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Saturday
MARCH 18
Awards Banquet
6:00 pm

CAF COL. GEORGE CARPENTER PUTTING FACES WITH NAMES

This is George Carpenter who we honor by having his name on the B-25. George had over 100 missions in B-25s in WWII. You could always find him working on Show Me. He would even fly her to the airshows. At the March meeting they will be presenting the Inaugural *George C Carpenter Award* in recognition of a Lifetime of Exceptional Service.

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CAF COL. DON BUTTRAM

Don Buttram, the second pilot's name under George's name on the B-25, flew Show Me to a lot of air shows for the Wing. During WWII Don flew cargo "Over the Hump". Both of these gentlemen served our country and supported the Missouri Wing.



Pat Fenwick running up the left engine.
(Note the names under the window.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 11** B-25 Ground School
- March 18** St. Patrick's Day Celebration & Awards Banquet
General Meeting 6:00 pm - Lombardo's Restaura
- March 25** B-25 ACM Safety School
- April 8** General Meeting - 1:30 pm
- April 14-18** * Doolittle Reunion Urbana & Dayton, OH
- May 5-7** Eastover SC Guard Base B-25
- May 7** Veteran's Flyover, Union, Mo.
- May 13** General Meeting - 1:30 pm
- May 20** Peru, IL TBM
- May 20** Kankakee, IL B25
- 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 17-18** Indianapolis IN B-25, TBM, L3
- June 24-25** Excelsior Springs, MO B25, TBM, L3
- July 2-4** Eureka, MO B25, TBM
- July 8** General Meeting - 1:30 pm
- August 11** Louisville, KY B-25, TBM
- August 12** General Meeting - 1:30 pm
- Sept 9-10** Joplin, MO B25, TBM, L3
- Sept 9** General Meeting - 1:30 pm
- Sept 22-23** Camdenton, MO B-25
- Sept 30-31** Beech River, TN B25, TBM, L3
- Oct 13-15** * Dallas, TX * Tentative Events



- #### Rental Events for 2017
- April 28 - Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons
 - July 22 - Stroew Wedding
 - Sept 30 - Westerfeld Wedding
 - Oct 08 - Saettle Wedding
 - Oct 14 - Blannie Wedding
 - Oct 22 - Lang Wedding

WING LEADER'S REPORT



Engagement: Getting the membership involved

In non-profit volunteer based groups there is a saying, "Are you here to be served or to serve?" That is a great question and these last few weeks as I was cleaning up the roster I saw so many names that are part of our Wing that we do not see enough. While I know there are many who are happy to just be a member in the background or have other commitments I also realize that there are some of you looking for a way to help. When I see you come out and have nothing to do, trust me it registers with me.

Member Engagement is the objective for 2017

Understand what engagement is and what it is not. Engagement is being part of the Wing in any capacity. We have members that are able to give as many as 700+ to the Wing while others are all over the spectrum. What it is not, well it is not a rule, there is no minimum there is no maximum. However as you know airshow involvement is based on your commitment to the Wing. This is not to say that if you are unable to come out that you cannot participate it only means that we should all agree that those that work hard, get to play hard.

One of the challenges that we on the Staff have is to create the *Opportunities to Serve*. Finding these opportunities can be a difficult process for new and existing members. You have the passion and the interest hence why you joined and now you don't know the who's, what's or where's. This falls upon the Staff to better understand our membership. You are going to be receiving a survey that is going to ask some questions about your skills and what you want to do for the Wing. This will have a place for your name as while it is a survey it is more of a tool for us to know what you can and want to do.

In 2016 we brought in more than 25 new Colonels so let's talk some basics on the Staff and what we all do and who you can contact to get involved:

Adjutant: Col Bob Moore – moorerw@charter.net

Col Moore is tasked with Membership both recruiting and retention. He is also tasked with the administrative side of keeping up our roster and monitoring the status of our members and also with taking the minutes of each meeting. In addition to his Staff role Col Moore is also our Living History Flight Experience (LHFE) Coordinator.

Executive Officer: Col Pat Kesler – pkusaf.f4@gmail.com

Col Kesler is my right hand man. He is able to cover for me in any meetings and we work closely together on all Unit matters.

Finance Officer: Col Steve Gossett – scgossett@hotmail.com

Col Gossett as the title suggests is all about our money. What we have, where we have it and what we are spending it on.

Maintenance Officer: Col Pat Fenwick – B25crw@aol.com

Col Fenwick is the overall responsible for all aircraft assigned to the Unit. While there are individuals that champion each airplane he has the final say so on all work and is required to maintain all records.

Operations Officer: Col Jordan Brown – jordan@jmetalproducts.com

Col Brown's position is anything and everything about the operations of the aircraft. This includes the maintaining the flight readiness of our pilots as well as approving the flights operations of each aircraft.

Safety Officer: Col Tim Dexter – tdex61@yahoo.com

Col Dexter as the title suggests is all things safety. From the Airplanes to the Ground Equipment and the Buildings. Tim is also the Colonel that will work with members who wish to crew the airplanes to ensure that you have the proper training prior to any airshow participation.

We also have some Committees:

Museum Redevelopment:

- Cataloging Project: Col Bob Kalal – bob@kaltraining.com
 - o This group is beginning a cataloging project on all of our items to prepare for a major redesign.
- Design and construction: Col Lou Tacchi
 - o This will commence later this year

Airshow Coordinator: Col Matt Conrad – dizzywabit@charter.net

Col Conrad is our point person for all scheduled events. So if you know of any show that we should attend please share this with him

Facility Maintenance: Col Tim Mohr – tmohr001@gmail.com

Col Mohr has a vast skill set and has been our point person for many projects around our campus.

Events and Tour Coordinator: Col Gerry Spavale – gspavale@yahoo.com

Col Spavale handles any interest in visits to our Unit as well as any rentals.

While we are going to do our best to reach out and find your areas of interest you should also feel free to contact any of us if there is something in our departments that interest you. If you are not sure what to do or who to talk to feel free to contact Col Moore or myself. I can be reached at 314.494.7539 or bob@unitedfsi.com. Also, if you do not get that survey during the week of Feb 27 – Mar 04 please call me.

Have a great month!

CAF Col. Bob Lawrence

Wing Leader



Annual St. Patricks Day Celebration and Award Banquet

Previously known as the Annual Christmas Dinner
and Award Banquet

March 18 ~ 6:00 pm

Lombardo's Resturant | 10448 Natural Bridge Rd. | SL 63134

As you know this is the one time a year that we all get together for our annual review as well as to share with our wives, husbands and family what we do all year long.

This year we are happy to announce some new annual awards. These are the:

The Missouri Wing PROPS Award

- In recognition of your dedicated service and efforts. You always use them where they count the most.

The Missouri Wing Member of the Year

- In Appreciation for Outstanding Dedication and service above and beyond the Call of Duty within our organization this past year.

We will also be presenting the Inaugural **George C Carpenter Award** in recognition of a Lifetime of Exceptional Service. This award will be presented from time to time to those that have done so much for our Wing.

So look at your calendar and get your money in if you have not for the event of the year!!!!

Date: March 18

Time: 6 pm

Place: Lombardo's | 10448 Natural Bridge Rd.,
St. Louis, MO 63134

Cost: \$24.00 per person

Thanks,
CAF Col. Bob Lawrence
Wing Leader



DIXIE WING ~ PEACHTREE CITY, GEORGIA



P-63 arriving at Mo. Wing Smartt Field - 1991



February 19, 2017

PHOTO BY JOHN WILLHOFF

P-63 flies again after 40 years.



PHOTO BY CHARLES BURCHER

Airborne after 16 years of restoration at the Dixie Wing. Congratulations from the Missouri Wing to the Dixie Wing for getting another piece of history in the air. "Keep 'em flying!"



Jim "JD" Dale after performing the all-important first post-restoration flight.



"Always do right. This will gratify some and astonish the rest." ~ Mark Twain

C-47 leaving Smartt Field. 12/2/16
Heading north to it's new home.



Photos courtesy of Hubert Looney

SAFETY ARTICLE

It's hard to believe spring is almost here. We all know during spring we begin to take our proud warbirds to airshows. This means there will be opportunities for members to fly in our planes to various airshows. A requirement to fly in our planes is to attend a safety briefing to learn and review the various safety features of each aircraft.



For those who wish to fly in our B-25, the ground school will be on March 25, 2017 at the hangar. We will have two sessions, one beginning at 9:30am followed by a session at 10:30am. See you there!

Watch for an email with the date & time(s) for the safety briefing on the TBM and L3. CAF Col. Tim Dexter

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HARRISON A TULL TUSKEGEE AIRMAN



Lt. Col. Harrison Tull was one of the Tuskegee Airmen, the first black American pilots, who flew in Europe during World War II while the military was still segregated. He was trained as a B-25 bombardier. When the war ended he became a navigation instructor. He completed B-29 Superfortress Combat Crew Training, then Electronic Countermeasures training before serving aboard RB-47 Stratojet and RC-135 aircraft with the 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing. Hence the connection to our very own wing member, Joe Racine, and retired Brig. Gen. Reggie Urschler, who flew P-51 Gunfighter for the CAF. All three were in the 55th. Joe and Harry were on the same crew from March 1961 through 1964 which included the Cuban Crisis. Tull also served during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. In 2007, Tull was one of 300 Tuskegee Airmen to be awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest honor that Congress can bestow upon civilians. Tull died in 2009 at the age of 89.

CAF Col. Joe Racine



2nd Lt. - 1943



Lt. Col. - 1970

His 2nd Distinguished Flying Cross Citation reads:

Major Harrison A. Tull distinguished himself by extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as Electronic Warfare Supervisor, from 3 January 1963 to 2 April 1963. During this period, while partaking in a program of international significance, Major Tull successfully met the exceptional operational requirements under the most hazardous and difficult flight conditions in an outstanding manner. The professional competence, aerial skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Major Tull reflect great credit upon himself and the United State Air Force.

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.