

Historic Aviation Memorial Museum



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ROSE CITY ROTOR FEST

After many months in the planning, the RCRF finally arrived in Tyler on October 21-22. The event was sponsored by HAMM, Tyler Chamber of Commerce, and the city of Tyler with the support of the Brannon Corporation. The theme of the event was “American Heroes” and “First Responders” and was designed to educate students, the public, media, and elected officials about rotary-wing aviation’s diverse capabilities in National Defense, Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Fire Service, Communications, Search & Rescue and as well as Tyler Police and Fire Department tactical and tanker vehicles. Military, Customs and Border Protection, Texas Department of Public Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Emergency Medical Service and civilian helicopters were on display and the pilots were available to meet with the public and talk about their missions.

The American Veteran Traveling tribute (AVTT) 360 foot, 80% replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall with all 58,000 names engraved was on display. The “Liberty Jump Team” from Dallas performed two military-style parachute jumps during the day. Law Enforcement and Emergency Management organizations provided demonstrations of state-of-the-art tactical equipment, communications capabilities, medical technology and other unique equipment.

Opening ceremonies began at 11:00 am with a welcome by Master of Ceremonies, John Moore. He asked all to stand for the Invocation/Prayer by Doug Hanning of the Chaplain’s Corps, followed by Posting of the Colors by Tyler’s Police Department Honor Guard. Sheriff Larry Smith led us in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the National Anthem sung by the Men in Harmony.

Lou Thomas then welcomed all visitors to the Rotor Fest and then paid special tribute to the Tuskegee Airman and the Civil Air Patrol on their 75th birthday. Both organizations have posted outstanding records as “American Heroes” and “First Responders.”

A “Salute to the Fallen” was made by:

Tyler Mayor Martin Heines,

Tyler Chamber President Claud Henry,

Tyler police Chief, Jimmy Toler,

Smith County Sheriff Larry Smith,

Tyler Fire Chief David Coble,

DPS Trooper, Jean Dark,

ETMC Emergency Medical Services Manager Neal Franklin,

and Texas Army National Guard Master Sergeant Miguel Fabbiani.

Throughout the day, all were entertained by Men in Harmony and the TJC Jazz Band. There was plenty of food and water available and everyone seemed to enjoy the activity.

A R-44 was available for visitors to purchase rides. Our visitors must have enjoyed riding in the R-44 as the pilot made 19 flights with three passengers on each one.







CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

DEC 14

HAMM Christmas Dinner

6:00 - 9:00 pm

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