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JUNE 2017



UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 3** * Lake of the Ozarks, MO TBM
- June 10** General Meeting - 1:30 pm
- June 10-11** Scott AFB, IL B25, TBM, L3
- June 24-25** Jesse James Show - Excelsior Springs, MO B25, TBM, L3
- July 2-4** Six Flags Flyovers - Eureka, MO B25, TBM
- July 8** General Meeting - 1:30 pm
- August 12** General Meeting - 1:30 pm
- August 19** Sullivan, MO
- August 26-27** Flyin - Ottumwa, IA B25, TBM, L3, PX, LHFE
- Sept 9-10** Joplin, MO B25, TBM, L3
- Sept 9** General Meeting - 1:30 pm
- Sept 16** **HANGAR DANCE**
- Sept 22-23** Camdenton, MO B-25, L3
- Sept 30-31** Flyin - Beech River, TN B25
- Oct 7-8** * Wings Over Dallas, TX (* Tentative Events)
- Oct 13-15** Veterans Event - Louisville, KY B-25, TBM
- Oct 28** Pumpkin Drop, Smartt Field B25, TBM, L3



- Rental Events for 2017**
- July 22 – Stroew Wedding
 - Sept 30 – Westerfeld Wedding
 - Oct 08 – Saettle Wedding
 - Oct 14 – Blannie Wedding
 - Oct 22 – Lang Wedding

**Saturday
 June 10
 General
 Meeting
 1:30 pm**

WING LEADER'S REPORT



The Power of Events

Getting known in our communities is one of the Commemorative Air Forces biggest challenges. In recent years we have certainly begun to make positive strides in new areas of exposure. I thought I would take this month to share with you a recap of what we are doing.

Weddings and Corporate Events: As you know we are now on year three of the wedding receptions. These are all spreading through word of mouth as we have done no advertising. Currently I have weddings planned into 2018 and Corporate Events into 2019. These are all new people that had never heard of us and while they are loving the hangar it still gives us extra revenue and exposure. Thanks also needs to go to the St. Charles County Convention and Visitor Bureau for their promotional efforts. In their world we are an asset to the county therefore in their best interest to help promote us.

Missouri Wing Sponsored Events: After the success of the Memorial Day Wings Over St. Louis (WOS) event we now have three solid Missouri Wing Events. WOS will now be our spring St. Louis County event while the Pumpkin Drop will be our Fall St. Charles County event. These event's will give us the opportunity to cover the two most prominent counties in our region with very little overlay. In addition to those of course we have our Annual Hangar Dance which brings in yet another grouping of people. With that all said we now have three annual events; May, September and October. Each focusing on different people types from different areas. In the coming month we will be having our first Hangar Dance meeting in which I would like to share some ideas, tighten up on some of the new things we did last year and talk about advertising.

Museum: While not an event this ongoing project will allow us to do more custom events for the general public, school groups and let's be honest, for us as well. When the museum project is complete we will have a sounding board for special events that we can advertise and bring people out. With the 75th anniversaries among us we could do special events to commemorate the Battle of the Bulge, D-DAY, V-E Day, V-J day and so many others. The Museum Project will enable us the platform to add this programing.

Most have heard me state the following: You never know what the FAA will do in the future on flying these airplanes. What I want to do is make sure that we can be a sustainable business without aircraft revenue. So if that day comes we can keep our airplanes and still enjoy what we have all created. These "revenue buckets" will ensure that we can cover our facility and support costs.

To close, Thank you to all our membership in working on these projects and events. Whether directly participating or with general positive support we as a Unit will be around for years and years to come.

CAF Col. Bob Lawrence
Wing Leader



PERU & KANKAKEE SHOWS

When Matt posted the list of the events that he booked for us this year, it again made me appreciate all the time and effort that he takes to put a schedule like this together. Many other CAF Wings and Squadrons were undoubtedly busily trying to confirm their various shows as well, so the competition is quite intense. Each year several of our planned appearances stand out and this year was no exception. The Doolittle Raiders reunion was definitely at the top of my list, followed closely by the ambitious gathering of TBM's at Peru IL plus several other shows scheduled for later in the year.

As it sometime happens, some things go as planned and others hit a snag, called bad weather. The Doolittle Reunion went great and was a huge success. We were all busting with pride in being part of this historic event. On the other hand, as the TBM gathering date got closer, there was a lot of concern that bad weather might be a factor. Sure enough, a big portion of the event was rained out or weathered out. 3 ½ inches of rain pelted both the Peru and Kankakee areas and 500' ceilings with poor visibility hampered the efforts of many planes trying hard to reach each airport. Luckily, at Peru, about 7 of the TBM's successfully made it there on Thursday along with several other war birds. I'm told that a crowd of about 4000 people did show up and braved the rain and the wind to see an abbreviated show. They are already planning a show for next year and I'm sure Matt will do his best to add it to next years schedule.

The weather at Kankakee was as bad as or worse than Peru so the organizers, reluctantly, decided to completely cancel the show. We look forward to being there whenever they decide to have it. Stay tuned! CAF Col. Bob Moore

MODERN NEW LOOK!!

Impressive new fuel sign on the east side of the B-25 hangar. Wow!!



STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Museum Redevelopment

- Museum Cataloging *In Progress*
- A-Frame *Inspection Complete*
- Exterior Layout *In Progress*
- Control Tower *Ready to Begin*

Missouri Wing Campus Enhancements

- New Hangar *Concrete Evaluation*
- New Bathrooms *Holding on OK from County*
- Wifi through Campus *Purchased and Ready for Install*
- PC Workstation B25 *Acquired, pending Wifi Set Up*

Aircraft

- B-25 Spare Engine *In Process*
- TBM Spare Engine *Complete*
- TBM Paint Job *Not Started*

NEW MEMBERS

SANDRA MILLER



Hi Everyone

My name is Sandra, I like to be called Sandra. I was born on Father's Day in 1972 in the United Kingdom so if I sound funny and talk funny to you this is why.

I made my way to St. Charles in January to live. Always loved the area. My go to place when needed time for myself.

I have 2 daughters and 1 son.

My father and both grandfather's were Air Force. My former spouse was also Air Force, so I've grown my mainly on airbases.

I've seen the B25 and TBM at the Pumpkin Drop and Hangar Dance. My goal is to get to fly in each of them, go to air shows, take photos from the air and land of them.

I was told about the club, but to be honest, was scared to join because not many ladies here. But I decided that shouldn't stop me, so here I am. Ready to help out where needed and maybe cook some food now and then. Thanks for letting me be part of the club. So if you see me around say hello I promise not to bite (at least not to hard).

CAF Col. Sandra Miller

GARY BRENEMAN



Please welcome new member Gary Breneman who just joined the CAF and the Missouri Wing.

He is a partner with Bob Willhauck in the Mooney that occupies a space in the corner of the TBM hangar. Having just recently retired as a CPA, he is looking forward to doing some more flying and helping out where he can at the Wing. He and his wife, Alice, live in Bridgeton so it's only a short drive to Smartt for him.

CAF Col. Bob Moore

Alex Furla



Alexander ("Alex") Furla, of Saint Charles and Osage Beach, MO, where I enjoy boating and fishing. I earned my undergraduate and graduate degrees from Saint Louis University. Most recently, I am on staff with a U.S. Government agency and was a longtime adjunct professor of Finance and Management for Washington University in St. Louis, Columbia College, Webster University, Lindenwood University and the University of Missouri in St. Louis. I also served as a Major in the U.S. Air Force (1985-1996 Active Duty, 1996-2006 Reserve) as an Aeromedical Evacuation Operations Officer. Planned, scheduled and executed as an aircrew member, aeromedical evacuation (AE)/air rescue operational missions worldwide utilizing the C-9, C-141, C-130, C-17, C-5, C-21, C-12, UH-1, UH-60. Significant campaigns: Operations JUST CAUSE (Panama), DESERT SHIELD/STORM (Persian Gulf War), and RESTORE HOPE/GOTHIC SERPENT (Somalia). Prior to military service, I have general aviation pilot flight hours in the C 150, C 152, and PA-28. I was also a national competition licensed driver having earned competition racing licenses with NASA, SCCA, and other sanctioning organizations and a multiple graduate of the Bondurant, Spring Mountain, and Panoz Racing Schools. I was also a certified Time Trials and Driving Instructor for the SCCA PDX and Tire Rack/SCCA/BMWCCA Street Survival Schools.

My late Dad, August J. Furla, Captain, US Army, MC was a World War II and Korean War veteran. He served during WWII and the Korean War in the US Army Medical Corps and with the 57th Field Artillery Battalion as the Battalion Medical Officer along with various Mobile Army Surgical Hospitals and forward aid stations. He was awarded the WWII Victory medal, American Theater Campaign medal, Army of Occupation Japan medal, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Korean Service medal with five Bronze Stars.

My late Uncle, Jerry J. Furla, Pfc., US Army, enlisted at the age of 19 years old on 02 AUG 44 in the US Army during World War II. He was KIA at the Battle of the Bulge. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart medal.

CAF Col. Alex Furla



DOG GONE IT!



While selling rides for the B25 at Spirit last weekend, I talked to a couple who really seemed to want to take a ride in the B-25 on this Memorial Day. The man signed up right away and then asked his wife to ride along and share the Living History Flight Experience with him. I assured him that they could both sit together on the plane.

I then noticed that the lady was holding their precious little dog, Joey. She asked if the dog could ride along and I had to tell her no. As all of you pet owners know, this was a major problem. She told her husband to go alone and just take some pictures that they could share later. Naturally I was nervous because with these two people signed up the flight was full and ready to depart.

As it happens, one of our new members, Sandra Miller, happened to overhear our conversations and offered to take care of their pet while they went on the B-25. The lady was hesitant at first but Sandi and the dog hit it off right away so off they went for the safety briefing.

The dog did fine and loved being petted by all the people who were coming thru the gate to see the planes. As you can see in the picture, all was well. When the flight returned, the couple, especially the lady, thanked us for helping and said the flight was thrilling!

So how can a new member help the Missouri Wing? Just be nice and, like Sandra, maybe you'll get to have a friendly pet on your lap!

Thanks again Sandra!

CAF Col. Bob Moore

SC GUARD EXPO MAY 6-7, 2017

After a day's delay due to the rains, our crew rallied at Show Me's hangar early Friday morning to saddle up for the 3 hour flight to our first major event of the year at the McEntire Joint Air and Army National Guard Base outside of Columbia, SC for their two day Joint Air/Ground Expo. Present and accounted for were CAF Cols. Jordan Brown, Elliot Able, Mark Schuler, Shane Roden, Bob Moore and Joseph Vera Martinez. The flight was smooth, but chilly and my rear seat companion, Col. Moore and I were treated to two hours of admiring the clouds in our faces, as we could only see the ground for a short time after our departure and before landing.

After landing, we parked, unloaded and were joined shortly thereafter by our Wing Leader, Col. Bob Lawrence, who was dedicated and adventurous enough to brave a two day road trip from home base, towing our PX. Our arrival coincided with the Guard's Family Day, so we had some time to enjoy some of the aircraft performing for the Guardsmen's (and Guardswomen's) loved ones.

After being presented with two, brand new Nissan sedans, we departed for our lodgings, with Col. Lawrence heading out for some well deserved rest at his hotel in nearby Sumter. We arrived at the McGrady Training Center, home of the South Carolina State Guard Military Academy, and were assigned our lodgings. We were treated to a taste of dorm life, as we paired up to occupy rooms with two twin beds, two rooms sharing a commode and shower. We even got to make up our own racks, which was a throwback for a few of us.



helicopters, with Bradley Fighting Vehicles and Abrams tanks on the ground. It was punctuated by spectacular pyrotechnics set off by the CAF Blastards. We were also pleased to be joined both days by fellow St. Louisans, the Budweiser Clydesdales.



At show's end, after putting the PX to bed for the night, we set off to view the armored vehicles and were fortunate to meet the chief mechanic for the Bradley's. This worked out well for us, as Colonel Brown connected with him and when we returned the next day, we were treated to a hands-on Bradley inspection. He fired it up and allowed us to sit in the back, with some of our more adventurous crewmembers crawling into and operating the gun turret. This was a wonderful example of "Good Old Southern Hospitality."

We partook of the Swamp Foxes' Hospitality Tent for some appetizers and brews before taking off for the dorm and dinner. It was The Outback and Bloomin' Onions before turning in.

The following morning, after checking out from the Training Center, we fortified ourselves for our last day with a hearty country breakfast at Mr Bunky's Restaurant and Market, a local rustic landmark combination sporting goods and hardware store.

Bradley Fighting Vehicles.



On site at McEntire Joint National Guard Base.

After settling in, we set out for a hearty dinner at the Texas Roadhouse and pigged out on Cactus Blossoms, brew and steaks to fortify us for show day.

That night, we returned to the base to view amazing night aerobatics performed by the AeroShell Aerobatic Team's T-6's and Matt Younkin's Twin Beech.

Show day number one began with a light breakfast in the Center's mess hall then, off to the Base. Col. Lawrence was the early bird who beat us there, having already set up the PX tent, so we pitched in to complete setting up the presentation of our goods. The show began with the U.S. Army Special Operations Command Parachute Demonstration Team and a 21 gun howitzer salute, then the flying commenced. Spectacular demonstrations by the Air Guard's F-16's, "The Swamp Foxes," Navy Tactical Demonstration Team, F/A-18 and Air Combat Command Demonstration Team, F-22. Also performing were a P-40, P-51, and F4U as well as some amazing aerobatic teams. The crowd pleaser of the afternoon was a ground rescue enactment combining the joint actions of F-16's, Apache and Blackhawk

Our last day was filled with a repeat of the overhead show action and friendly crowd, who were attracted to Show Me and our PX. Many expressed a desire to purchase a ride in her, which we were regretfully not able to provide. Toward the end of the day, we were able to take some time to view at first hand, the Guard in action on the field in their rescue enactment. And of course, the Blastards' blazing pyrotechnics!

Before we departed, we returned to the Bradley's, where we got up close and personal with one, compliments of Jordan's connection.

After packing up the PX and the aircraft, we bid Col. Lawrence bon voyage for his two day return trip and proceeded to get in line for our departure, providing an opportunity for the crowd to finally see her in motion. As we ascended, we could see an open hangar housing four F-16's that are always kept fully armed and fueled, ready to deploy at a moment's notice.

Our return to HQ was clear and pleasant, with a few bumps over the Smoky Mountains. It was rewarding to arrive home after another successful mission representing the CAF and a pleasure to be greeted once again by Col. Hubert Looney who was present and prepared to berth "Show Me."

Col. Joseph Vera Martinez



CAF Cols. hitchhiking in a Bradley



On the way home, flying over armed Swamp Fox F-16's on 24/7 alert.

PARACHUTE IN THE MUSEUM

Col. Herb (Red) Garland
Confederate Air Force - Missouri Wing

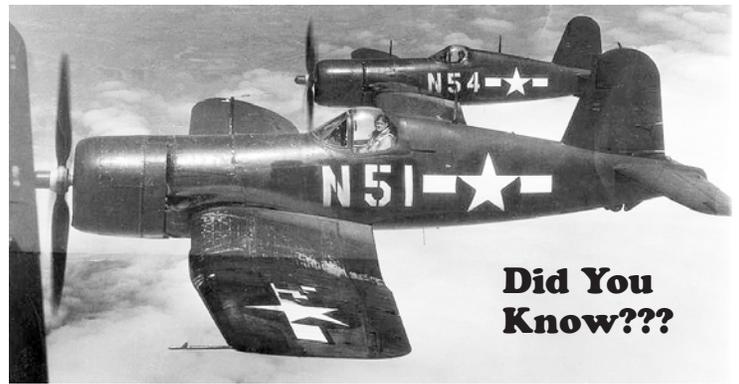
Parachute - Japanese - Phillipine Island - Leyte - (as promised about a year ago) Leave it to American men and particularly men of the Armed Forces. We of the 383rd Infantry, 1st Battalion, 96th Division, received scuttlebut information that there was a possibility of a Jap Paratroop Invasion. A native appeared in our battalion area with information that something had dropped from a plane about a mile or two from our location. We were located in the jungles a few miles south of Jaro. As Battalion Commander I was for ordering out a patrol to investigate. "A" Company Commander, Captain Jack Royster, said, I thought jokingly, "Why don't we make up an Officer Patrol and go out, we're not too busy right now." I said with a smile, "OK" Jack said, "Will you go?" I said, "Sure." So the patrol consisted of the Battalion Commander, the Exect, the S-1, the S-2, the S-3, the "A" Commander, Jack Royster, one of his Platoon Leaders and 4 non-coms from Jack's company.

After an hour or so we uneventfully arrived on the scene. An American plane had lost or dropped an Auxiliary Tank and there were several baskets (2ft. by 2 ft., by about 4 feet) attached to these parachutes. The baskets contained food stuff (hard tack that looked like our large dog bones, dried smelly fish, Sake, and some different types of ammunition. We gave the baskets and food to the natives, kept the chutes (kept one as evidence) and returned to our area (continually thinking - An Officer Patrol - How Stupid Can You Get?) I say nothing about the Sake, O.K.?

Ltg. Byron F. King, AUS-RET, (formerly Battalion Commander 1st Bn. 383 Infantry in the Phillipines)

P.S. Sent the parachute home - my wife cut the lines from the cut to make a dress but gave up. They can be re sewed if you wish.

P.S.S. The Japs have their landing a little later but it was not too successful.



Did You Know???

First American astronaut to circle the earth. Oldest American to go into space. Ted Williams' wing man in Korea. Above, 1945 WWII Corsair Pilot - John Glenn



SAFETY ARTICLE

TBM Safety Training

It was a great day to spend at the airport. We had great turn out for the TBM safety training which took place on May 13, 2017. Several members expressed interest in learning more about our great warbird and attended the safety training.

A special thanks to the TBM mechanics, Keith, Dutch, & Tim, who took time out of their day to make sure everyone was up to speed on the safety features of our plane. We also had some fun installing the "coffin" into the bomb bay.

Again a big thanks to Keith, Dutch, and Tim for taking time to teach us about the TBM.

CAF Col. Tim Dexter, Safety Officer



THE MUSEUM SKUNK WORKS

In the last month, the old shelves in the Skunk Works have been removed, and new ones are in place. The initial classifying of artifacts continues as we sort the remaining boxes. Once that's done, we'll begin cataloguing the items.

On May 20, Colonel Sandra Miller strolled into the museum and asked what we were doing. She gladly helped us clear the last of the old shelves and continued the initial sorting.

Keegan Chetwynd, curator of the CAF museum in Dallas, visited on May 10 and gave instruction about preserving our uniform collection, the flags and newspapers. This will take some time, and he reminded me that it's important to do it right. Keegan is very knowledgeable and is available for further guidance.

The next time you're at airport, come see what we're doing.
CAF Col. Bob Kalal



Bob and Jim 's project - starting to skin the wings.



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Installation of the B-25 on the parade trailer is complete even with sound system.



June Birthdays Steve Gossett (6) • Glenn Racine (15) • Dutch Meyerpeter (17)

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

