



# UN-SCRAMBLE



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Good Time N' Band performs for VAC members enjoyment!



Volunteers decorating for Christmas



Christmas Dinner begins!!!



VAC members enjoying dinner!



Air America members join the fun!



Lloyd Morris welcomes everyone to the holiday gathering!



Door prizes were a big hit!



Thanks to all of our hard working volunteers. Great to see them enjoy the evening!

# 2008 brings major accomplishments with our flagship, the Tico Belle!!!



Hoist lifting prop in place!



Right prop moves into place!



Corinne Arnold assists Tom Reilly in prop placing!



Tom Reilly has his "eyes" on the prop!



How do you install this prop anyway!



Thomas Leech from Argentina assists!



Left prop installed like clockwork!



More prop advice from Timmy Arnold!

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Please remember to notify the office when you are going to be temporarily away, or if you move! We received approx. 25 returns which cost from \$.55—\$1.44 each for the December 2007/January 2008 issue

Thank You!!!

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### STATEMENT of PURPOSE

The Valiant Air Command was formed to perpetuate the history of aviation, to encourage gathering of men and women in camaraderie, research and warbird restoration. To serve as an educational tool for young and old alike and to assure that the memory of those who gave their lives in service to their country shall not perish.

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Next 2008 AirShow Meeting  
09 February 2008  
12:00 P.M. Pizza  
12:30 P.M. Meeting

## COMMANDER

Greetings Everybody,

Well, it's almost time for the BIG SHOW, (AIRSHOW). All of the Board of Directors are very busy getting ready. The Media Day is tentatively set for 13 March 2008. Pilots, who want to attend this GREAT EVENT, contact Ken Terry, Operations Officer. As of 22 January 2008, the VIP list is 38 and growing. We will need 25-35 aircraft for Media Day.

As far as military support and performance, contact Bob Boswell.

I want to thank Joe Cross for setting up the field, i.e. tents, parking, golf carts, Port-o-Lets and the list goes on and on. He is a Big Big help. Thanks, Joe.

I am very busy at this time, so I will keep this short. If you have any questions or need help with something, call me. Otherwise, I will see you 13, 14, 15 & 16 March. Oh, yes, **BE SAFE.**

Lloyd Morris

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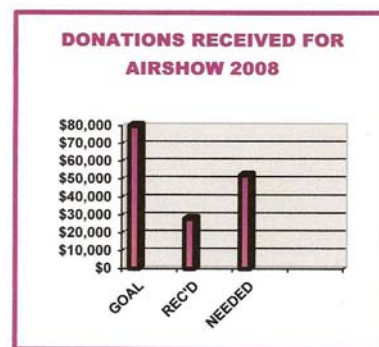
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 Quinlan, Kevin & Karen  
 Woodard, Paul

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

I have received only one response to my request for you many members for stories that I know you have to tell. All pilots and other members who were associated with aviation have experiences that have remained in your memory over the years. Don't be bashful, we would like to hear from you and share them with the rest of the members of the Valiant Air Command.

Major Joe Reus has a great story that he shares with us this month. Let's get those memory brain cells to shake off the cobwebs and send us your stories!

## **THE FLINTSTONE FLAK BATTERY**

During World War II, while I was in North One Compound at the German Air Force run Stalag Luft One Camp on the Baltic Sea north of Berlin, our main occupation was giving the Luftwaffe staff a hard time. Most of us were at or near the age of twenty-one and were highly-spirited if not somewhat reckless, in finding ways to fill the warm summer days.

The German flying cadets, at the nearby Luftwaffe airfield, much like the American cadets, loved forbidden activities such as "buzzing" people and places on the ground in their single-engine Arado trainers. In this case, the cadet would dive very low into the compound's open roll-call area, and then pull up to clear barracks at the far end. We liked seeing them, but as befitted our young age, we decided to give them a scare. The first group of five "Yanks" recruited several times that many more. Each selected a stone to be hurled upward as the cadet's plane passed. A leader was selected to face the incoming plane and give the "fire" command so we'd put up a proper, dense barrage.

On one beautiful afternoon a cadet zoomed in. By the time he went around the "pattern" for the second pass, we had time to assemble with our "ammunition". He must have seen our group of 20 or 25 and decided to give us a real "dusting." He dove in, engine howling, and we "fired" on command. No, we didn't aim, we just fired upward as he flew thru. Even from the ground we heard the clatter and bang. I can imagine that the cadet got well "chewed out," because I was told by a German non-commissioned officer later, that the plane has propeller damage, a cracked canopy, and dents all over the wing's leading edge. The prison camp staff was angry. They told us, "You do dot again, and ve vill shoot."

No, the Flintstone name wasn't known back then, but I've added it since this anecdote, because it's so appropriate.

Joe Reus  
Restoration Volunteer

## **AVIATING WITH EVANS**

One of the peripheral duties of U.S.A.F. Experimental Test Pilots was to briefing top decision makers from the U.S. and foreign dignitaries on aircraft we were performing flight tests. In most cases these briefings were impromptu. In one case I was called on to give the Defense Minister of the Netherlands a ride, while I was the primary test pilot for the U.S.A.F. on the F-104G. I was called into the Chief of Flight Test Operations at Edwards AFB while I was working on a flight test report and told that I was to give the Minister a ride in a two seat F-104D. That required that I meet the Minister and give him a briefing on the status of my test program and on the aircraft we were about to fly. It was nothing unusual in that unique world of being an Air Force Test Pilot. You were expected to be prepared to give professional classified or unclassified briefings on the aircraft you were responsible for the flight testing.

I mentioned the checking out of the Commander of the Japanese Self Defense Force which required that I give them briefings on the F-104 and N-156F prior to their team flying the two aircraft. In the case of the Dutch Minister of Defense, I had to give him the briefing on the aircraft and status of the test program of the "G" model and the "D" model that we were to fly. In this case the Minister had a staff of Dutch Officers with him as well as U.S. Military and State Department dignitary staff traveling with him. There were news media from both Dutch and U.S. magazines also there ready to take photos of his flight. I later received a copy of the European equivalent to "Life" magazine which had full three page coverage of the event. Of course these quickie assignments gave no time for prepared briefings which made the information straight forward without any frills. In most of these occasions I would be occupied in some other activity such as waiting for a test or safety chase fight or just completed one of those missions. I would either be told to report to where the V.I.P. was waiting and usually I had to meet them in my flight suit. These briefings always had to include some level of security and it was vital that you had to know to whom you were talking. Just about everything about a new aircraft that is having its capabilities defined with every test flight made it a touchy issue when giving a briefing

to foreign dignitaries. It also became important that you treat all of those to whom you were assigned to give a briefing; you treat them as though they have the right to know everything. In some cases this required the ability to perform the tactical "Soft Shoe" dance through difficult technical questions asked about data that the guests were not cleared to receive.

When the recipient was a three Star Commander of the Research and Development Command under who the Flight Test Center was attached the data given to him had better be absolutely correct.

The many additional duties that are not listed in the requirements of "USAF Experimental Test Pilot's" job include such public relations jobs such as speaking engagements to civic groups within the operating flight zones around the Test Center, assisting motion picture companies by flying in films that the USAF has approved, certify record setting events performed by Aircraft Company's Test crews such as confirming the supersonic flight of the Douglas DC-8, act as technical advisor to movie companies in production of films about Air Force stories, etc.



Capt. Evans briefing visiting Italian Military leaders on the capabilities of several aircraft they were considering for their Air Force. They ended buying the F-104G.



Capt. Evans Answering Commander USAF Research and Development Commander, General Ferguson's questions with Lew Nelson, Northrop's Chief Test pilot, General. Carpenter, Edwards Flight Test Center Commander, Northrop's Vice President and others listen to briefing.



Capt. Evans (Fighter Test Operations) briefing Japanese Flight Test Team on their upcoming flight evaluations of the N-156F, F-104 and F-106.

The Fact that Edwards AFB was the location where the leading technical advancements in aviation were centered became the final visiting site of foreign dignitaries when negotiating with the United States to purchase or receive Military Aid of new aircraft. We were never made privy to the financial arrangements.



The Dutch and Belgium Air Chiefs of Staff on the ramp at Edwards being briefed by Capt. N. C. "Bud" Evans on the N-156F and F-104's.

These were a small part of the many duties outside of the flying that fell on the few test pilots at Edwards and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base's. The plus side of the extra duties was that you were always treated with the respect which came with being the central part of every new test program where the government was spending multi-millions of dollars. All of the test pilots were military but at both Edwards and Wright-Patterson Air Base's most of our maintenance, office staff's and test engineers were civil service employees. That made the usual military environment almost non-existent. Each test pilot had his own test team and he became a central point of all information about that project or aircraft.

N.C. "Bud" Evans ©

### **OPERATIONS OFFICER**

Lloyd said I have to tell you what I have done this year. ---- Really all I have done is have an awful lot of fun --- The many different things that happen are hard to remember incident by incident.

I did participate in 27 Fly-Bys (that I can remember).

When I look at the list - that is a lot of exposure for the Valiant Air Command.

In addition there were many more flights distributing our brochures, Formation Training Clinics, attending other events --- and other Air Shows as a static display.

The S-51 is in the Hangar and awaiting the many volunteers that promised to help get it together. If there are more out there that are interested in this project – call me --- we can use the help --- most of the ones that promised a year ago have now found other interests.

Your Commander has many new and innovative ideas that finally are starting to come to fruition. He is a whirling dervish of activity. Just try to follow him around sometime!

Working with him - and the other Board Members has been fun – exciting – rewarding – and most of all a huge benefit to the VAC.

His plans for the joint 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration next year should result in many new members and much exposure for the Museum.

His new policy of increasing contact and establishing better relationships with our local neighbors has resulted in the many new friends we now have.

I am looking forward to another great year in 2008!

Ken Terry

### **MAINTENANCE OFFICER**

C47 - I'm happy to report that we have had good progress with the C47. The new main tires and brakes have been mounted and installed on the aircraft. Many thanks to Norm Lindsay and our volunteer crew. They have worked steadily and have overcome numerous challenges along the way. Also to Gary Norville of American Aero Services in New Smyrna Beach, Florida for doing the removal of the old main tires and mounting the new tubes and tires on the rims.

Many thanks to Tom Reilly for his leadership in the covering of the elevators and Susan Reilly for making the envelopes for the elevators. Tom also was there to guide the crew during the installation of the propellers. We still have a number of coats to apply to the elevators before they will be ready to mount. We have to wait for the warmer and drier weather to



accomplish that task. We hope to have the "Tico Belle" running by the Tico AirShow (March 14-16<sup>th</sup>, 2008). That date is fast approaching so make your plans to attend and see the progress we have made.

TBM - Work on the Avenger is continuing with Dick Hart doing the sheet metal repairs. As the electrical cover plates are removed many of the nut plates have to be replaced. At the same time as more of the internal portions of the aircraft are revealed to the mark 1 eyeball additional (but small) areas of corrosion have been found and repaired by Mr. Hart in his usual expert manner. The rewiring effort has taken a back seat as all priority has been on the C47 and our electrical lead (Jim Owens) has been working on it exclusively.

UTVA - The UTVA has experienced a bug in the radio transmission circuitry. It had an intermittent transmission problem but it has finally been found and corrected thanks to the efforts of Jim Towe.

Robert E. James

### **PERSONNEL OFFICER**

For one long weekend each year in March, the VAC hosts an AirShow that has become a mecca for Warbird and Warbird enthusiasts. This year will be no exception. The TICO WARBIRD AIRSHOW 2008 Team is in full press for the 14-16 March events. Media Day on Thursday morning the 13<sup>th</sup> will kick start the activities with a large stream of aircraft, each carrying a media representative, departing TIX for a Public Relations Event and Luncheon at Daytona International Airport (DAB). The same aircraft and aircrew will return later in the afternoon for a Flight Suite BBQ at our Main Hangar. Following the AirShow on Friday the VAC will host the always popular Aviation Memorabilia Auction and Dinner. Saturday's dinner with entertainment will be provided in our main hangar. This will be an early celebration of St. Patrick's Day and rumor has it that green beer will be flowing. Be sure to sign-up early for the events so the planners can get a good count.

Pilot Registration forms were mailed to all those who have participated in the last few years. Returning these forms and documents to the VAC prior to AirShow arrival will allow proper review for completeness of required documents and prevent unnecessary delays in participation approval. We ask that the registration information be sent to the VAC even if you are not sure of what days and how you may participate. A few minutes of your time now will

place the required information on file and will prevent frustration later. A self-addressed, stamped envelope was provided to encourage early returns, a special gift will be provided to all participants who have their registration envelope postmarked not later than the 18<sup>th</sup> of February.

In preparation for the TICO WARBIRD AIRSHOW 2008, INC., the final planning meeting will be held at the VAC on Saturday, 9 February. Lunch will be served at Noon followed by the AirShow meeting at 12:30. As always each year, there are several open administrative and staff support positions for short term volunteers to fill. Critical to a successful AirShow is the availability of members to man the phones to provide information and directions, as well as to meet and assist participants, media, vendors and visitors. If you have a day or two available just prior to, or during the AirShow, please call myself or Lorraine at the VAC, (321) 268-1941.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

#### **NEW AND RENEWALS 19 DECEMBER 2007 – 22 JANUARY 2008**

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

Arnold, Sr., Timothy / Arnold, Amber  
Felt, Shawn / Felt, Diane  
Giordano, Mark / Giordano, Mary  
Johnson, Dave  
Mason, David / Mason, Jolene  
Thomas, Richard / Nelson, Randi

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Blaha, Phillip N. / Blaha, Roy C.  
Bond, James F.  
Booth, Jr., Edward M.  
Boyken, Jeff / Boyken, Carolyn  
Brassell, Jacquelyn  
Bray, Wayne / Bray, Bridgett  
Capito, M. "Cap"  
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Dawson, Robert B.  
Demers, Edward T. / Demers, JoAnne  
Denan, Mike / Denan, Sheryl L.  
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Bob Boswell

### **GRYPHON GROUP LUNCHEON**

“Thank you” - to all the ladies who have so faithfully baked cookies and tasty desserts for our soldiers **all year in 2007**. The soldiers visit for lunch almost every Tuesday and really appreciate the home made goodies!

We invite anyone who would like to participate, to call and join in the fun. It is a very rewarding endeavor.

### **BAKERS FOR FEBRUARY & MARCH 2008**

**February**      05 Jean & Ann  
                         12 Gay & Joanne  
                         19 Joan & Marilyn  
                         26 Margaret & Jean

**March**            04 Jean & Ann  
                         11 Gay & Joanne  
                         18 No Lunch - Joan & Marilyn  
                         25 Margaret & Jean

If you need to make a schedule change – just call me.

**Thank you all again for such a great job!**

Ann 453-6995

### **VAC MEMBER GONE WEST**

**Edward “Blake” Oliver, Jr.** – December 29, 2007

An e-mail was received by P. W. Elliott last week that brought this sad news.

Daytona Beach News-Journal – Blake owned Volusia Flying Service for several years before moving to New Mexico. He operated the FBO at a small airport near the Texas border. Blake served as a transport pilot with the U.S. Navy and later with TWA. He had been visiting his daughter in New Smyrna Beach when he became ill and was hospitalized.

Our sympathy goes out to his family and friends.

### **FACILITY OFFICER**

The aging facility is still holding it's own with some minor maintenance in a few areas. The past year required repairs to the roof leaks, emergency lights and outdoor lighting. Rusting door frames are being addressed at the present time. The excellent day to day care has kept unscheduled maintenance to a minimum thanks to our facility maintenance man and a few volunteers.

I don't know if there is a volunteer day, week or month but there should be. But on second thought if we observed a volunteer day all the federal workers, banks and schools would close which would require us to stay home and watch the kids.

So in lieu of a volunteer day let me say thank you to all the men and woman who put forth their efforts time and time again to make the facility the showplace that it is.

Norm Lindsay

### **PROCUREMENT OFFICER**

Big procurement business has slowed a little these days, but preparing for the VAC AirShow Auction has taken over.

A6A — With the help and planning of Stan Parsons, the VAC, and the National Museum of Naval Aviation, we are modifying our A6A. The plan is to convert the tanker configuration to the attack bomber as it operated for the Carrier Midway. Stan is a VAC member and retired U.S.N. A-6 pilot...

AUCTION — Preparation for the AirShow Auction has taken over most of the current Procurement activity.

This involves obtaining preferred items related to aviation in any way, recording it, tagging it, preparing and printing the catalogue.

F11F — We continue to receive support from the Navy Museum restoration people. Most of the effort is obtaining wheels, tires, and missing cockpit control system parts. The missing parts result from the fact that the aircraft was displayed on the top of a pylon.

AIRSHOW AUCTION — Your help is needed again this year in obtaining donated items for the Friday Night Auction. Items should be related to warbirds, aviation, uniforms, aircraft parts, historical material and artwork.

As mentioned in last month's article, search your own sources and outside contacts.

Direct all donations to the museum and note them for the auction and to my name.

C47 — A special Christmas gift for Tico Belle was left at the tree on Christmas morning by Elizabeth Frazier Clarke.

Bob Frazier

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Terry Yon supplied the following for your reading pleasure:

1. Fractional Air Kills: Have you ever wondered how a U.S. pilot in World War II could be credited with a fractional number of air to air kills such as 16.25 or 7.5? Nations handled the scoring of air to air combat kills during WW II differently. For example: Germany credited "shared kills" only to one pilot. The French credited all pilots involved in a shared kill. The Soviets and Japan, on the other hand, counted only solo kills, while group kills were credited separately. The U.S. and Britain allowed "fractional" shares to be awarded for group kills — and that's why when two U.S. aircraft were involved in a kill, you could end up with a total score such as 7.5.
2. Most Air to Air Kills: Which U.S. fighter had the most air to air kills in WW II; the P-38, P-47, P-51 or the Grumman F6F Hellcat? Well, if you thought the Hellcat, you are right! The Hellcat is generally credited with shooting down 5,171 aircraft in air to air combat, mostly in the Pacific and more than any other U.S. fighter aircraft. Also, the Hellcat

had the best kill ratio with 19:1. One Hellcat Pilot summed up the general feeling about this aircraft when he was quoted as saying, "If they could cook, I would marry one!"

Thanks, Terry!

Frank Pound

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## **PROJECT RESTORATION OFFICER**

I guess we were good for Christmas because: one, our wish list items were delivered from a most unexpected source. We received a telephone call from one of our former Grumman Associates who

heard we could use a set of tires and rims for our F11F-1 Restoration Program.

He said that he was with the flight test team at Edward's Air Force Base back in the early fifties when they were testing the F11F-1 for the Navy. He related the story of how he obtained the tires and rims. It seems that one day during the test flight piloted by Ernie VonDerhayden, part of the test procedure was to deploy the speed brakes. Upon retracting the speed brakes, he found out that they would not retract. He then deployed his emergency ram air turbine, (RAT) to obtain power to retract his speed brakes. He found out that the airflow to the RAT was blocked by the design of the forward speed brake door that was deployed. The pilot then proceeded to eject himself from the power stricken aircraft. He successfully landed safely. The stricken aircraft managed to land itself but not without sustaining quite a bit of damage. Someone obtained permission from the Navy for the tires that he was going to use on his boat trailer. In the mean time, he sold his boat. So begins the storage of some fifty years in a cool dark environment. The tires look like they were just issued out of Aviation Supply Office (ASO). The later design of the forward speed brake door involved the cut out, like a pair of pants, to allow the air flow to reach the RAT in the future.

George "Dutch" Graefe



### **AIRSHOW EVENING EVENTS**

Plans are gearing-up for the evening events for Airshow 2008!

On Friday night we will have our famous (infamous??) Auction. We will once again have "Twofers" during our 4-5 happy hour. Dinner will be served at 6:00 and

ends at either 7:30, or when the food runs out, whichever happens first. Even though this evening's meal is free for members, if people don't RSVP we will run out of food and not everyone will get to eat. If you want to make sure you get a meal be sure to RSVP and encourage your friends to do the same! Non-

members may purchase tickets for Friday at a cost of \$10 each. We are VERY excited about Saturday night's plans!!! We will have a good ole 50's Sock Hop!!! There will be plenty of good music and dancing. We will also have a costume contest.....so pull out those poodle skirts and James Dean look-a-like outfits. Happy Hour starts at 5:00 and our 50's Diner will serve-up dinner at 6:00.

A cash bar will be available both nights and dress is casual/dirty flight suit/50's costumes.

You will find an insert in this newsletter with a registration form.....please mail this back in ASAP! We really need these in by March 1st this year. A few notes.....first off, I (my company) plans and manages the dinners for VAC from my home office, so please help us by placing dinner reservation forms/payments in envelopes separate from all other VAC items. Be sure to write "Dinners" on your envelope. Secondly, please print LEGIBLY on your forms. Or, to make it neater & faster, paste a return mailing label on the form. Thirdly, in the past couple of years a troubling (and expensive) trend has occurred that we are stopping.....We CANNOT have people FAX, mail or phone in dinner requests for Saturday night on the premise of "I'll pay at the door". This just doesn't work. Invariably we have many of these requests, we order and pay for the food, and then these members don't show. We will no longer accept this type of "reservation". We must have payment at time of the reservation. To make it easy on the members, we do accept credit cards over the phone. We always have a "few" extra meals ordered for walk-ins though.

If you need to contact me directly regarding the dinners, please e-mail me at : [MagnifcntMoments@aol.com](mailto:MagnifcntMoments@aol.com). Looking forward to seeing you March 14th!

Melissa McDonald

**Thursday, 13 March 2008**  
**Media Day**  
**Evening 13 March 2008 6 P.M.**  
**DIRTY FLIGHT SUIT GATHERING -**  
**Burgers, Beer & Burps**  
**Come and join Kevin Quinlan and shoot**  
**the bull with fellow VAC members!**

# MOTELS

## TICO WARBLER AIRSHOW

<b>TITUSVILLE</b> within 10 miles			2806
Best Western Space Shuttle Inn	3455 Cheney Highway	Titusville 32780	321-269-9100
Budget Motel	612 S Washington Ave	Titusville 32780	321-267-4211
Casa Coquina Bed & Breakfast	4010 Coquina Avenue	Titusville 32780	321-268-4653
Comfort Inn	3655 Cheney Highway	Titusville 32780	321-269-7110
Days Inn - Kennedy Space Center	3755 Cheney Highway	Titusville 32780	321-269-4480
Dickens Inn Bed & Breakfast within 15 miles	2398 N Singleton Ave	Mims 32754	321-269-4595
Hampton Inn	4760 Helen Hauser Blvd	Titusville 32780	321-383-9191
Clarion Inn Kennedy Space Center	4951 S Washington Ave	Titusville 32780	321-269-2121
Pinto's Motel	7555 S US Highway 1	Titusville 32780	321-269-2505
Ramada Inn & Suites - Kennedy Space Ctr	3500 Cheney Highway	Titusville 32780	321-269-5510
Riverside Inn - Kennedy Space Center	1829 Riverside Drive	Titusville 32780	321-267-7900
Royal Oak Resort & Golf Club	2150 Country Club Drive	Titusville 32780	321-269-4500
Siesta Motel	2006 S Washington Ave	Titusville 32780	321-267-1455
Three Oaks Motel	707 S Hopkins Ave	Titusville 32780	321-267-6272
Super 8	3480 Garden Street	Titusville 32780	321-269-9310
<b>MERRITT ISLAND</b> within 20 miles			
Aladdin Motel Apartments	430 W Merritt Isl Causeway	Merritt Island 32952	321-452-9333
Clarion Hotel of Merritt Island	260 E Merritt Isl Causeway	Merritt Island 32953	321-4527711
<b>COCOA</b> within 15-20 miles			
Apollo Inn Motel	4125 North US Hwy 1	Port St. John 32927	321-636-8511
Budget Inn Interstate	195 & Highway 520	Cocoa 32922	321-632-5721
Budget Inn of Cocoa	901 N Cocoa Boulevard	Cocoa 32922	321-636-1426
Days Inn	5600 E State Hwy 524	Cocoa 32952	321-636-6500
Dixie Motel	300 N Cocoa Boulevard	Cocoa 32922	321-632-1600
Econo Lodge	3220 N US Highway 1	Cocoa 32959	321-632-4561
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites	301 Tucker Lane	Cocoa 32926	321-631-6826
Marlin Motel and Apartments	2019 Cocoa Blvd	Cocoa 32922	321-636-4065
Ramada Inn - Kennedy Space Ctr & Cocoa	900 Friday Road	Cocoa 32926	321-636-0076
Super 8 Motel	900 Friday Road	Cocoa 32926	321-631-1212
<b>COCOA BCH/CAPE CANAVERAL</b> 20-25 mis			
Anthony's on the Beach	3499 S Atlantic Avenue	Cocoa Beach 32931	321-784-8829
Best Western Oceanfront Resort	5600 N Atlantic Avenue	Cocoa Beach 32931	321-783-7621
<b>Cape Caribe Resort</b>	<b>1000 Shorewood Drive</b>	<b>Cape Canaveral 32920</b>	<b>321-784-4922</b>
Cocoa Beach Oceanside Inn	1 Hendry Avenue	Cocoa Beach 32931	321-784-3126
Cocoa Cabanas Beach Rental Apartments	1901 S Atlantic Avenue	Cocoa Beach 32931	321-799-0307
Comfort Inn and Suite Resort	3901 N Atlantic Avenue	Cocoa Beach 32931	321-783-2221
Courtyard by Marriott	3425 N Atlantic Avenue	Cocoa Beach 32931	321-784-4800
Days Inn Oceanside Resort	5500 N Atlantic Avenue	Cocoa Beach 32931	321-868-7124
Discovery Beach Resort & Tennis Club	300 Barlow Avenue	Cocoa Beach 32931	321-868-7777
Doubletree Ocean Front Hotel	2080 N Atlantic Avenue	Cocoa Beach 32931	321-783-9222
Fawly Towers Motel	300 E Cocoa Beach Causeway	Cocoa Beach 32931	321-784-3870
Hampton Inn	3425 N Atlantic Avenue	Cocoa Beach 32931	321-799-4099
Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront	1550 N Atlantic Avenue	Cocoa Beach 32931	321-799-0003
Holiday Inn - Cocoa Beach	1300 N Atlantic Avenue	Cocoa Beach 32931	321-783-2272
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites	5575 N Atlantic Avenue	Cocoa Beach 32931	321-868-2525
Inn at Cocoa Beach	4300 Ocean Beach Boulevard	Cocoa Beach 32931	321-799-3460
Luna Sea Motel	3185 N Atlantic Avenue	Cocoa Beach 32931	321-783-0500
Lunasea Bed & Breakfast	3185 N Atlantic Avenue	Cocoa Beach 32931	321-799-3047
Ocean Landings Resort & Racquet Club	900 N Atlantic Avenue	Cocoa Beach 32931	321-783-9430
Pelican Landing Resort	1201 S Atlantic Avenue	Cocoa Beach 32931	321-783-7197
Quality Suites - Cocoa Beach	120 Flagler Lane	Cocoa Beach 32931	321-783-6868
<b>Radisson Resort at the Port</b>	<b>8701 Astronaut Boulevard</b>	<b>Cape Canaveral 32920</b>	<b>321-784-0000</b>
Royal Mansions Resort	8600 Ridgewood Avenue	Cocoa Beach 32931	321-784-8484
<b>Seabreeze Efficiencies</b>	<b>311 Harrison Avenue</b>	<b>Cape Canaveral 32920</b>	<b>321-783-6652</b>
Sea Esta Villas	686 S Atlantic Avenue	Cocoa Beach 32931	321-783-1739
South Beach Inn	1701 S Atlantic Avenue	Cocoa Beach 32931	321-784-3333
Wakulla Suites	3550 N Atlantic Avenue	Cocoa Beach 32931	321-783-2230

# 2008 Airshow Evening Events Schedule and Events Ticket Order Form



All events must have reservations.  
**Please order/purchase tickets by March 1<sup>st</sup> !!!**  
 Purchase tickets at VAC Museum PX Shop,  
 Fax form to (321)268-5969, or mail order form to:

**Melissa McDonald, VAC, 6600 Tico Road, Titusville, FL 32780-8009**

*Friday, 14 March*  
**AUCTION NIGHT!**

*A great time to visit with  
 your friends and  
 enjoy our Famous Auction.*

Happy Hour: 4:00 to 6:00  
 (2-for-1 specials 4:00-5:00 only)  
 Dinner Served: 6:00 to 7:30  
**Auction: 7:00**

Cost: FREE for members with membership card  
 Guests \$10

*Saturday, 15 March*



*Relive the Fabulous 50's !!!  
 Have fun at our Sock Hop,  
 including a "Dance-Off",  
 Hula Hoop Contest and  
 Costume Contest.*

Happy Hour: 5:00

Dinner Served: 6:00-7:30



Cost: \$18

Both nights are casual dress/dirty flight suits/or theme clothes. Cash Bar available. PLEASE  
 RSVP! (even for the free dinner) We need headcounts to order proper amount of food.

### 2008 Airshow Dinners Reservation

**Please RSVP by March 1<sup>st</sup> !!!**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday Night**

I/we need \_\_\_\_\_ VAC Member Meals @ free = \$0

\_\_\_\_\_ Non-member Meals @ \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Night**

I/we need: \_\_\_\_\_ Member/guest meals @ \$18 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is my personal check in amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please charge my credit card for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***My credit card number is:*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***Expires:*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Please DO NOT include the dinner ticket payments with any other payments you are making to the VAC!***

Mail reservation form to: VAC AirShow Dinners 6600 Tico Road Titusville, FL 32780-8009

### World War II Generals

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The instant one closes their mind and refuses to learn something new – or thinks they already know “it” all – is the instant when they begin to die.

Dr. Gregory S. Neal

### DID YOU KNOW? CORRECTIONS

We were informed that:

Bob Keeshan served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Lee Marvin was wounded during the battle of Saipan in June 1944 and received a Purple Heart.

Mr. Rogers was not a U.S. Navy Seal and did not serve in Vietnam.

### 2007 TICO WARBIRD AIRSHOW

Unscramble the aircraft and features below that participated in the 2007 AirShow.

Place the bold letters in the spaces on the first line below. Then unscramble them to reveal the motto of our AirShows.

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- 2L9 NEPDILH \_\_\_\_\_
- 312C REDROIRV \_\_\_\_\_
- F7B1 NYGFIL RERTSFOS \_\_\_\_\_
- 4NJS TXNAE \_\_\_\_\_
- FSA REEVERS EJT CRA \_\_\_\_\_
- UF4 RASCOIR \_\_\_\_\_
- EDR BAONR DOSRAQNU \_\_\_\_\_
- FSA 5EIF SETRIK GEALE \_\_\_\_\_
- REUSP TONLCHDEA \_\_\_\_\_
- XM2 SARMOTNETDONI \_\_\_\_\_
- 5B2 HTRON RANMIACE CIMLEHLT \_\_\_\_\_

- UFSA 6F1 PEIRV \_\_\_\_\_
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**Thu. Evening 13 March 2008 6 P.M. - VAC Hangar  
Dirty Flight Suit Gathering  
Fri. 14 March AirShow 1 P.M.  
Fri. 14 March Auction Night - Dinner 6 P.M. Auction 7 P.M.  
Sat. 15 March - AirShow 1 P.M.  
Sat. 15 March Fabulous 50's Dinner 6 P.M.  
Sun. 16 March - AirShow 1 P.M.**

**See inside for details!**