



Annual visitors—
Sandhill cranes

UN-SCRAMBLE

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Dick Hart—Memorial
Day wreath

MEMORABLE EVENTS APRIL, MAY & JUNE



TICO BELLE will be flying soon as she did in this photo.



VAC member/pilot Paul Schulten
takes one of the Indian Guide's
parent's up for a flight



Indian Guides visit VAC for tour
and enjoy flight in Ken Terry's T-34



Gun Godbeer, Joan Dorrell, Ann James, Jean
Felton, Diane Busching were a few of the
volunteers who served hot dogs for Memorial
Weekend Open House



Volunteer Ladies Day Out



British National Geographic
film crew & local actors for
TBM film. See story inside.



Serving hot dogs in the hangar was a big
hit Memorial Weekend.



Arvid Shook former CBI pilot
that "flew the hump".



A young man's interest
in warbirds.



Bob Boswell thanks everyone at
AirShow Survivor's Luncheon



Col. Terry Yon, VAC Commander
Lloyd Morris and Col. Bud Evans



Chef Larry from WPIO 89.3
interviewing Arvid Shook



AirShow Survivor's Luncheon

HONORING THE MEMORY



PROPOSED VIETNAM DISPLAY AREA

In 2009, we plan to celebrate the 33rd Anniversary of the Valiant Air Command by breaking ground for a new Warbird Display Hangar that will be dedicated to "Honoring the Memory" of the Vietnam Era. The following year, we will plan a Dedication Ceremony with a special tribute to Vietnam Veterans to include a fly-over saluting our military...past and present. This is just the beginning phase of a multi-year program of expansion at the Warbird Museum. By being a Contributor/New Hangar Donor, or purchasing a brick donation, or choosing one of the many Membership Levels available, you will be a part of this Memorial Foundation at the VAC Warbird Museum honoring veterans. Thank you to the following VAC Members and business leaders who have contributed to this effort so far:

Millard S. Abbott
Stu Allison
Donald J. "Beetle" Bailey
Herman & Cindy Bayerdorffer
National Geographic Society (TV Productions)
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John W. Strickland
David & Patricia Sutcliffe
Lee M. Tannenbaum
Rene & Karen Vandevoorde
Paul Woodard
Col. Terry A. & Janet Yon, USA (Ret)

Time is of the essence and this is an opportunity that can't be missed. Any and all donations are appreciated and will be acknowledged. Please contact the museum at (321) 268-1941 or write to the VAC Warbird Museum, 6600 Tico Road, Titusville, FL 32780-8009 to provide your support. The VAC is a 501 (c) (3) Non-Profit Organization Educational Museum recognized by the IRS. Donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Bob Boswell
Personnel Officer



Dick Hart & Flea Meyer in front of VAC Huey at Vietnam Memorial at Wickham Park in Melbourne. Our Huey is on display with the Vietnam traveling Memorial Wall when in our area.

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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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Old Aviation Saying – “Lady, you want me to answer you if this old airplane is safe to fly? Just how in the world do you think it got to be this old?”

COMMANDER

Greetings to Everyone,

It has been quite busy at the Warbird Museum this summer already. Our attendance is steady and the Gift Shop is faring well, so stop on in and take a look. The Shuttle launches have contributed somewhat to the increase in traffic, so let's hope that it continues bringing folks in!

I want to thank everyone who attended the AirShow Debriefing Meeting in the Display Hangar. It's always nice to thank and recognize all of the individuals who worked hard over several months time in preparation for the annual Tico Warbird AirShow. For those of you who could not attend the potluck luncheon but participated in the AirShow, I thank you personally on behalf of the Board of Directors. Thanks to Ann James for grilling the hot dogs and hamburgers, and the dedicated efforts of the volunteers for setup and cleanup.

As a co-sponsor of the “Red, White, and Boom” Fourth of July event again this year, the VAC's Operations Officer, Ken Terry, will be coordinating the flybys on Saturday, July 4th at the Space Coast Regional Airport, with the pilots. Please check out our website for updated details. Also, the evening of the 4th, I invite staff, members, volunteers, tour guides and your families to come to the VAC to enjoy a “dress rehearsal” of the Space Coast Pops Orchestra prior to their departure over to the airport grounds for evening entertainment on the field. We will have food and beverages available for a nominal donation starting at 5 PM. Bring your lawn chairs and view the fireworks display from the west side area of the VAC Display Hangar. Call Ginger or Sandy in the Gift Shop in advance so we can estimate the number of attendees.

If any volunteers would like to help with parking for the Fourth of July at the airport grounds, I could still use a few people to help with traffic flow. So far, Joe Cross, Bubba Stitt, Phil Domagala, and Tom Etter have offered their assistance, but we could use 8 or 9 more volunteers.

We are moving forward with the New Construction Site and should be putting the project out for bid during July. By now everyone should have received a letter about the Vietnam Display Memorial and our various membership levels, brick donations, and donor contributions. Even though the FDOT Grant is \$400K, and we are fortunate enough to get \$200K through a TDC Capital Assets fund, we still need to raise another \$200K to match the \$800K total amount. Aside from a bank loan, the VAC still needs additional

monies for this Vietnam Memorial Display. Thank you to everyone who has contributed already and for those who would still like to make a donation, please do so if you can. We need your support. This project is good for the Warbird Museum and great for the community.

AIRSHOW 2010

Although we have been concentrating on fundraising for the new Display Hangar site, next year's AirShow planning is already in the works. I would like to thank the following contributors for their donations:

Robert James Barden (Ann Arbor Commerce Bank)
Richard and Phyllis Cassidy
Earl M. Inge, Jr. & Brandy Wesley
Gail A. Nichols (NCCI Holdings, Inc. matching funds)
John W. Strickland (fuel reimbursement return)
David Whitney (matching contribution from Emerson)

AIRSHOW 2010 SEED MONEY

Thank you to the following members who have graciously made Seed Money donations to the Valiant Air Command for next year's AirShow:

Tom and Patricia Etter
Jerald I. Jeffers, MSGT. RET, USAF

Enjoy your summer, be safe, and keep em flying!

Lloyd W. Morris

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

AVIATING WITH EVANS

KOREAN WAR BEGINNING AND ME

To those of you who have forgotten or never really paid much attention to the date: 25 June 1950, I am writing this story. Much is justifiably made of the 6th of June and the invasion of France by Allied troops during World War II. It was the beginning of the defeat of the Germans and freeing of millions of people who were living under the tyrannical power of the German conquerors. The Korean War seems to have been wiped from the memories and history books by the people who are responsible for teaching the younger generations. We often fail to recognize it as the first failure of Communism to conquer and spread its doctrine further throughout the Far East. We stopped both China and Russia at great cost in American and U.N. forces lives. I will not forget that date as it was the beginning of a new phase in my flying career.

Most people who go to war have time to prepare psychologically to accept the fact that they are going to be facing men and machines which have the purpose of trying to kill you. That is not easy to prepare for but generally you have some idea of what you will be facing and what the "playing field" situation is. I am not sure which scenario is best as I had some time to mentally prepare for Vietnam and I already knew how I would react to that "Kill or be Killed" situation. 27 June 1950 was the day that President Truman authorized the U. S. Military to confront the invading North Koreans and it was my introduction into that questionable elite group of "Combat Pilots". I guess it is fortunate that I didn't have too much time to think about it. I was also at top proficiency in the art of Fighter Weapons training. Our Squadron had been firing Air-to-Air and Air-to-Ground gunnery training at our Bi-annual Gunnery Camp for over a week, flying 4 to 5 gunnery missions each day. On the night of 26 June we were ordered to fly to Itazuki Air Base on the Southern most Island of Japan. What we knew was that the North Koreans had made an invasion of South Korea and we had been ordered to defend the South Koreans. We didn't have adequate maps of the Korean Peninsula or even what aircraft the North Koreans were flying, much less what their identification insignia looked like? Our Squadron arrived at Itazuki Air Base mid-morning on the 27th but we couldn't begin flying missions until our support ground troops and equipment could arrive. They couldn't leave our Gunnery Camp air field until all of our aircraft had safely departed. That cost us the full day of the 27th but we were briefed and ready to fly at first light on the 28th. The weather however had closed in on Itazuki and curtailed all jet aircraft operations. I had other real issues to deal with in addition to worrying about my ability to that of combat. I was going to have to face the very real problem of flying one of the first four F-80's to carry the untested "Misawa" enlarged tip tanks. (Each carrying 100 gallons more fuel than the standard 165 Gallon tip tanks). In addition to the extra fuel weight we were carrying a full load of 50 caliber ammunition in each of our six machine guns. These were the serious concerns:

1. Flying from a strange runway without any idea as to whether it was long enough for this never flown configuration to get airborne?
2. Secondly we had no weight-and-balance information on these new tanks which had been designed by the Maintenance Officers of two of our 49th Group Squadrons.

3. How much drag, range or endurance the extra fuel would give us?



9th Fighter F-80's waiting to fly the 1st combat mission before the rains came.

These issues were added to my thoughts while trying to get a nights sleep, lying on a canvas fold-up cot with a rolled up flight suit for a pillow. I really can't remember how well I slept but when I awoke ready to find out how good a pilot I really was, I was greeted with the sound of a pounding rain splattering off of our canvas tent. My Squadron Commander drove the four of us who were scheduled to fly that first mission, across the field to the 8th Fighter Groups Officers Club for breakfast. The Air Base was a mass of activity with anti-aircraft crews moving in and setting up gun emplacements, B-26's, F-82's, C-46/47's and C-54's disappearing and arriving through the low ceiling and heavy rain.

Following our return from breakfast and a quick stop at "Combat Intelligence" room we were relaxing in our tent after being told all jets had been held on the ground because of the bad and worsening weather. With little ceremony, the Group Commander from the 8th Fighter Group drove his staff car to the front flap of our tent and came storming inside demanding to know why our four F-80's were not in the air? Major "Squire" Williams our Squadron Commander was sitting on his cot and stood up and pointed out at the rain and said that he understood that all jets were grounded because of the weather. The Colonel exploded at him saying that our "Special" flight had to get into the air now! "Squire" pointed out that the forecast was for even worse weather as the day went on. That was when the Colonel screamed while shaking his fist at us saying the words that have remained in the depth of my memory bank throughout all of these subsequent 59 years: "I don't care whether they get back or not! Get them in the air".

That is really not the way you want to face your first combat but it gave us an additional enemy we had to face and he was in command of our fate. It was also someone we could actually see as our "other enemy" and could spend a little more direct anger in his direction. What I remember about that first venture into the unknown was that my most immediate enemies I would have to face were not the North Koreans but were, whether or not the untested aircraft configuration could get airborne, the weather en-route, locating and reaching the target area at Seoul, whether we would have enough fuel to complete the assigned mission, whether we would be able to get back into Itazuki providing we had enough fuel and on top of that, knowing that the Fighter Group Commander of another Group than the one we were assigned was sending us on an almost certain "Suicide Mission"! I have to say that facing the North Korean Air Force was far down on the list of concerns I carried with me during that first exposure to flying combat.

I have written an account of my "First Combat Mission" earlier in my "Aviating with Evans" articles. Because of the proximity to the anniversary of the start of the "Forgotten War" I felt I should not let you forget what that war was like to an untested fighter pilot facing so much more than the North Korean enemy. I know you who care enough to become members of the Valiant Air Command will not forget that short but terrible war as so many Americans seem to have done. I have found that the younger generation have not been told much about that conflict and the politicians readily remember it if they can make news by offering South Korean's apologies and compensation for what were casualties inflicted accidentally on their people while we were defending the lives of literally hundreds of thousands of their people. It is sad that they don't offer that same compensation to the American Service men and women's survivors whom they sent to protect the South Koreans and who paid with their lives. We need to be reminded from time to time about almost forgotten events in the history of the United States where men and women in our Armed Forces have had to face that greatest test that we can face, that of knowing what you are asked to do can cost you your life! The Korean War brought that reality back to many who were in Korea and had also fought in WW-II which had ended a short Five years earlier.

The Valiant Air Command will be part of the "Red, White and Boom" fireworks display celebration of the Independence Day on July 4th. The City of Titusville is sponsoring the event and the VAC is providing much of the support of the show. This is just another way that your support of the organizations dedication to

“The preservation of the history and memories of Military Aviation” is displayed to the public.

N. C. “Bud” Evans ©

OPERATIONS OFFICER

It seems as though writing these articles is the hardest part of my job. I stay focused on getting things done on a day to day basis and then when I try to reconstruct all that happened, condense it into a few words that make sense, and then put it in writing, it all becomes a blur.

The 4th of July Celebration, Red, White and Boom is scheduled to be bigger and better than last year. Michael Powell, Executive Director of the TICO Airport Authority is once again showing his depth of patriotism by lending his support to this important civic event. Mike continues to prove his dedication to our Country and the U.S. Military on a daily basis.

The evening flying will start with the “TICO BELLE”, the “KILLER BEE” and three BT-13’s at 5:30 P.M. The Flagship of the Valiant Air Command, “TICO BELLE”, once again is running neck to neck with “completion” in time to fly in this event. The dedicated volunteers (and they have got to be dedicated to keep working on it day and night for so long) are all standing by with crossed fingers. As of the deadline for press time of the Un-Scramble it appears they might just make it!!!

The next flyby will be at 6:45 P.M. featuring Bristow Academy’s famous Helicopter Formation Flight Team. The Sikorsky 300 CBI’s flown by instructors and students of the Military Training Program (MTP) is one of the world’s premier training aircraft and is used extensively by many flight training schools. The early version of this aircraft was utilized by the U.S. Army as the primary helicopter trainer from the 1960’s to well into the late 1980’s because of its’ ruggedness and reliability.

Since the VAC cannot finance a full blown AirShow, that August Group of Intrepid Airmen known far and wide – all the way from Mims to Scottsmoor as “Retro Flight” will amaze and astonish you just before the fireworks starts by performing several fantastic flybys. This, of course, is provided they can be returned to the nursing home before dark.

Our staunch supporter and member Tom Reilly, owner/pilot of “KILLER BEE”, had his quarterly Pancake Breakfast on Saturday 20 June in Douglas, GA. The pancakes were great and the camaraderie even better.

We also participated in several missing man and flybys since last month. We would like to see more participation from some of our membership in these events. Any chance there is a few guys and gals out there that would like to become involved in this? Give me a call if you are interested!!!

Blue side up!!!

Ken Terry

MAINTENANCE OFFICER

C-47 – At the end of June 2009, we will have been working on the “Tico Belle” for a period of eight years! So much for my “five year plan”!!! It has been a long, hard grind for our volunteers and the VAC Board of Directors. However, the light at the end of the tunnel is getting brighter.

Once again, my deep and sincere thanks to all who have made it possible – volunteer workers, donors large and small. Without the continuing support of all concerned we would not have been able to complete the mission.

The weight and balance was finally completed after strenuous effort over almost a week period. The last major modification forms (337’s) should be completed and in the mail concerning the recovering of the elevators.

We have mailed the other four 337’s (covering all the airframe repairs) and brought the log books up to date which included a review of all of the airworthiness directives (AD’s). This effort consumed a considerable amount of time from our prime mechanics and several items had to be rechecked to verify that some details were complied with. It did turn out that I had to order several items. It seems that it is very hard to tie up all of the loose ends.

That said, I hope to hear back from the FAA soon and be in a position to test fly before the end of June! I hope that the cost of insurance won’t break the bank!

TBM – The rewiring effort is continuing in a steady but slow pace due to the USA (United Space Alliance) engineers that have been working a lot of overtime at the Kennedy Space Center and so have little spare time to work on the TBM.

The elevators attaching components had been misplaced but have now been found. They are to be primed, painted Navy blue and attached to the horizontal stabilizer. That will be followed by removing the old bearings and installing new ones. Following

that the elevators will be painted and then connected to the airframe.

L-13 – Reskinning of the right wing is continuing. A total of nine wing pivot and attaching parts have been machined and will be ready to install in the right wing.

Robert E. James

PERSONNEL OFFICER

ELECTIONS 2009

The following is a List of Officers and Terms of Service that will be up for election this year. If interested, you must comply with VAC procedures. To qualify as a candidate for office you must be a member in good standing of the VAC. A qualified member that is interested in running for a Board of Director's position or an incumbent seeking re-election to the same or another Board position must file a Letter of Intent with the Board of Directors. The letter must contain the following: (a) The position for which the member is intending to fill; (b) The signature of the member who is seeking the position; (c) The signatures of two (2) members in good standing of the VAC who endorse the placement of the candidate's name on the ballot. In addition, a biographical history must be submitted at the same time as the Letter of Intent. Brief autobiographical histories, less than 250 words, are suggested.

Please contact the administrative office for a copy of the duties of a Board of Director's position that interests you and the form you need to complete for the application. The Valiant Air Command Board of Director's is considered a "Working Board" position.

OFFICES AVAILABLE FOR 2009

FULL THREE (3) YEAR TERMS 2009-2012

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| Personnel Director | (Incumbent) | Bob Boswell |
| Procurement Director | (Incumbent) | Bob Frazier |
| Finance Director | (Incumbent) | Lora McCabe |

Autobiographical histories, together with your original Letter of Intent and required endorsements, must be received at the VAC Headquarters by 5:00 P.M., August 15th. The candidates and the position they are running for, as well as their autobiographical histories, will be published in the October issue of the ***Un-Scramble***.

NEW AND RENEWALS 01 APRIL – 16 JUNE 2009

NEW MEMBERS

Boulware, Curtis / Boulware, Kelly
Brewer, John D.
Croucher, William R. / Croucher, Margaret P.
Demers, George A. / Demers, Ann S.
Gryder, Dan / Gryder, Darla Dee
Hatoum, Lela S. / Hatoum, Danny
Morrison, Thomas M. / Morrison, Andrina
Mosley, Robert L. / Mosley, Carolyn S.
Moxley, Jr., John D. "Dean" / Moxley, Linda M.
O'Neal, James Walter / O'Neal, Glenda W.
Phillips, Richard G.
Rega, Robert
Righetti, Betty
Stefano, Mario W. / Stefano, Karin L.
Tan, Donald C. / Tan, Toby A.
Wilford, Norman D.

NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS

Sietsma, Larry F. / Sietsma, Sherry D.
Woodard, Paul L.

RENEWALS

Bean, James E.
Beltzner, Dale A. / Beltzner, Rosalie A.
Bond, James F.
Buhlin, Emerson C.
Callaghan, Patrick E. / Callaghan, Leonor I.
Cooper, Robert S>
Felt, Morris R. / Felt, Trudy A.
Foley, Robert M.
Herb, "Bomber"
Hunt, Jr., Kenneth W. / Hunt, Teresa
Inge, Earl M. "Skip" / Wesley, Brandy
Kaisler, Kenneth L.
Land, Patrick Jerry/ Land, Jerry Battles
Libengood, Robert T.
Littell, R. Wallace
Mack, James E.
McCullough, Robert / McCullough, Camille
McDonald, Dennis R.
McLeod, Thomas F. / McLeod, Catherine F.
Metcalf, Paul E. / Metcalf, Lucia A.
Parsons, Stanton V. / Devaney, Julie J.
Pound, Frank R. / Pound, Betty-Gayle
Reich, Eugene H.
Russell, John N. / Russell, Cindy L.
Saletzski, Larry J. / Saletzski, Genda E.
Sosbey, L. Paul
Talbot, Franklin F. / Talbot, Ruth A.
Templeton, Cal / Templeton, Bonnie

Bob Boswell

FACILITIES OFFICER

The dog days of summer have arrived in Florida but the facilities still need to be maintained. The front entrance of the museum is completely removed of all the weed patches, many loads of mulch spread and a few trees planted.

Painting is still an on-going project with the restoration hangar restrooms getting a fresh coat of paint. All of the display engine stands are in the painting process. Next on the agenda will be the re-coating of the hangar floor where needed. For our out of town/state members your next visit is sure to impress you with the condition of the facilities.

All of the signage for the museum has been redesigned and is scheduled for replacement. This includes the main billboard at route 405, U.S. 1 and the welcome sign at the entrance. The deteriorated sign on the display hangar west wall facing the airport runways will be removed and replaced also.

The big news is the new hangar preparations are still in work but moving ahead at a good pace. When complete the space provided will park another six aircraft.

Still looking for a few good men, we are desperately in need of a heavy equipment mechanic to service our large crane and forklift. Give a call if interested (321-268-1941)

Norm Lindsay

PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Quarterly Un-Scramble issues seem to report we go from one near panic to another. As the AirShow efforts unwind, the Memorial Day Open House cranks up, the C-47 Restoration effort pushes to completion, new hangar planning, financing takes over and the VAC role in the 4th of July Community Celebration is around the corner.

Procurement activities just proceed inside the above major items:

Annual Inventory for Navy ---We finally finished and submitted the inventory of equipment on loan from the Navy Museum. We were late due to the AirShow activities. All 26 planes and equipment on loan we identified, photographed and catalogued.

F8U Crusader---Renewal of the U.S. Marine Corps for the F8U display aircraft and annual inventory, identification and photographs of areas of the aircraft are in progress.

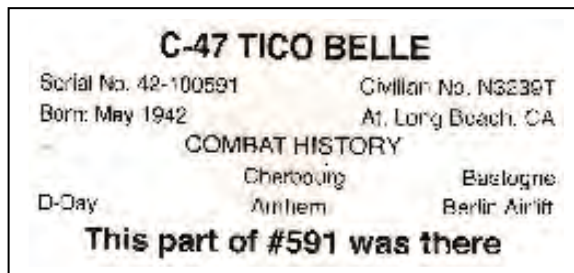
AH-1 Cobra Helicopter---Requests for Cobra for VAC Museum display have been submitted to U.S. Army Loan/Donation Office and other sources.

Future Display Aircraft---According to Washington and DOD budget planning news the Navy and Air Force will be releasing/retiring older F-18, F-15 and F-16 aircraft in FY '2010. We have submitted request to

Navy for static display F-18 and are investigating channels for F-15.

TA-4 Aircraft---A display sign with history for the newly restored TA-4 aircraft had been designed and installed. Next will be a sign for the MiG-21 and some engines.

C-47 Aircraft---We are nearing the end of the Restoration Project that started in August 2001, when the damaged aircraft moved into the north hangar. It is interesting to note that one of the smaller donation sources was the set of C-47 Memory Cards and pieces of the original WW II sheet metal that were there. From my original idea and design we have made over 3100 card sets. These may have resulted in contributing over \$12,000.00 to the Restoration Fund, but will perpetuate the memory of TICO BELLE.



Bob Frazier

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The pace for the VAC has hardly slowed, since the airshow, and the Public Relations Office is no exception. We've had some great successes with FREE media coverage such as Florida Today, a terrific Port Canaveral Magazine article on the museum, Renegade Motorcycle Magazine, WHDO TV with a story on our facility and Veteran Pilots and WPIO radio leading up to Memorial Day; as well as the London based National Geographic doing a documentary featuring our TBM Avenger. We also had a combined Florida Today and BCC television effort do a very nice story on our new hangar requirement. Additionally, we've had literally hundreds of Public Service Announcements out to the media regarding various events of interest at the museum. One really successful event was the opening of our P-47 exhibit; it was a terrific opening celebration and we've gotten many positive comments about the display. If you were not here for it, or did not hear

about it, our Memorial Day weekend Open House was one of the best in recent years; a fantastic success by any measure. We had nearly 3,000 visitors over the 3-day weekend, again do in no small part to the excellent coverage we obtained from the media, before and during the event. We continue to book various tour groups through our museum and are anxiously looking forward to our first Carnival Cruise Lines shore excursion in July and generating media attention for us related to the Tico Belle's official return to flight. We are also scheduling many "outreach" visits and are excited to be invited to a children's summer school class in June to talk about our facility. Finally, I have reached out to "The Villages" community to arrange for tours of an outreach, since they would be a great fit for who we are and what we do. So far, I have not had much luck in generating interest. If anyone has a contact there please let me know. Finally, we are in the final planning stages for the 2nd Annual 4th of July, "Red, White and Boom" celebration. The museum is working closely with the Airport Authority and the City of Titusville for another successful family event this year.

Looking out to 2010; there's already a lot of planning going on. The airshow topic is never too early to discuss and we are looking at several opportunities for next year. The Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association is having their National convention of an estimated 1500 folks in St. Augustine and they want to visit us!! Also, we hope to have more shore excursion tours from Port Canaveral.

Finally, our tour guide program continues to have some turnover. We recently lost Jan Lester who was a terrific personality for us, and Jeff Boyken, Don Eldredge and Mel Abbott all left to go back North for the summer months, but we've gained many others; including an active duty USAF Lieutenant who is going to come in on Saturdays. So if you see a new face, introduce yourself and welcome them to our organization AND if you know of anyone interested in joining our tour guide team, have them contact me.

Colonel Terry Yon, USA (Ret)

EVENTS COORDINATOR

Since the last "Un-Scramble" issue that you received, the birthday party for 10-year-old Michael Hoog of Port St. John was held in the Display Hangar on 25 April. I want to thank Ann James for volunteering to host the special occasion as I was at the Lakeland Linder Airport for the Sun-n-Fun AirShow. VAC Photographer Phyllis Lilienthal put together a great DVD for family and friends to remember the special day. Also in April, the "Survivor" post AirShow potluck luncheon was held in the Display Hangar. Thanks to

everyone who came to offer his or her suggestions on how to improve next year's event and to let us know what we are "doing right". Ann James did a great job on the grill and thanks to all of our volunteers who helped make the 18th special...including a birthday nod to Norm Lindsay, Facilities Officer.

On 01 May, the Memorabilia Room was the place to be for the Quiet Birdmen Wing Ding Dinner (Melbourne hangar). Forty-four QBs attended the evening event, which also included VAC Officers Bob James, Bob Boswell, and Bud Evans in the festivities. They are a great group of pilots and we appreciate their sponsorship for one of our AirShow 2009 Chalets.

We have had many tour groups coming through the Museum with several already scheduling into 2010. I would like to thank Terry Yon, our PR Director, for ensuring that enough Tour Guides are always on hand to escort the many who have visited the Museum.

The Memorial Day Weekend Open House was a huge success with more than 2500 visitors taking advantage of the free admission for Brevard County residents and active/retired military. We had many favorable comments about the new Hangar Expansion and the VAC was featured several times in the media just prior to the Open House, so the community rallied with their show of support...in spite of rainy weather that was forecast for the weekend. Thank you to everyone who spent hours volunteering their time over the 3-day event.

We have several events in the early planning stages at this point: The Brevard County Economic Development Council would like to host 150 to 200 community and business leaders in the Display Hangar for their Quarterly Meeting/BBQ Dinner on 15 July; pilot F-104 Rick Svetkoff will be involved with the Governor's School for Space Science and Technology, assisting gifted high school seniors in their project, which involves a specialized camera onboard the Starfighter jet. Students attending the two-week residential summer academy led by F.I.T. faculty members and hosted primarily at KSC, will be at the VAC Warbird Museum in mid-July for some hands-on activities. We hope to have several prominent business and community leaders here to witness the hard work these students have shown thus far and emphasize our mission of being an educational museum promoting aviation history; in October, the Brevard County Bar Association is interested in hosting their family social event; and, in November, Destinations Unlimited based in Jacksonville, would like to schedule a Museum tour/lunch for a group of 50 senior adults visiting area attractions.

WEDDING BELLS

In the meantime, our usual VAC events keep on moving forward. Hope to see you for the Fourth of July activities and have a wonderful summer!!!

Phyllis Lackey

GRYPHON BAKING SCHEDULE

Thank you to all the "bakers" for making such wonderfully tasty treats for our soldiers. They do appreciate them. AND our VAC volunteers enjoy all the leftovers, as well!

Please note the schedule below for the next few months. Summer vacations are coming, so feel free to call me to fill in while you are away.

| <u>JULY</u> | <u>AUG.</u> | <u>SEPT.</u> | <u>BAKERS</u> |
|-------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| | | 01 | Jean, Karen, Gun |
| 07 | 04 | 08 | Gaye, Joanne, Ann |
| 14 | 11 | 15 | Joan, Lorraine, Jenny |
| 21 | 18 | 22 | Frances, Margaret |
| 28 | 25 | 29 | Ailene, Ann |

TOUR GRYPHON GROUP TRAINING FACILITY

Our VAC Volunteers are scheduled to tour the Gryphon Group Facility on the west side of the airport on 24 June at 9:00 A.M. Our group will have an opportunity to watch the scheduled training of the soldiers on that day. We would like to thank the instructors of the Gryphon Group for making this informative tour available for us.

MEMORIAL DAY OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND

We had a wonderful turnout of visitors and sold over 500 hot dogs during the Memorial Day Weekend. Moving the cooking and serving area to the inside of the hangar was a wonderful change. More people chose to stop and have refreshments and visit.

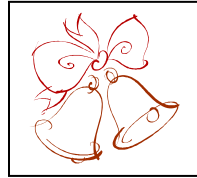
Thank you to all those who helped set-up and take down and those who cooked for days to make it all such a success!

MEMBERS & FRIENDS GONE WEST

Bill Stitt, brother of Bubba Stitt has gone west. Bubba is in charge of security for our AirShows.

Our sympathy goes out to his family and friends.

George Damoff and Ro Anne Davis will tie the knot on 12 July 2009 at 1 P.M. in Delaware, Ohio.



Ken Terry and Sue Konig will tie the knot on 13 October 2009 at beach/jetty at Ponce Inlet, Florida.

We wish them years of happiness.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC FILMS AT VAC

In May we were visited by a British film crew who used the VAC TBM Avenger to film a documentary for National Geographic. The film, to be released shortly for television, will feature the story of Flight 19 out of Ft. Lauderdale Naval Air Station on 05 December 1945. The flight of 5 TBM's disappeared during the flight in the area known as the "Bermuda Triangle."

Our own local VAC volunteers were used as acting pilot and co-pilot. The photo on the cover shows Matthew Williams on the left and Chris Bryant on the right, with the film crew in the center. Thank you to Terry Yon for coordinating this event, to Frank Pound for finding all the authentic flight gear for the "pilots" from our VAC Memorabilia, the restoration crew all the aircraft movement and preparation and as always Phyllis Lilienthal for the great photo coverage.

It was another exciting day for everyone here at VAC! We will receive a copy of the documentary and let you know when it is to be aired here in the states.

Ann James
Volunteer Coordinator

FROM THE FRONT COUNTER

There will be a PX Tent on the field for 4th of July.

NEW AND FEATURED ITEMS IN THE GIFT SHOP

White T-Shirts for sale @ 2 for \$10.00 plus tax

C-47 Museum T-Shirts almost sold out – get yours soon if you would like one @ \$10.95 plus tax.

Models 1/48th scale ready for assembly.

VAC large embroidery patches:
\$10.95 patch, \$5.00 your name embroidered on the patch = \$15.95 plus tax Sale Price \$14.95 plus tax.

Remember 10% off for members.

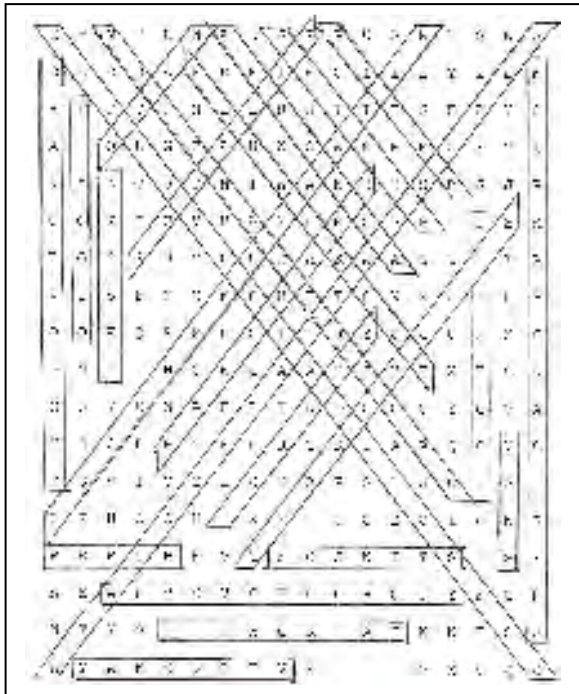
Open Fourth of July till 7:30 P.M.

Come and watch the fireworks at the VAC!!!



Meet Tom & Gloria Philip's VAC family member Dusty. Complete with his military jacket, VAC patch, America flag and all.

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AIRCRAFT CLASSIFICATION SYMBOLS

Test your skill at aircraft designation and identification. The first column is the letter designation, the second the name of the classification and the third an example of the aircraft of that designation. Match the classification in a) – t) column 2 and the example aircraft 1) – 20) in column 3 with the letter designation in column 1.

COLUMN 1

- A _____
- Q _____
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- B _____
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- TBM _____
- PBY _____
- X _____

COLUMN 2

COLUMN 3

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|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| a) Experimental | 1) Q-1 General Dynamics Predator |
| b) Attack Helicopter | 2) KC-135 Boeing Stratotanker |
| c) Observation | 3) AC-130A Lockheed Spectre |
| d) Attack | 4) U-21 Beechcraft Bonanza |
| e) Utility | 5) B-26 Martin Marauder |
| f) Trainer | 6) X-15 North American |
| g) Cargo/Transport | 7) E-2A Grumman Hawkeye |
| h) Liaison | 8) C-47 Douglas Skytrain |
| i) Gunship | 9) S-67 Sikorsky Blackhawk |
| j) Drone | 10) PBY-6 Consolidated Catalina |
| k) Patrol Bomber | 11) O-2A Cessna Skymaster |
| l) Search & Rescue | 12) A-7 Vought Corsair |
| m) Reconnaissance | 13) T-38A Northrop Talon |
| n) Torpedo Bomber | 14) RC-135 Boeing |
| o) Utility Helicopter | 15) UH-1 Bell Iroquois "Huey" |
| p) Tanker | 16) TBM-3 General Motors Avenger |
| q) Electronic Warfare | 17) L-4 Aeronca Grasshopper |
| r) Pursuit | 18) P-40 Curtiss Flying Tiger |
| s) Bomber | 19) H-43B Kaman Huskie |
| t) Fighter | 20) F-102A Convair Delta Dagger |

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FREE ENTRY - FREE PARKING**

**GATES OPEN 5:00 PM - GIGANTIC FIREWORKS 9:00 PM
AIRCRAFT ON DISPLAY - FLYBYS APPROX. 5:30, 6:45 & 8:45 PM**

**SPACE COAST POPS ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL at our Museum followed by
a full performance for the general public on the west side of the airfield**

Refreshments available for members at our Museum

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