

# Historic Aviation Memorial Museum



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- Lou Thomas, Pres—2016\*
- Joe Jones, Treasurer—2016\*
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- Court Hazelton—2015\*
- Dick Gilmore—2015\*
- Karon Gilmore—Secretary  
(non-voting board member)

\*Term Expiration Year

### Museum Staff

Norm Walker—Interim Curator

Karon Gilmore —Finance Mgr.

David Verver—Gift Shop Mgr.



## WINGS OF FREEDOM TOUR RETURNING TO TYLER

Once again on Friday, March 13th the skies over Tyler will be full of WWII bombers as the Collings Foundation's P-51 Mustang, B-17 Flying Fortress, & B-24 Liberator will arrive at Tyler Pounds Regional Airport about 2:00 p.m. Also joining the WWII bombers will be the Collings Foundation's Huey Helicopter. They will be on static display on both Saturday and Sunday, March 14 & 15, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. each day. The admission fee to tour the museum and the WWII bombers will be \$12 per adult and \$6 for children 12 years and under. Take to the skies in an ultimate flight experience aboard the bombers, or get some "stick time" in the world's only full dual control P-51C Mustang. 30 minute bomber flights are \$450 per person. P-51 flight training is \$2200 for a half hour and \$3200 for full hour. Experience rides on the Huey Helicopter for \$80 in the back or \$100 in front seat all day. To book advance reservation call the Collings Foundation at 800-568-8924 or come out to the Historic Aviation Memorial Museum. HAMM members may volunteer to assist with the weekend activities by calling (903) 526-1945 and submit your name.

Dear HAMM Members,

It has been a privilege and pleasure to serve as your president for the past 5 years. I had a wonderful teacher and mentor, Mr. Ben Ferrell, who taught me how to look at situations and try to be unbiased and fair. Being a woman serving in a predominant male environment is not an easy task, but a challenging one. The Historic Aviation Memorial Museum has gone through many changes since we relocated to the old north terminal building on July 5, 2007. I have had the pleasure of working with 8 other board members and several staff members over several years who have paved the way in creating a first class museum. In addition, this membership is an extraordinary group of people that have a passion for aviation and support for our legacy. We still have a ways to go to accomplish many future needs for HAMM. I will continue to serve on the board of directors and support your new incoming president, Lou Thomas. New ideas and changes will continue to make this museum a must see into the future. I have enjoyed every volunteer hour, whether it be day or night, plotting ways to make our museum successful and viable. I will now take a step back in the decision making process to allow Lou Thomas to move forward with his ideas, and will be here to answer his questions should they arise. Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart for the privilege of allowing me to grow with you.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Verver



### President's Corner

Following a very busy and successful five years as HAMM's president, Carolyn Verver recently stepped down and I was elected by the Board to assume her duties. Although I have a number of ideas for increasing the museum's viability and visibility, I am very interested in your ideas for making HAMM even more vibrant and connected to the future..

During the past year, I have had the opportunity to visit several aviation museums, many of which were larger, had more artifacts and planes on display. Despite its size, HAMM ranks in my mind as one of the finest aviation museums in the country - even though Tyler is not a major metropolitan city.

In order to maintain and grow HAMM, we desperately need your support. Our volunteers have dwindled to the point that if two or more Docents retire, the museum will be forced to close for an additional day each week - an action that would seriously affect HAMM's ability to function. Additionally, the volunteers, who work in the hangar restoring and maintaining our aircraft, are also extremely short-staffed. As you can see, we are desperately in need of additional volunteers in every area of the museum.

During the past several years, the decline in the number of members who attend our monthly meetings has been noticeable. Each month, we feature a guest speaker, most of whom have been outstanding. At our next meeting on 28 February, Colonel David Pierson, USAF/RETIRED, will speak about the Constitution of the United States, a topic which should prompt a lot of interesting questions and comments. Another feature of the monthly meeting is that an inexpensive luncheon is served. We not only hope to see you there - we also hope that you will bring a guest as well. Lou Thomas, [lcthom@juno.com](mailto:lcthom@juno.com)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 25	Board of Directors Meeting (Date Change per Lou Thomas)	3:00 p.m.
February 28	General Meeting Col. David Pierson USAF/Retired speaking on US Constitution	10:00 a.m.
March 2	Docent Meeting	10:00 a.m.
March 13, 14, 15	Collings Foundation Wings of Freedom Tour (Approximate ETA 2:00 p.m. March 13)	
March 18	Board of Directors Meeting	3:00 p.m.
March 28	General Meeting	10:00 a.m.
April 6	Docent Meeting	10:00 a.m.
April 15	Board of Directors Meeting	3:00 p.m.
April 25	General Meeting	10:00 a.m.

**“VOLUNTEERS NEEDED”**

**DOCENTS, GIFT SHOP, AIRCRAFT RESTORATION**

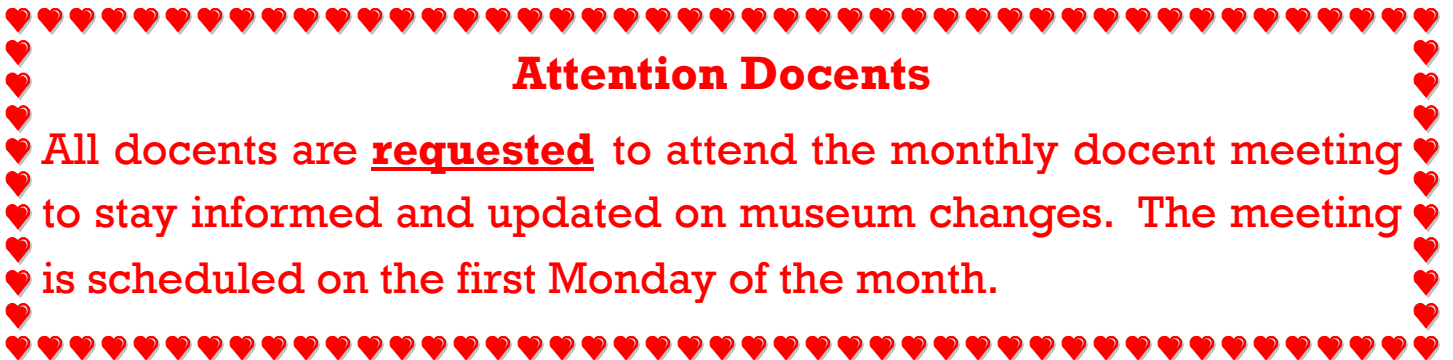
**Docents—Learn about the many historical items and planes we have at HAMM and share that history with our visitors. Come be a tour guide. Contact Jerry Jordan 903-360-3511**

**Gift Shop—Greet the visitors at the front desk and man the gift shop. Days available are Tue, Fri, & Sat. Contact David Verver 903-316-6658**

**Aircraft Restoration—Help needed at the hangar for restoring HAMM’s planes and keeping them in good shape for static display. Contact Chip Williams 210-669-7544**

**Attention Docents**

**All docents are requested to attend the monthly docent meeting to stay informed and updated on museum changes. The meeting is scheduled on the first Monday of the month.**



# “YOUR DUES ARE NOW PAST DUE”

Join the museum for lunch after the general meeting on February 28, 2015 for home cooked gumbo. **\$5 donation** Bring your family and friends for the meeting and enjoy socializing afterwards. Dessert and drink included.



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