

Historic Aviation Memorial Museum



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Museum Staff

Norm Walker——Interim Curator

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AVIATION 101

From 21-25 July, HAMM volunteers conducted another successful Aviation Camp with 13 youngsters (12-15 years of age) participating. All attendees this year were male: one lad was attending for his second time, and another for his third time.

Camp activities included both classroom instruction time and group visits to the airport terminal and TSA areas, the fire station, both FBOs and the Control Tower. During the tour conducted by the American Eagle Manager at the terminal, the lads were allowed to go aboard an Envoy airplane, which was on the ground at the time. Additionally, ETMC sent its Air One medical evacuation helicopter over to our ramp, where 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 over for briefings and demonstration flights. HAMM member, Alan Roberts, conducted a comprehensive preflight inspection of his aircraft while briefing the youngsters on flight planning elements. The museum provided

Rubber-band powered and unpowered gliders, which the campers enjoyed flying. The local Civil Air Patrol Squadron sent a cadet representative, who briefed the class on the CAP cadet program, which includes aerospace education, summer and winter encampments, field training exercises, orientation flights in the CAP airplane, and many other cadet activities. On the last day of camp, HAMM President Lou Thomas provided the lads with orientation flights in the local area using his personal plane. There's already a waiting list for next year's camp, and several of this year's attendees have declared their intention to return.

HANGAR REPORT

We are happy to report that the T-2C Buckeye restoration has been completed and the airplane is back on the ramp for display. The restoration team of John Mustard, Bob Strong, and Jim Alexander did an outstanding job of preparing, painting, and installing the decals on the plane - it now looks like a new aircraft straight off the production line.



WILBUR DIXON

On July 13th, HAMM and the Tyler Civil Air Patrol Squadron jointly hosted a farewell reception for Wilbur and Pauline Dixon. The Dixons, who resided in Tyler for a number of years, recently relocated to Albuquerque, New Mexico to be closer to family members.

Wilbur, an active member of HAMM, volunteered as a Docent and also served with the CAP in various capacities. He brought with him a vast knowledge of aviation, both as a pilot and, more importantly, as a Tuskegee Airman. Wilbur and Pauline will be greatly missed by the museum and community.

MARSHALL EWING

Marshall, one of our long-time members, currently serves as a volunteer Docent and recently participated in a Hero's Flight to Washington, D.C., that was sponsored by Brookshire Grocery

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close air support, railroad & dam bombing and spotting for the USS Missouri off the Korean Coast.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Dave and Marti Berry purchased a family membership. Dave has already begun work supporting our restoration activities at the hangar.

Micky Smith purchased an individual membership: as soon as he has unpacked from his recent move to the Tyler area, Micky may volunteer with the museum.

Larry and Shirley Hendrickson purchased a family membership. Larry intends to volunteer as a Docent, and Shirley also plans to volunteer her services.

IN MEMORY

Katherine “Kathy” Parsley - wife of Dwight Parsley.

Oliver “Red” Allen - Oliver joined the Army Air Corp in 1941 and arrived in the Philippines in October 1941. He was captured and participated in the infamous Bataan Death March. Having survived his imprisonment, Oliver returned home and had a successful life. He also wrote a book about his experience, “Abandoned on Bataan.”

Lt Col Leo Berman - Retired decorated Army Officer, Leo was elected and served 14 years in the Texas House of Representatives representing Smith County.

Lt Col James Brettell - Retired decorated Army Combat Officer, who commanded a frontline combat unit in the historic Battle of Pork Chop Hill in Korea.

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.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPT 16	Board of Directors Meeting	4:00 pm
SEPT 26	General Meeting	10:00 am
OCT 05	Docent Meeting	10:00 am
OCT 21	Board of Directors Meeting	4:00 pm
OCT 24	General Meeting	10:00 am
NOV 02	Docent Meeting	10:00 am
NOV 18	Board of Directors Meeting	4:00 pm
NOV 21	General Meeting	10:00 am

GUEST SPEAKER FOR SEPTEMBER 26, 2015 Meeting

Colonel James E. (Jim) Ray has volunteered to be our guest speaker for our general membership meeting. Following a 27-year career in the US Air Force, and an additional nine years with the Texas A&M Foundation, Col. Ray resides near Brownsboro. He is married with three children and seven grandchildren. During the Vietnam War while flying a 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.

LUNCHEON AFTER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Chicken, Potato Salad, Watermelon, Pie w/Whipped Cream, Iced Tea, Water

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The museum is desperately 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**.

Another **crisis** in the museum is a lack of volunteers to prepare **GRANT** requests. Over the past few years, the number of grants to help fund the museum have dropped off dramatically. Consequently, the museum is unable to fund much-needed expansion to display additional aircraft and artifact donations that must be protected from the elements.

Your help would be greatly appreciated: additionally, you will be surprised at how much you will enjoy meeting and talking with our visitors.

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