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**MARCH 2018**



**IT'S TIME TO PARTY!!!  
 MISSOURI WING  
 Spring Banquet**

Where will you be on **Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018**? If you're smart, hungry, and ready for an enjoyable evening, you'll be at **Lombardo's Restaurant** (10488 Natural Bridge Road, south of the Airport, across I-70, next to the Drury Inn). Our current plans are to have a Happy Hour (Cash Bar) starting at 5 pm, dinner at 6 pm and a general meeting (very short) at 7 pm. Tickets will be \$25 per person. Here's the menu:

Top Round of Roast Beef	Lombardo's House Salad
Chicken Parmigiano	Bread & Butter
Anna Potatoes	Ice Cream or Sherbet
Green Beans	Coffee & Tea

**Cash Bar beginning at 5:00pm  
 Dinner at 6:00pm  
 Short meeting at 7:00pm**

Purchase your tickets in advance from Steve Gossett at the Wing. Or, you can mail a check with a stamped, self-addressed envelope and he will mail your tickets back.

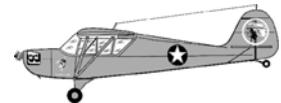
**Col. Steve Gossett  
 Ref: Spring Banquet  
 4 Limerick Lane  
 O'Fallon, MO 63366**

**PLEASE Purchase Your Tickets No Later Than Saturday, April 7th** – so Steve doesn't have to spend the evening waiting by the door. Thank You.

*CAF Col Pat Kesler*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- March 10** General Meeting 11:00 a.m.
- April 14** Spring Banquet - Lombardo's Restaurant (see above)
- May 12** General Meeting 11:00 a.m.
- May 12-13** Bluegrass Honor Flight Tour, Kentucky, B-25
- May 20** Canton Flyin, Canton, Illinois B-25, TBM, L3
- May 25-28** Wings Over St. Louis B-25, TBM, L3
- June 9** General Meeting 11:00 a.m.
- July 14** General Meeting 11:00 a.m.
- August 11** General Meeting 11:00 a.m.
- Aug. 17-19** Terre Haute, IN B-25, TBM, L3
- Aug. 25-26** Fly Iowa, Ottumwa, IA B-25, TBM, L3
- Sept. 8** General Meeting 11:00 a.m.
- Sept. 15** Hangar Dance
- Sept. 21-22** Camdenton, MO B-25
- Sept. 28-30** Olathe, KS B-25, TBM
- Oct. 5-6** Louisville, KY B-25, TBM, L3
- Oct. 11** QB Event Olathe, KS B-25, TBM
- Oct. 13** General Meeting 11:00 a.m.
- Oct. 13-14** St. Louis Spirit B-25, TBM, L3
- Oct. 27** Pumpkin Drop



**B-25 Oil Coolers  
 Replacement In Progress**



Aircraft Mechanics Matt and Dan hard at work.

**2018 WEDDING  
 RECEPTIONS**

- April 28 Denker
- May 19 Wilson
- June 16 Gilkey
- Sept. 22 Williams
- Oct. 13 Hoing
- Oct. 20 Steinhoff
- Nov. 3 Claremont



## 2018 AND BEYOND

It's March of 2018. How it is already March? I have no idea. I honestly feel like the pumpkin drop was just a month or so back but in fact it was 4 months ago. During these winter months there are not as many "Headline" stories that we get to share via our newsletter and it gets a little quiet. However, in no way does that mean things have slowed down. I wish that all of you that read this would come out more during these non-airshow months. I know it is more exciting when the airplanes are running/flying but there is so much that we could use help with.

Over the winter months extensive work is done on each aircraft. The TBM crew were able to get through their annual as well as service some secondary items in more of a preservation move than a repair move. The L3 went through its annual and tackled the radio and a few other points. The B-25 is still in annual but has replaced the gunner seats with authentic seats, replaced the canvas around the 50 cal and continue to work on more enhancements. Yes you have to be mechanically inclined for most of these tasks but it is still so very interesting to be there and witness the work the guys put into these airplanes.

In addition the time, energy and effort that has been going on in the Museum Gallery has been staggering. (More on that later in this issue.)

Then there are the projects waiting to get started. Col Pat Kesler will be tackling the hall area where the plans are to re-do the memorial wall, add a communication center, a tribute to the previous Unit Leaders, as well as a few other surprises. With the passing of Col Bob Moore and the gift of his staff car by his family we need to start servicing that so that we can get it through a parade without over heating. Obviously this calls for someone that knows how to work on these. Coming up Col Tacchi will be transitioning from the Gallery Case building to more development on the exterior "South Pacific Airfield". On this there will be some need for muscle as we are going to add a lot of sandbags. Then there is always the admin side of things.... So very much to do to preserve our organization and those are just the tip of the iceberg.

While we will hit on this later, remember the more we do for the Wing, the more fun we can have!

CAF Col. Bob Lawrence

Unit Leader

## Fundraising, Fundraising, Fundraising

Can I first say this is the largest and most difficult responsibility for any CAF Unit. While we do particularly well with raising revenue through multiple sources, if it were not for the work Col Tee Baur and our Unit Staff did at that time, we might of been another struggling Unit. Today we still add when we can to the Maintenance Endowment and we have also been fortunate enough to have a secondary unrestricted endowment that we have been stashing funds into. However, a Unit that takes their eye off of the Fundraising ball is doomed. Adjutant Col Bruce Arndt and I are going to be moving forward in this area. Currently we are heading to Wing Staff Conference in Dallas where Col Arndt will be spending a fair amount of time on Development/Fundraising. As you know this is nothing that we can rush, so the ground work has to be done correctly and we are building this to be a long term plan. This will be a focused, controlled and coordinated effort. We will look for philanthropists, foundations and grants. If you have any experience please let us know. Experience at this stage means: Have you done this? Do you know someone we can talk to that has? Do you have a lead?

This is a 2018 focus and more details will follow...

## Advertising, When, Where, Why and How

Obviously the "Why" is because we need more attention, we need to be known. Being known ensures interest which can reward us with members and supporters. The "Where" is also fairly simple, Facebook, local publications and posting of flyers here and there.

The "When" is where the calculated decisions are made. We have some real opportunities for this in 2018. We have the 2nd Annual Wings over St. Louis, The Missouri Airpower Campus Grand Opening, The Annual Hangar Dance and The Annual Pumpkin Drop. There is a strategy to follow as well as a required budget. The plan is to begin working through all of this here in the coming month as Wings Over St. Louis is closing in fast.

"How"? We need people with these skill sets. I am looking forward to working with new member Col Tricia Fischer-Sauget and any member that has done this type of work. Also if you are in the Unit and have graphic design skills that I have not learned of, please let me know.

I feel that I am a little behind on this and I must also add we cannot do any of these events without member support. If you have been on the fringe and not sure how you can contribute there is no need for you to worry. We have jobs!

## Did you know???

Col Charlie Finnegan is our New Membership Coordinator. While he officially started taking over last year in 2017 we are not sure that you got the word. This is such an important position so Thank him when you see him around the Campus.

Bob Lawrence

St. Patrick's  
Day



## AIRSHOWS ARE COMING!!!

It's that time of the year and I always reprint this important article for all of the newer members and those older, experienced members, like me, that need their memory re-booted and refreshed. *This article might look a little long – but it is **extremely important**. So, please, sit down, relax, have another cup of coffee (or tea or whatever) and absorb as much as possible... you might want to save this article and review it prior to your first event.*

The 2018 Airshow schedule is being formulated as you read this. The shows are listed on the front page of this newsletter and new ones will be added as they are confirmed. Because the COMPASS only comes out once a month, we will be listing the shows on our website. The Airshow Coordinator (Col. Matt Conrad), Operations Officer, and Wing Leader will be responsible for keeping this show schedule current.

Airshows not only help us pay our bills but also provide us the ability to share our aircraft, mission, and expertise with the outside world. They help us keep the memories of that great generation alive and provide a visual, audio, and physical display of history. Each show will allow Wing members the opportunity to travel to and from the event on the participating aircraft or PX Truck. These members are designated "Additional Crewmembers" in so much as they complement the Pilot(s) in performing actual crew duties.

While at the show, participants are normally provided hotel/motel accommodations, meals, and lots of camaraderie. The PIC (Pilot In Command) of each aircraft is in charge and responsible for assigning duties and coordinating support of aircraft activities. Any current Missouri Wing member is offered this great opportunity and encouraged to participate as long as he/she is current on Wing **and** National CAF dues. Remember, all additional crewmembers must have participated in one of the

B-25, TBM, or L-3 Aircrew Safety Training sessions. The participant must also be physically able to enter and exit the individual aircraft on his/her own power and should expect to be active on the ground while at the show. Duties include aircraft post-flight cleaning/wipe-down, assembling/disassembling the viewing stand (if used at that event), helping with aircraft fuel/oil servicing and manning the aircraft during the show. One should expect to answer general questions from the public while maintaining vigilance in providing a safe environment around the aircraft. Rest assured - you don't have to be an expert! There will be aircraft-specific flyers available, as well as experienced pilots and mechanics. You will learn a whole lot as the weekend progresses. We will insure there are "airshow-experienced" members in addition to the pilots on each trip to instruct and add guidance.

Scheduling aircrews and PX support will be done by the Operations Officer, Wing Leader and members of the Staff. Signup will be available via our [www.cafmo.org](http://www.cafmo.org) website. In some cases, where there are more volunteers than seats, aircrew assignments will be based on past shows already attended, personal desires (i.e. hometown or family members residing close to the airshow area), and other factors. We will attempt to be as fair as possible and include as many different members possible in support of these shows throughout the year. I would like to emphasize that active Wing participation is, of course, a factor in the selection process and might be a deciding element when a tough decision is being made. "Wing Participation" includes helping out at the hangars, sweeping floors, emptying trash, museum help and participating in any activity that betters our organization. We do realize that a lot of our members work full-time or have family commitments that prohibit weekly participation at the Wing, but also need to repay our hard-working members. Also, it's important to be able to help out in preparing the aircraft prior to the show. Bottom line is that there should be enough airshows available to get every interested member airborne. Also, remember that one of our primary sources of income while at the show is our great PX trailer. We definitely need support here and will guarantee you a good time selling t-shirts, hats, models, pins, and dog tags. While at the shows, we encourage all participants to share their time between aircraft and PX support/duties.

All crewmembers must wear a tan flight suit (with patches) and have a MO Wing polo-type shirt available to wear when the PIC deems it appropriate. Crew attire/dress is controlled by the PIC and pre-briefed prior to reporting to the hangar for departure. This aspect of crew responsibility varies with events and is very important because of the image we present while off station.

Participating in airshows is one of the more exciting and memorable activities offered by your membership in the Missouri Wing. It's always a fun time and will provide you with opportunities enjoyed by very few individuals. However, it is also an activity whose level of success is directly proportional to the amount of energy and dedication expended. You will have a great time, but you will also work for those great memories, excitement, and feeling of accomplishment. Get ready, get excited, spend some time at the Wing helping out, and let's all look forward to another great flying season.

CAF Col. Pat Kesler



## ENDOWMENT FUND AS OF 12/31/2017

Due to another terrific year in the stock market and additional donations from one of our members, Tee Baur, our endowment fund had an increase of \$99, 863 - -an increase of almost 24% over last year's ending balance.

The fund balance as of 12/31/17 is \$523,025. The Wing is very lucky to have such a strong financial position.

CAF Col. Steve Gossett, Finance Officer

## GALLERY REHAB

In the last month things have really begun to change in the Gallery. The new paint scheme is on the walls, cases are being built and the inaugural theme is coming together. As you are all well aware this project is designed to bring in more visitors to our Campus and tell a story of remembrance.

When we began the rework Col Bob Kalal had his interior designer daughter come in and she gave us two options, a dark blue/light blue and a dark tan/light tan. After a fair amount of debate, opinions and internal struggles we consulted Col Keegan Chetwynd, HQ Museum Curator, and with his degree in Museum Studies he directed us to the tan scheme being a better neutral range to work with. At this point I need to Thank all of those who helped get the tan on the walls. Cols. Mike "Picasso" Marino, Joe Vera Martinez, Sandra Miller, Steve Baldwin. If I missed anyone I do apologize.

In addition the revamp of the display cases are well underway. The design is simple and and reflective of the time and theme. The thing to remember is that the Gallery is going to be the entry point to the Missouri Wing Airpower Museum Campus. It will be thinned out, with only about a third of the cases - a greater focus on fewer artifacts so that a direct narrative of the story is told. In designing the cases this was the direction that was chosen. We had an idea of fresh made cases similar what we had seen back when HQ was still in Midland, TX, but Col Tacchi had an idea of how to cover and use our existing. Not only was this a great idea it saved significant money. Again a huge thank you to those involved: Cols. Lou Tacchi, Jim Lammert, Mark Statler, Charlie Finnegan and again if I missed anyone, I am sorry.

If you have not gone into the Gallery in sometime, check out the new LED lighting. Overheads and track lighting on every wall gives us a bright clean light making viewing the items a better experience. Thank You again to Col Tim Mohr for all of his hard work on the acquiring and installing.

Finally the theme... The launch of the new gallery will be somewhere around May 1st with an Advertised Grand Opening of July 1 running through Dec. 31. You may have heard ideas dropped of what our first theme might be. We have talked about the Home Front, the South Pacific, European Theatre... So many options. However we neglected to notice something in those early conversations, a natural place to start. We are currently living through the 75th Anniversary of every single day of WWII. This gives us a natural narrative for the next few years. With this we are going to take our visitors through the summer, fall and winter of 1943, while specifics are still being formulated. If you think of that year there were many things happening, so our options are really good. Obviously more details are to follow.

I hope that this gives you all a great understanding of where we are and what our next steps are going to be. There is still much to do on the Cataloging project and we do need a couple more very detailed people to assist. One more thing to remember. Col Jack Seeman has done a fantastic job with managing the previously called 'Museum'. The 'Gallery' has long been a collection of items that have been placed in our care. We have stored and shared them with anyone that we can. However we are now transitioning this from storing a collection to the preservation of this collection. Most of these items are 70+ years old now and we have to be better stewards. This is why we have begun to store things differently. Items are in plastic totes, clothing will be protected by tyvex to keep bugs and dust off and we are working to better preserve documents with protective archival sleeves. This is an investment in our future in three ways; 1st by ensuring that we the members have a campus we can be proud of, 2nd to preserve for future generations and tell these stories through actual artifacts and 3rd to attract attention from the general public which to be truthful has a monetary desire.

Each week brings us closer.

CAF Col. Gerry Spavale, Education Officer >  
CAF Col. Bob Lawrence, Wing Leader





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## STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

### Museum Redevelopment

Gallery Cataloging	<i>In Progress</i>
Gallery Refit	<i>Painting complete</i>
Exterior Layout	<i>In Progress</i>
Control Tower	<i>Ready to Begin</i>

### Missouri Wing Campus Enhancements

New Hangar	<i>Concrete Evaluation</i>
New Bathrooms	<i>County Budget Hold</i>
Wifi through Campus	<i>Installed in hangars</i>
PC Workstation B25	<i>Ready for install</i>

### Aircraft

B-25 Spare Engine	<i>In Process</i>
TBM Spare Engine	<i>Complete</i>
TBM Paint Job	<i>On Hold</i>



## 2018 WINTER WING WORK



### March Birthdays

Neal Mellon (1) • Shane Roden (5) • Bob Willhauck (6) • Frank Galbraith (6)  
Keith Daniel (13) • JP Mellor (15) • Laurence Cross (17) • Ed Michelsen (22)  
Bob Carmack (28) • Everett Feltham (31)



**Compass Deadline: Articles should be submitted by the 24th of the month.**