airfields, and aviation terminology. We made field trips to the airport terminal and were briefed by a TSA official and the airport manager. We also visited the fire station, an FBO, and the Control Tower. ETMC landed one of its Air One medical evacuation helicopters on our ramp, and the youngsters were able to examine the equipment and talk with the crew members. The Tyler Modelers Club brought a number of their radio-controlled models for display and demonstration flights. HAMM member, Alan Roberts, conducted a comprehensive preflight inspection of his aircraft while briefing the campers on flight-planning elements of flying. The museum provided Rubber-band-powered and unpowered gliders, which the campers enjoyed flying. The local Civil Air Patrol Squadron Cadet Representative briefed the class on the CAP Cadet Program, which included aerospace education, summer and winter encampments, field-training exercises, orientation flights in the CAP airplane, and many other cadet activities. All Campers were provided an orientation flight by HAMM President Lou Thomas using his personal plane.



## **HANGAR REPORT**

The F9F-8 Cougar restoration has been successfully completed. The restoration team led by John Conaway did an outstanding job taking an airplane that by all standards was a pile of junk and meticulously repairing all damaged components and reassembling the aircraft to make it appear that it's being prepared for flight. Then, John Mustard and his paint crew stepped up and began painting. Again, our restoration team's finished product speaks for itself. HAMM is very fortunate to have this team of dedicated professional volunteers working in our Restoration Facility.

## **RECOGNITION OF OUR MEMBERS**

### **JERRY JORDAN**

Jerry Louis Jordan was born in Orange (Orange County) TX, on June 30, 1945, during the closing days of World War II. After completing elementary school, Jerry and his mother moved to a cotton farm, just south of Greenville, where he attended Greenville Junior and Senior High School, from which he graduated in May 1963.

On October 17, 1963, Jerry enlisted in the U. S. Air Force and completed basic training at San Antonio's Lackland Air Force Base. Several days before he completed training, President John Kennedy was shot in Dallas. Jerry was then sent to Amarillo Air Force Base, TX to train as a jet fighter aircraft mechanic, a course which lasted until mid-March 1964.

Jerry's first assignment was Homestead A.F. Base, south of Miami, FL, home to the 31<sup>st</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing, (four squadrons of F-100 Super Sabre jet fighters – normally 18 planes per squadron). After several months of on-the-job training, and completion of an extensive Air Force correspondence course on F-100 aircraft, Jerry was awarded the rating of Crew Chief.

Jerry's squadron was sent TDY to Izmir, Turkey for about seven months. After returning home, his squadron joined a new F-100 Tactical Fighter Wing, the 401<sup>st</sup> FTW, at Torrejon Air Base, Spain, where Jerry remained until his enlistment came to an end.

After his discharge, Jerry moved to Ft. Worth and joined General Dynamics (now Lockheed-Martin), where he

worked on the F-111. During this time, he met his future wife, Sandra Nelle Collins, and they were married on March 22, 1969; their son, Michael Shane, was born on April 11, 1971.

Having been laid-off by General Dynamics (along with 15,000 other employees), Jerry joined Western Weighing and Inspection Bureau, a railroad agency, in downtown Dallas but this position was short-lived due to the slow economy.

Jerry was then hired by the St. Louis Southwestern Railway (nickname: Cotton Belt) to work at their rail yard's operating office in Dallas. In this position, he worked with early computers sorting and processing shipments to various destinations and as a freight-damage claims inspector.

In 1980, Jerry accepted a transfer to Tyler, where the Cotton Belt's freight accounting office was located. After almost eight years, the railroad sold the building to Smith County and moved the entire department to San Francisco. Jerry elected to remain in Tyler, where he did private security work for two years. During this period, Jerry became acquainted with the Chief Deputy of the Smith County Sheriff's Department, who suggested that he apply; Jerry was then hired in February 1990. After eighteen years and two weeks with the Smith County Sheriff's Department, Jerry retired on February 29, 2008.

Being an aviation enthusiast, in 1982, Jerry joined and volunteered with the Confederate Air Force (Now the Commemorative Air Force), where he restored aircraft. He remained with the Tyler unit, now the Historic Aviation Memorial Museum, and is presently HAMM's Chief Docent.

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

James Yates	Family	John Schofield	Life
Joe Norton	Individual	Harold Maples	Individual
Donald Jones	Individual (Renewal)		

### **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

The last several months have been very busy for our museum staff. We successfully completed the Aviation Camp for 15 young adults, kicked off our effort for bringing an air-show (Rose City Rotor Fest) to Tyler on October 22, and are working to review our lease with the City of Tyler.

Of the three activities, the air-show is taking the most time. At the beginning, our planning team was very small, but now we have acquired a number of individuals with the requisite backgrounds to ensure the event is a success. I will be sending out up-dates on the planning as we get closer to the event.

### **IN MEMORY 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.

### **GUEST SPEAKER FOR AUGUST 27 GENERAL MEETING**

Colonel James E. (Jim) Ray has volunteered to return as our guest speaker for our August meeting. Following a 27-year career in the US Air Force, and an additional nine years with the Texas A&M Foundation, Col. Ray

lives near Brownsboro. He is married with three children and seven grandchildren. During the Vietnam War, while flying an F-105, his plane was severely damaged by AAA and he was forced to eject. Upon landing, he was taken prisoner and remained in captivity for almost seven years.

### **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.

### **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

AUG 24	Board of Directors Meeting	4:00 pm
AUG 27	General Membership Meeting	10:00 am
SEP 21	Board of Directors Meeting	4:00 pm
SEP24	General Membership Meeting	10:00 am
OCT 1	L-19 Birddog Fly-in	11:00 am
OCT 19	Board of Directors Meeting	4:00 pm
OCT 21	Rose City Rotor Fest	12:00 – 4:00 pm
OCT 22	Rose City Rotor Fest	9:00 – 3:00 pm

### **LUNCHEON FOR 27 AUGUST MEETING**

Bar BQ Burgers	Chips	Fruit	Ice Cream	Tea
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### **LUNCHEON FOR 24 SEPTEMBER MEETING**

Frito Pie or Chili Dogs	Fruit	Cupcakes	Tea
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