



# UN-SCRAMBLE



OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2012

OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF THE VALIANT AIR COMMAND, INC.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2012



Commander Lloyd W. Morris operating the crane to install the engine in the C-47.



The horse drawn caisson leading the horse without a rider at the Arlington National Cemetery Ceremony for Col. Frank Reese Pound, Jr., 02 July 2012. See more about Col. Pound on page 10— Curator's Corner.



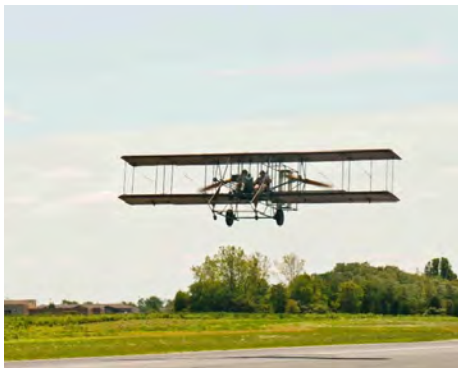
Roger gets surprised for his birthday. Ann James and John Pierce join in.



Chef Larry enjoys a flight in Robert Varney's Stearman at the Fly-In Breakfast 11 August 2012.



Ron Lyons captured this beautiful photo of Endeavour departing for California 19 Sep 2012.



Bob Boswell flies in a 1911 Wright "B" Flyer (replica) at the USAF Museum in Dayton, OH, celebrating the 60th anniversary of the B-52. See Director of Operations on page 6.



Bud Evans and his granddaughter Sarah pause for a moment on her visit from Cairo, Egypt.



Jen Czajak was the lucky winner of our Gift Basket at the Brevard Zoo 16th Annual Teacher's Open House.



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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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**FUTURE EVENTS 2012**

12 October—Columbus Day  
 13 October—Fly-In Breakfast  
 23 October—Board of Directors Meeting  
 27 October—Membership Dinner  
 31 October—Halloween  
 06 November—Election Day  
 10 November—Fly-In Breakfast  
 17 November—2nd AirShow Meeting  
 22 November—Thanksgiving Day  
 27 November—Board of Directors Meeting  
 29 November—Christmas Decorating Day & Lunch  
 08 December—Fly-In Breakfast  
 08 December—VAC Christmas Dinner Party  
 “Old Fashioned Christmas”  
 18 December— Board of Directors Meeting  
 (tentative)  
 25 December—Christmas Day

**COMMANDER**

Hi!!!

Things are picking up for the AirShow. I am hoping this year will be our greatest AirShow ever. Be there or be square.

**THANK YOU** to all who have donated to our AirShow so far.

**2013 AIRSHOW DONATIONS**

Anderson, Gerald A.	Hall, Tom Page
Baker, George H. & Virginia S. "Ginny"	Hamilton, CMSgt. Robert W
Beck, Harold D. & Constance A.	Harris, Herman L
Beck, Preston E.	Haydu, Bernice" Bee"
Boyken, Jeffrey W. "Jeff" & L. Carolyn	Hernandez, Felix
Butler, John E. & Alda D.	Hickman, Ray E.
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Capito, Mike "Cap"	Hosley, David L. & Barbara A.
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Champion, Laurence L. & Patricia A.	Johnson, M.D., J. William & Margery
Crawford, J. Anthony & Brenda	Liggett, III, Roy B. "Traey" & Tam J..
D'Amario, Alfred J. & Colleen R.	Mack, James E.
Davis, Richard A. & Irina	Mathis, David E. & Lillian
Dorrell, John W. "Jack" & Joan S.	McClure, Jerry D.
Edelstein, Leonard & Julia E.	Montes, Al & Cmar, Debra A.
Fleck, Francis C.	Moriarty, Eugene P. & Judith A.
Franklin, Bill D.	Neugebauer, Hans J. & Susan
Garrison, J. Reid	
Gell, Gary S.	
Greist, David M. & Rose	

Newton, Richard A.	Shaver, Dan E. & Cynthia
Ohlsson, Leonard "Lenny" & Patricia "Pat"	Steinwedel, Norbert & Evelyn
Parker, William E.	Stickley, Howard J. & Rhea L.
Parrott, H. Glen	Thomas, Albert M. & Cynthia D.
Piowaty, John F. & Dana H.	Van Poll, Col. Gerald
Raudenbush, Ernest W.	Walker, Richard E. & Cornell
Schuiling, Roelof L.	Woodward, Paul L.
Schwartz, Heather M. (in memory of Richard J. Schwartz)	Woodward, Paul L.

### **NEW MUSEUM BUILDING UPDATE**

Right now the new museum building donations are at 200K. We're still way short of the 7 million needed. We have 2 1/2 years to raise the funds and I am sure we can make it happen.

**THANK YOU** to the following for their pledges to the Building Fund for the new Valiant Air Command Museum Building:

Larry Sietsma  
John Strickland  
Dave Marco  
Serge English  
Doug Matthews  
Jerry Trachtman  
Buckley Law Group

**Lloyd W. Morris**

### **AVIATING WITH EVANS** **FACING COMBAT**

One of the traumatic mental issues that almost everyone who knows they are going to face that unknown danger of deadly combat, is: "how am I going react"? When you realize what you are going to face can very easily end your life or cause you pain and suffering it is normal to give cause to wonder. This reminder was brought to my mind when my former boss in Flight Test Operations at Edwards Air Force Base and long-time friend and WW-II Fighter "Ace", Col. C. E. "Bud" Anderson, discussed it in an interview on a web site of former combat pilots. We are raised in an environment that doesn't cause you to worry that you are going to be placed continuously in life threatening danger. How many of us have had that uncertainty in our minds eye and if you have never been into combat you will probably never have the opportunity to find what that part of your total make up will really do under those extreme conditions? Each time I was faced with that very personal question I found that my concentration was not on fear but on hitting the enemy before he hit me.

During World War II I never got to face that first combat mission even though I had done everything possible to get into the war to do my part. I was en-route to Europe in my B-24 when the war in Europe ended. Like most of the pilots I knew we all were "Gung-Ho" and anxious to get our crack at driving the folks who had started the war, back to their lairs and let them know that the U.S. Army Air Force was there. Fortunately (I guess) I never had a chance to find out how I would react to that first combat mission until five years later and I had very little time to think about what I was about to face. ("My First Combat Mission").

When we think about the many times a fighter pilot (in the old days) faced taking a high powered single cockpit aircraft into the air for the first time it is a pulse rising event. My first combat mission was one that gave me very little time to dwell on what I was about to find myself immersed into. We were enjoying a relaxing two week deployment for gunnery camp when we were awakened at 1 AM and informed by our Squadron Commander to be ready for take-off at 0600 to fly to Itazuki Air Base that was located on the Southern Japanese Island of Kyushu. It was then that we learned the North Koreans had invaded South Korea. I know that I thought that it must be another of those border incidents that had happened several times in the past and that they would run back across the border as soon as the USAF showed up. Our leaders were so sure that would happen that we were told to only take a change of under-ware and our shaving kit.

We arrived at Itazuki and had to wait all day for our ground crew and support equipment to get loaded and flown down to us. The wait was so frustrating that all I could think of was getting into the air as I watched the awkward looking F-82's come in making "Victory rolls" indicating they had shot down North Korean aircraft. Some of the F-80's from the 8<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group that were stationed at Itazuki were doing the same. I guess I'll have to say by that time I had no reservations as to how I would react on the first time I was going to fly into the face of enemy fire. Of course I was sure our F-80 jets were much superior to any aircraft the North Koreans were flying, even though we had no clue as to what types of aircraft they had or even what their country's markings looked like. I explained in my earlier story why my concerns on that first mission were much more than my facing the North Koreans. It was on my second combat mission where I saw that our beautiful sleek fast jet fighters were going to be used down and dirty facing ground fire on every mission. During most of those missions I don't ever remember feeling a sense of real fear, even when I was badly damaged by enemy fire and faced several life challenging moments during the flight to safety--- almost! I know that I never let that event effect the aggressiveness on my subsequent missions; in fact I believe I was motivated to make my attacks against the anti-aircraft emplacements even more aggressive. Of course that happened well into my second combat tour and I was well experienced in facing the expected enemy weapons.

After thinking about that previous statement, I have to confess that I did have one mission that really taxed my resolve to face the enemy without fear. Fighter pilots are prone to hate flying straight and level and particularly having to follow a mass gaggle of aircraft into their bombing run as bomber pilots had to do. It was a few weeks into the conflict and Washington agreed to allow us to attack targets above the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel. 5<sup>th</sup> Air Force had scheduled an attack on the North Korean Capital, Pyongyang. Every combat unit in Japan was used and they had set up a combined attack and the B-26's went in first at low altitude followed by F-51's and then by the three F-80 Fighter Groups. The two squadrons of the 49<sup>th</sup>

Group were scheduled to be the last squadron behind the other two Groups which had three squadrons consisting of four flights of four aircraft each. That meant that there would be 112 F-80's diving in from 12,000 feet on the targets ahead of my "Tail-end Charlie" flight". I had a lot of time to think about facing all of the flack that I could hear being reported by the aircraft making their attacks well before my arriving at the "I. P.". (Point designated for me to roll in on my dive bombing attack). There are probably periods of time that I have had during which I was concerned about what I was going to face within the coming few minutes. What I had to listen to on the radio was the aircraft ahead of me reporting anti- aircraft actions against them along with reports from aircraft which had been hit remains vividly in my memories. The most frustrating thing was that I had to follow behind all of the F-80's that were systematically arriving at the designated "I. P.", reporting they were entering their dive attacks. Every flight of 4 aircraft had a different target they were to attack but all were beginning their dive bombing run from the same general spot.

Long before my time came to begin my attack I heard pilots leaving the I. P. reporting flack all along the dive path. As I said, that was probably the most tension filled ten to fifteen minutes I have ever spent while approaching my arrival at the point where I was to lead my flight in for our attack on the railroad round house. When my time was approaching to make my attack all of the tension was released and I could finally concentrate on why I was there. Mentally I had to ignore everything except my target. I couldn't ignore what my three flight members diving into the firestorm and having to stay behind me and the aircraft ahead of each of them must have been thinking. My number 2 couldn't fire his rockets or guns until after I fired mine and was pulling out of the way. That also was what each of the flight members had to do and I was at least the first one to attack our assigned target. Each of my flight members had to follow me exposing them to more anti-aircraft fire. I was experienced in dealing with anti-aircraft guns so after firing my rockets into the roundhouse, I concentrated on the emplacement that was firing on our dive path. It was always easy to blanket the gun emplacements with that tight compact pattern produced by my six 50 caliber nose mounted guns. It took only one solid burst to obliterate the gun emplacement which had been aiming at my flight. After pulling out of my dive and climbing steeply away from my target I faced my first encounter with radar controlled anti-aircraft fire.

I was following some of the aircraft that were climbing ahead of me and when I looked back over my shoulder to see if my flight pilots were climbing behind me, I was greeted with rapidly exploding bursts of flack proceeding directly towards the path I was taking in my climb for a safe altitude. I rapidly threw my control stick in the opposite direction turning my climb path away from that of the approaching bursts of flack. I could hear the thud like explosions as they burst along my previous flight path. I was grateful that during my next eight months I never had to fly in another mass gaggle and I don't believe 5<sup>th</sup> Air Force massed another such mission.

I believe everyone has had one of those "Please General Custer I don't want to go" moments, such as attending your first day at school alone. I just remembered a time when I was really afraid. I was in my F-80 waiting to be strafed while stuck on the ground and no way to get to the runway ---but that's another story.

**N. C. "Bud" Evans ©**

### **EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

I was reflecting on my past involvement with the Valiant Air Command and the people who have been so much a part of it's' growth. I don't know how many members are aware of how the organization grew out of the Confederate Air Force organization; however I must confess that I was not a member at that time. I joined shortly after the museum opened and had not been involved with the planning, fund raising and months of struggling to complete the very difficult project. I can only relate to my time from 1993 until the present and I am proud to associate with most of the dedicated volunteers who have brought us to where the VAC is today. I have gone through various positions starting with "AirShow Chairman". I have filled several positions on the Board from 1995 until the present having been Director of Operations for the longest period. I am by no means the longest serving Board member as Bob James was a member before the museum was built. He and his wife Ann were members for some time prior to 1993. I believe that your dedicated members who support the museum in many ways by volunteering to perform so many required jobs are the true heart of the VAC. That is by no means to infer that you members who are unable to perform the hands on jobs but support us with your membership dues, donations, etc. are not a very important part of your museum and airshow.

Having served with many Board members during the past 17 years I believe we have reached the best mix of competent people filling each of the positions without taking anything away from previous Board Members. I believe the present Board is the most efficient and competent men and woman that we have ever had (except for the Executive Officer). As I wish to point out again and again is that it does not matter what the Board does, the final results depend on the men and women who volunteer their time and talent to get the job done. Anyone who attends any function at the museum are well aware as to who those men and women are but there are also the other volunteers who dedicate so much to the restoration, maintenance and administration that most members seldom see. The bottom line of this report is to say how very proud I am to have the opportunity to be a part of such a dedicated group of people.

**N. C. "Bud" Evans**

### **OPERATIONS OFFICER**

Once again it has been a very busy summer for the VAC. Aircraft acquisitions and restorations have continued and flight operations has supported a number of memorial and community events.

Our Monthly Second Saturday Fly-In or Drive-In Breakfast continues to bring old friends and first time visitors to the museum. Bring a friend and join us from 8:00-11:00 am. We had 49 Aircraft fly in and 92 paid meals for the 8 September breakfast. The next breakfast is set for Saturday 13 October. Bring a friend and join us from 8:00-11:00.

Don't miss our Veteran's Day weekend Open House **Saturday and Sunday 10 and 11 November** at the VAC Warbird Museum. FREE admission for all Military Active or Retired and all Florida Residents - with an ID. Once again we will require a good number of volunteers to assist with this open house.

Preparations have begun for the TICO WARBIRD AIRSHOW 2013, **March 22, 23, & 24<sup>th</sup>**. We had a good turnout for our first organizational meeting on 15 September. Our next meeting is on **Saturday, 17 November at 12:00 Noon** in the museum library. A light lunch will be served prior to the meeting so get there early. A reminder to those who intend to volunteer to work, you must sign-up in advance and be assigned to a team to receive your AirShow Credentials. Ron Davis, Personnel Director is the Volunteer POC. If would like to join the AirShow Team please call the VAC and provide your name, contact information and area of interest.

We are on schedule to have the C-47 back to flying status in early October. Bob James, Jim Owens, Mike Dunkel and myself are working on a program to re-qualify crewmembers. Bill Lumley has agreed to provide training in October. We are looking at events in November and December to participate in. We will be at the Stuart Air Show the 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> of November.

The VAC Annual General Membership Meeting will be held in the Warbird Museum Hangar on **Saturday, 27 October**. Social gathering at 5:00 PM with dinner promptly at 6:00 PM. Make your reservations now by calling the Gift Shop: (321) 268-1941

I was at Dayton in August for two reasons: First, the B-52 Association Reunion at the AF Museum, celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the B-52. Second, to coordinate with Sarah Sessions at the AF Museum for transfer from the AF collection additional aircraft for display at our Warbird Museum.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Bob Boswell**

### **MAINTENANCE OFFICER**

**C47** - The left engine build-up is in its final stages. As always as things get down to the wire more problems crop up. A missing non-standard fitting, hoses that are too long or too short are just a few of the details that slow up the process of getting the left engine ready to run. We are overcoming these problems one at a time so it's the old two steps forward and one backwards.

In the effort to save some calendar time the 100 hour inspection process has been initiated by doing the compression checks on the right engine. This includes the removal of the front plugs, performing the compression check for all 14 cylinders then cleaning those plugs and checking the gap on each one and re-

installing same and of course applying the proper torque. The rear plugs are subjected to the same process. All in all a time consuming effort. Our thanks to Tom Reilly who oversaw the left prop installation and made all the new hoses required. They are in the process of being fitted and installed. All the electrical wiring has been completed and the circuits checked.

We are hoping to have the "Tico Belle" ready to fly early in October. We have several appearances scheduled in early November and hope to honor those commitments.

All the flight crew members will participate in a ground school to review all the systems and standard procedures prior to us resuming flight operations.

**Robert E. James**

### **TBM-3 AVENGER**

The main landing gear has been rebuilt and is complete except for attachment of gear doors and servicing struts (i.e. adding nitrogen). Main gear wheels have been installed temporally. Ailerons and the elevator have been repainted, installed and rigged. We still need one main gear wheel tires and tubes. During installation of the brakes on the left main, the brake cylinder ruptured and will need to be replaced. No replacement for the brake back-plates or wheel for the mains has yet been located. John Lane and Tom Riley are trying to locate the back-plates and a wheel. We have decided to not remove the fuel cells at this time but to make the decision after the next engine run up and taxi test. The electrical system is still being installed. The flight instruments are being fitted to the new instrument panel.

#### Additional Items to be completed:

Replace main gear tires & tubes (Incomplete, need before flight)

Brake-back plates to be located, purchased and installed. (Incomplete, not yet located)

Windscreen cap replacement (Incomplete, to be completed before taxi test)

Prop AD, recertification (Incomplete, need before flight)

Fuel tank recertification (Incomplete, after engine run & taxi test)

Flap wing alignment issue (Al McQueen, 75% complete)

Nose bowl replacement (Incomplete, need before flight)

Pre-Oiler plumbing (In progress, useable for engine run taxi test, rework before flight)

Instrument Panel & Avionics (Incomplete, use original for run up taxi test, replace before flight)

Replace and relocate batteries (Incomplete, useable for run up & taxi test, relocate before flight)

We are making progress and still look forward to engine runs, taxi test and flight sometime this summer.

**Jim Owens**

## **GRUMMAN GREMLINS**

We are still working on the vertical fin of the Canberra. Also the tail hook on the F-4 Phantom.

Joe Reus is working on the Colt 20mm cannons for the F-11 F Tiger.

**George “Dutch” Graefe**  
**Restoration Project Officer**

## **PERSONNEL OFFICER**

### **ELECTION UPDATE**

Three VAC Directors were up for reelection for 2012—2015:

Personnel Director—Incumbent—J. Ron Davis  
Procurement Director—Incumbent—Robert F. Frazier, Jr.  
Finance Director—Incumbent—Lora McCabe

Only three Letters of Intent, one from each of the incumbents, were received by the 15 August deadline for submission to seek a position on the VAC Board of Directors. According to our By-Laws, the current Board of Directors voted to accept the incumbents for an additional term.

## **ELECTRONIC UNSCRAMBLE UPDATE**

This is the fourth issue of our newsletter to be available electronically. We continue to appreciate your positive response. We have more than 300 who have responded. If you would like to receive yours electronically, please send us a short note to VACinfo1@bellsouth.net. Thank you for your support of this valuable effort.

## **NEW & RENEWAL COLONELS** **01 OCTOBER—25 SEPTEMBER 2012**

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Backer, Cory J.  
Berkowitz, Chef Larry  
Berry, Cecil S. / Berry, Francyne M.  
Foster, Jr., Jerry / Foster, Kerri  
Kison, Robert D. / Kison, Anita C.  
Krepps, Jack / Krepps, Linda  
McArdle II, Thomas J. / McArdle, Suzanne H.  
Moriarty, Judith A. (with Moriarty, Eugene P.)  
Rees, David J. / Rees, Patricia L.  
Reetz, James R. / Reetz, Nancy L.  
Schwartz, Heather M. (with Richard J. – Lifetime)  
Spinks, Jason / Spinks, Bernice  
Stiles, Randall / Stiles, Jan  
Trelstad, Todd / Trelstad, Linda  
Van Deutekom, Rena (with Jacobus “Ko”)

### **NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS**

Etter, Thomas R. / Etter, Patricia E.  
Kanon, Dirk A. A. / Pan Karsen, Petra  
Schwartz, Richard J. / Schwartz, Heather M.  
Steenland, Juriaan / Steenland, Linda

## **RENEWALS**

Adams, Howard R. / Adams, Bernice V.  
Black, John E.  
Collier, David B.  
Croucher, William R. “Bill” / Croucher Margaret P.  
Daley, Thomas L. / Daley, Susan J.  
Davidson, Kelly C.  
Easter, Larry E.  
Evans, Norvin C. “Bud” / Evans, Nancy  
Foley, Robert M.  
Fritzler, Gary L.  
Gammon, Richard / Gammon, Joanne  
Gibson, Gaines I. “Hoot”  
Graveline, Robert P.  
Gruber, Robert B. “Bob”  
Herb, Dorothy A. (Bomber)  
Hillery, Paige L. / Hillery, Barbara E.  
Hurt, George R.  
Kotenski, Joseph J.  
Krauss, Jr., Daniel J. “Buz”  
Leathers, Donald A.  
Lyons, Rodger V.  
MacLeod, Richard A. “Alec”  
McCabe, Lora A.  
McGinley, Joel A. / McGinley, Jane  
Moddle, Jr., Stephen S.  
Moriarty, Eugene P.  
Moses, Robert G. / Moses, Norma J.  
Nelson, Richard A. / Nelson, Kyle  
Niner, Francis R. / Niner, Claudia A.  
Owens, James G. / Owens, Genie B.  
Picheco, Ailene E.  
Prince, Wayne M.  
Raudenbush, Ernest W.  
Reus, Joseph H. / Reus, Shirley M.  
Rich, David N.  
Riley, Denis G.  
Russell, John N.  
Simmons, M.D., Kevin S.  
Stanger, James R. / Shaw, Nancy C.  
Strickland, John W.  
Tan, Donald C. / Tan, Toby A.  
Tanner, Charles M. “Chuck” / Tanner, Nancy P.  
Trudick, Stephen M.  
Van Deutekom, Jacobus “Ko”  
Van Poll, Jerry  
Wall, Robert D.  
Wisler, Jay / Wisler, Sharon  
Zajdel, Kathryn A.

## **DUES**

Dues are coming in better now. If you have forgotten to renew your dues, please accept this as a friendly reminder. Thank you for your support of your Museum.

## TOYS for TOTS

Remember Toys for Tots this year. The VAC is supporting the Toys for Tots Foundation again this year as we have in the past. We will have a collection box in our Gift Shop and will be accepting gifts for Toys for Tots at our Christmas Dinner. Start looking for the "perfect" toy for one of the less fortunate boys or girls in our community. A single new unwrapped toy could make a big difference as a gift for one of these children. Please show your support and donate a toy during your next visit to our Warbird Museum or at our Christmas Dinner.

## GET WELL WISHES

Get well wishes to Lester Badger. See Norm Lindsay's update under Facilities Officer report.

We're happy to see Roger is feeling better and back to work.

Patti Champion is feeling better after her surgery.

## MEMBERS & FRIENDS GONE WEST

We do not always hear about our members and friends Gone West right away, so if you know of someone we haven't had in our listing, please don't hesitate to let us know. Thank you!

Samuel "Sam" T. Beddingfield passed to his Father's home 13 June 2012. He was a long time supporter and tourguide of the Valiant Air Command as well as the U.S. Space Walk of Fame. He came to work at NASA in 1959 and was the first NASA Kennedy Space Center employee assigned to the program and retired as Deputy Director of Shuttle Operations in 1985. He also belonged to the Merritt Island Wildlife Association. He was a great person to know and work with. We sure have missed him.

Fernando A. Botelho of Sao Paulo, Brazil passed to his Father's home on 13 April 2012. He was a Lifetime Member of the Valiant Air Command. He was Brazil's Aviation Champion. He died in a plane crash in Itirapina, Brazil while flying a T-28 Trojan. He championed many causes, both aviation and non-aviation related, along with Brazil's Aviation History. Thank you to member Rick Sante for making us aware of his passing.

Richard J. Schwartz passed to his Father's home 26 August 2012. Richard loved airplanes and aviation. He served 21 years in the U.S. Air Force as crew chief and flight engineer for various aircraft including B-45A, B-47E, RB-47C, B-57E, B-66, KC-97 and KC-135A. He is surely missed by family and friends. He was a member of the VAC since 1990 and more recently a Lifetime Member.

"Not alone into the sunset but into the company of friends who have gone before them."

**J. Ron Davis**

## FACILITIES OFFICER

The past few months at the VAC have been very busy. First the A/C unit we have been nursing along the past two years finally

gave up and had to be replaced. We also had more than normal routine items that required attention. Never a dull moment at the VAC.

In addition every piece of automotive equipment broke once, some broke twice. Thanks to our year round auto mechanic Joel for all the hard work and effort in restoring them to running condition. You two snowbird auto mechanics, and you know who you are, need to come to your senses and move to Florida. Good news, bad news: Rodger Desplaines our one man team that takes care of the entire facilities was ill for the past few weeks. I'm happy to report that he has recovered and is back on the job.

Lester Badger our heavy equipment operator volunteer has also been on the sick list and is still on the road to recovery. Lester has been moved to Hawthorne Health and Rehab Center in Brandon, FL to be close to his brother. Lester has few family members in the area so I am requesting that his VAC family send him a get well card. I'm sure it would raise his spirits if he received a large amount of get well wishes.

Please send cards to:

Ted Badger  
2320 Kenwick Drive  
Valrico, FL 33596

or

Hawthorne Health and Rehab Center  
Attention: Lester Badger/Room 502  
851 West Lumsden Road  
Brandon, FL 33511-6280

Thank You!

**Norm Lindsay**

## PROCUREMENT OFFICER

**CANBERRA AIRCRAFT** – Recovery phase continues with the recent deactivation of the pilots ejection seat system. Work to deactivate the charges in the remaining two crew member seats has been interrupted to wait for cooler weather conditions and temperatures inside the fuselage.

**A-6E AIRCRAFT ARMAMENT** – The Navy Museum Armament Manager has located 6 more dummy 500 lb. bombs. Arrangements have been made to transport the bombs to the VAC Museum. We will install them on the aircraft.

**INVENTORY** – The National Museum of Naval Aviation has requested an inventory report including photographs of all Navy items on display at the VAC.

**SUMMER** – Other activities have been slowed by the summer season.

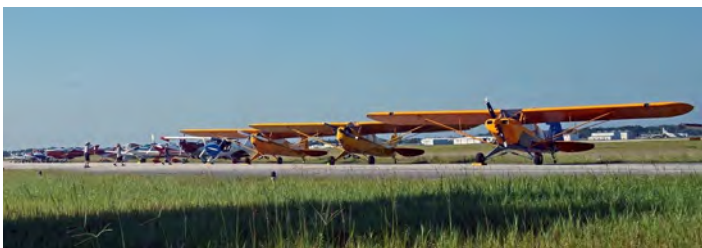
**Bob Frazier**



## PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

It's been a busy time in the Public Relations Shop. First let me mention our Fly-In Breakfast. If you have not been to one yet, make plans. It's a lot of fun, cheap price for a great breakfast -- and you get to meet a lot of folks. The last time, we had nearly 50 aircraft and served almost 100 meals. It gets bigger each time. It's the second Saturday of each month.

Photos taken at the Fly  
-In Breakfast  
08 September 2012.  
Our next Fly-In Break-  
fast will be 13 October  
2012. We hope to see  
you there!!!



Our "Special Events" calendar is really filling up. If you know someone that is looking for a unique venue in which to hold their event, please send them to us. We have had weddings, receptions, parties, dinners, reunions and much more. It's a great opportunity to not only get a good deal, but have an activity in a very special location, among all our warbirds and memorabilia.

Our next Open House (see page 2) is 10-11 November. It will be our "Trains, Planes and Automobile" theme, with many other special activities and displays; so come on out.

I want to send a big thank you to all our tourguides. We really appreciate your support and the time you give to us. We are looking forward to the return of our "snowbird" tourguides as well -- keep up the good work.

We have begun to work on our airshow and have our poster and program already in progress. Additionally, in coordination with Pam and the gift shop the airshow patch, hat, T-shirt and tote bag are all in various stages of development. The show is shaping up to be one of our best in years and I am looking forward to the marketing challenge it will present.

Finally, as part of our outreach program we go to a lot of different events to market the VAC and to talk about who we are and what we do. If you have a constituency group to which you belong and they are looking for a luncheon speaker or exhibit, please let me know.

**Colonel Terry Yon, USA (Ret)**

## A NOTE FROM ANN

A busy fall is shaping up rapidly around the Museum! Please check out the calendar to make sure you don't miss out on something big.

### VAC Membership Dinner - October 27, 2012

Mr. Robert "Bob" Cabana, KSC Director will be our guest speaker at the dinner meeting. This time is always good to meet new members and to come if you are a new member. The timing is perfect for checking out areas to volunteer for the upcoming airshow. Please call for reservations.

### Veterans Day Open House -November 10 & 11

The open house is free to all Florida residents and all active and retired military. There will be planes, trains, airplane models, cars, food, music etc. Lots of fun and friends to see. Please come and visit or come and volunteer. We can always use your help!

### Christmas Decorating Day & Lunch - Nov. 29

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Our ladies do a fabulous job of bringing the spirit of Christmas to the Museum. (Begins at 10:00 AM and lunch is at noon.) Afterwards we have lunch together in the hangar. Bring a salad or dessert if you like. Food will be catered by Kelseys. Come and join in the fun, help decorate and share lunch with all the volunteers.

### VAC Christmas Party - December 8

"Old Fashioned Christmas" is our theme this year. The ladies are already working on the decorations! Please call for reservations in the gift shop. The gathering gets bigger every year! Lots of food, fun, fellowship prizes, music and more. Come join us and start the Christmas season early.

Thank you to all our wonderful ladies who are here to do all the functions and work so hard behind the scenes. We appreciate you all so much! We have a busy schedule for events this fall also, so get ready to be busy.

Thank you!

**Ann James**



Our volunteer ladies enjoy a luncheon out at Portofino's Restaurant.

## FROM THE GIRLS IN THE GIFT SHOP

Well Hello Folks!

It seems like I was just writing last quarters article and here we are again. Hope, everyone had a wonderful summer. Welcome home vacationers and welcome back snowbirds.

Things are really hopping around the VAC planning for the holidays. First being Open House for Veteran's Day November 10th & 11th. Don't forget your food donations (canned goods), also Saturday the 10th is our monthly Fly-In Breakfast, come on in and join us for breakfast.

Then Christmas is just around the corner. We will have a lot of new items starting with new ladies "V" neck t-shirts, cockpit and "Ghost Skin Engine" Posters.

For the kids & grandkids we have the arrival of our pedal planes. And don't forget our large collection of Franklin Mint die cast airplane models, winter jackets, remote control airplanes and much, much more.



Then last but not least the expected "early arrival of all 2013 AirShow" apparel, t-shirts, hats, tote bags, patches and this year's art print featuring the B-17's in "High Drama" by artist John Wallin Liberto—sizes include small prints 13" x 19" for \$55.00 and larger prints 20" x 30" for \$125.00. Excellent Christmas gift ideas.

Have a safe Halloween, bountiful Thanksgiving and a Blessed Christmas! From your Family at the VAC!

See Ya Soon,

**Pam and Anita**

### CURATOR'S CORNER

Another quality display has been added to the Vietnam Memorabilia area. It is a three tiered, vertical unit located along the back wall of the room. This display contains some very interesting Naval and Marine Corps models.

By the time you read this edition of the UnScramble, a new display will be completed in the Memorabilia area of our main building. This display is dedicated to Colonel William N. Dillard, an active member of the VAC. Captain, then Major Dillard, led the Skyblazers; USAF's Premier Aerial Demonstration Team in Europe from July 1953 to October 1956. I know that you will find this display quite interesting since the F-86F on display in our main hangar is a well known replica of that flown by the Skyblazers.

**Don Leathers**

When Colonel Frank Pound retired from the United States Marine Corps. with 30 years of service he was awarded, as a Senior Officer, the tailhook from the A-4 he flew earlier in his career.

Mrs. Pound has donated this tailhook to the VAC to complement Frank's pilot seat, helmet, knee document pad, flight suit; etc. on display in the Vietnam Memorabilia Room.



**Arthur "Chris" Christianson**

**VAC Warbird Ramp  
Fly-in Breakfast**  
2nd Saturday  
Every Month  
8am to 11am



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Enjoy an "Old Fashioned Christmas"  
(PLEASE CALL THE GIFT SHOP TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS)**