



UN-SCRAMBLE



JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH 2013

OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF THE VALIANT AIR COMMAND, INC.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2012



Fly-In Breakfast—enjoyed by Walk-Ins too!!



Tim Higgins stands by the F-14 Tomcat he flew when it was commissioned in 1980 from the factory .



Visitors enjoyed a close up of the A-6!



The "Red Baron and Snoopy" on display for Veteran's Day!



Fred Wilms and Bob assembled model airplanes.



Antique Cars were on display to enjoy!



Jungle Adventures brought an alligator for all to admire.



Mr. J's Ice Cream truck is always a hit by young and old alike!



Veteran's Day Open House Volunteers at the Hot Dog Stand.



A beautiful set-up for a wedding in our Vietnam Hangar!



01 December 2012 Tour Guide Meeting.



Patty Champion and Gaye Lindsay decorate one of our Christmas trees!



After a time of decorating, hungry volunteers enjoy lunch! from Kelsey's served by our volunteers.



The foggy weather prevented the usual crowd from flying in for our December Fly-In Breakfast!



Cecil Berry adds the star to the top of one of our Christmas trees!



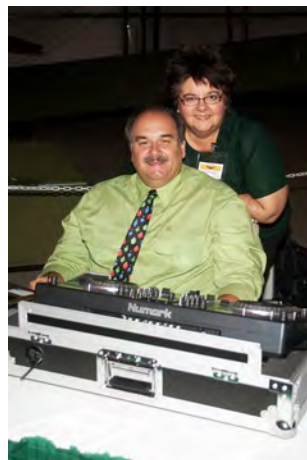
Col. Terry Yon talks to the empty chair at our Christmas Party 08 December 2012!



Dixie and Jerry Sansom paused for a photo with Chef Larry at our Fly-In Breakfast in December.



Ann James takes a well deserved break with her grandson Morgan!!!



Greg and Christine Zahornacky provided beautiful Christmas Music for our party!



A once in a lifetime photo of Mike Dunkel working on the TBM. Mike says "the hose works"!!!

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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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MUSEUM & GIFT SHOP

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Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day

ADMISSION

Adults \$18.00 Senior/Military \$15.00
Children 5-12 Years \$ 5.00
Children under 5 – No Admission Charge
Special Tour & Family Rates Available

FUTURE EVENTS – 2013

01 January – **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**
 12 January - Fly-In/Drive-In/Walk-In Breakfast
 15 January - Board of Director's Meeting
 19-January - 3rd AirShow Volunteer Meeting
 01 February - 3rd Annual Senior Boomer Expo
 09 February - Fly-In/Drive-In/Walk-In Breakfast
 19 February - Board of Director's Meeting
 08 March - Fly-In/Drive-In/Walk-In Breakfast
 19 March - Board of Director's Meeting (tentative)
 21 March - Media Day
 21 March - Dirty Flight Suit BBQ
 22 – 24 March - 36th Annual Tico Warbird AirShow
 22 March – WW II USO Dinner & Show
 23 March – Second day of 2013 AirShow
 24 March – Third and final day of 2013 AirShow
 ? Apr – AirShow DeBrief/Survival Luncheon

COMMANDER

With the AirShow coming soon, business is picking up at our Museum.

I would like to extend many thanks to John McCoy for all of his great work on the F-105 Thud and John Piowaty for his assistance to John.

A BIG THANK YOU to Bob Boswell, Bill Lumley, Mike Dunkel and Juriaan Steenland for their support and attendance at the 7th Annual Festivals of Speed Orlando in support of Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children. Also, THANK YOU to Tom Reilly and Bob James who flew there in the Killer Bee. This was a great event - we all had lots of fun.

Thank you to Ann James and her girls for the great decorations for our Christmas Party. That's really something coming from this bah humbug guy.

Ed Rodig, I hope you are feeling better.

2013 AIRSHOW DONATIONS as of 15 DECEMBER 2012

Anderson, Gerald A.	Hussey, Donald L. & Carol J.
Baker, George H. & Virginia "Ginny"	Isaksen, Theodore
Bayerdorffer, Herman C. & Cynthia	Johnson, M.D., J. William & Margery
Beck, Harold D. & Constance A.	Juhl, Marvin T. & Lorraine M.
Beck, Preston E.	Labriola, Lawrence
Betts, Robert H. & Barbara E.	Lauff, Jr., Samuel & Linda
Berry, Cecil S. & Francyne M.	Liggett III, Roy B. "Traey" & Tam J.
Boulware, Curtis	Lumley, William B.



Help! Help! Help!!!

Please remember to call with your change of address, whenever moving or going north or west for the summer months. We want to be sure to get your Un-Scramble to you. Thank you very much!!!

Boyken, Jeffrey W. "Jeff" & Carolyn
 Butler, John E. & Alda A.
 Callahan, Dennis H.
 Capito, Mike "Cap"
 Chamberlain, Russell G. & Mary
 Champion, Laurence L. & Patricia A.
 Clark, USAF (Ret.), Garrett L.
 Concannon, Paul F.
 Connell, Timothy J.
 Crawford, James Anthony & Brenda
 D'Amario, Alfred J. & Colleen R.
 Davis, Richard A. & Irina
 Dorrell, John W. "Jack" & Joan S.
 Drake, M.D., Timothy E.
 Edelstein, Leonard & Julia E.
 Ellefson, Bobbie Jo & Mark
 Etter, Thomas R. & Patricia E.
 Fardie, Kenneth W. & Sherry G.
 Felt, Morris R. & Trudy A.
 Felton, Jean A.
 Fischer, Robert M.
 Fleck, Francis C. & Joanne
 Franklin, Bill D.
 Garrison, J. Reid
 Gell, Gary S.
 Greist, David M. & Rose
 Hall, Tom Page
 Hamilton, CMSgt. Robert W.
 Harris, Herman L.
 Haydu, Bernice
 Hernandez, Felix
 Hickman, Ray E.
 Higgins, Timothy P. & Frances S.
 Hillery, Paige L. & Barbara E.
 Holly, Karl F. & Elena Balshen
 Hosley, David L. & Carol J.
 Mack, James E.
 Masessa, M.D., Joseph M.
 Mathis, David E.
 McClure, Jerry D.
 Montes, Al & Debra A. Cmar
 Moore, Gladys A.
 Moriarity, Eugene P. & Judith A.
 Nelson, Richard A.
 Neugebauer, Hans J. & Susan B.
 Newton, Richard A.
 Nishimura, Robert H.
 Ohlsson, Leonard "Lenny" & Patricia
 Olsen, Christopher P. & Carlee
 Parker, William E.
 Parrott, H. Glen
 Peckham, Howard L.
 Piowaty, John F. & Dana H.
 Pound, Mrs. Frank R.
 Raudenbush, Ernest W.
 Riordan, Col. John J.
 Schuiling, Roelof L.
 Schwartz, Heather
 Shaver, Dan E. & Cynthia S.
 Shumate, David H. & Vickie L.
 Steinwedel, Norbert & Evelyn
 Stickley, Howard J. & Rhea L.
 Sutcliffe, David A. & Patricia M.
 Telling, Frederick W. & Barbara
 Thomas, Albert M. & Cynthia D.
 Van Poll, Col. Gerald
 Walker, Richard E. & Cornell
 Whitman, Curtis J.
 Whitney, David C.
 Woodward, Paul L.
 Woolf, Melvin R. & Margaret M.

morning missions were scheduled so that we arrived in the target area shortly after daylight. It was shortly after the North Koreans had invaded South Korea and our vastly outnumbered troops were fighting a valiant delaying action. Although out gunned they were fighting a valiant delaying action all across the South Korean peninsula.

Following our quick breakfast and intelligence briefing which always started with the assessment of the ground situation as being "Fluid" (Meaning we didn't know just where our troops were and how far the enemy had advanced during the night). Following our take-off we contacted our "Mission Control" who assigned my flight to proceed to a designated sector in South Korea where we were to contact a forward controller on the ground who were with the various army units. On this particular morning my assigned area was well south of where our intelligence briefing had told us the "Front Lines" should be. When I contacted my assigned controller he was more than pleased to hear my voice and that I had four F-80's to help their desperate plight. It was early on a warm morning that had produced a lite ground fog over the flat terrain filled with small streams and rice paddies. The ground fog mixed with the lingering smoke from the obviously heavy fire fight that had preceded our arrival produced limited visibility when we descended into it to find our targets. The forward air controller was rapidly giving me the desperate condition they were facing. I was able to locate the large creek over which our troops had blown the bridge after crossing it just a few hours earlier. He explained that they didn't know where the enemy troops were but suspected that they would be surrounded if the NKA (North Korean Army) was able to cross the creek. It was difficult to see much of the area through the haze but luckily I was able to find the creek and downed bridge as I flew low under the lifting ground fog. After finding the downed bridge I saw a 6-by-6 truck trying to ford the creek several hundred yards beyond the bridge. While in a slight low altitude turn, I placed my gun sight on the truck and tapped my trigger. I was greeted by an event that remains vividly in my memory. That was only because it was so unexpected. My short burst hit the truck and flipped it upside down throwing a wall of mud from its spinning wheels. My windscreen was suddenly blanketed by mud, almost completely obscuring my forward vision. That's when it happened! Without any horizon visible my "sixth sense" kicked in and I became instantly aware that the ground was surrounding me. With an instant reaction I eased the stick back and felt as though I was pulling it up out of the floor board to take me away from the ground which I felt was swallowing me. After I landed back in Japan my crew chief greeted me as I climbed down the ladder. He handed me a hand full of rice stems and mud that he explained he had taken from the joints between the sections of the tip tanks. The F-80 tip tanks were located under each wing tip and with the landing gear retracted were the lowest point on the aircraft. It was quite evident to me just how close I had come to spending the last seconds of my life in an obscure South Korean rice paddy.

Lloyd W. Morris

AVIATING with EVANS **SWALLOWED UP BY the EARTH and SEA**

There were a number of times during my many years of flying that remain vividly alive in my memory. One of the conditions that I can only assume that I was saved by a God Given ability to have an awareness of my surroundings; not to mention the help of my "Guardian Angel". When the feeling that I was about to be swallowed-up by the ground which I was about to fly into, produced that feeling of being surrounded by the earth that should be below me. There are a couple of times that this happened to me and despite these many, many years past, I can still vividly recall the feeling. As a pilot you become acclimatized to the feeling of your height above the ground when you are taxiing or more importantly when landing your aircraft. The sensation of being swallowed occurs when you suddenly become aware that the surrounding terrain becomes almost level with the bottom of your machine.

The first time I truly experienced this was in Korea and let me emphasize that the situation awareness is the total key to recognizing and reacting rapidly enough to avoid flying into the ground. It was fairly early in the war but almost all of my missions were in close air support of our retreating ground forces who were greatly outnumbered by the invading North Koreans. Our early mornings started about 0400 when the first

The next such experience occurred on Eniwetok Atoll in the South Pacific. It was 1956 and I was participating in the hydrogen bomb tests and flying an F-84F. My position on all of the bomb explosions was to be placed directly over and closer to the bomb explosion than any of the other participating aircraft at time it was detonated. The bombs had to be exploded in complete darkness requiring me to take-off from Eniwetok well before first light as my flight path was 275 miles before arriving over the explosion. I arrived at the aircraft and checking the maintenance record found that they found a bad artificial horizon and had just replaced it. Taxing out for take-off the instrument seemed to be working but I had a number of test systems to which I had to also carefully check. My take-off roll was always long and I pulled back on the stick as I reached the last 400 feet of the runway. My concentration was on the attitude indicator placing the aircraft in the normal climb attitude while I retracted the landing gear. If you have ever been in a light proof closet you will get some idea as to what the outside view I experienced on each of these pre-dawn take-offs was like as I cleared the end of the runway into the black nothingness. My total concentration has always been to observe all of my flight instruments. Once again in my long life of sixth sense experiences, I felt something was not the same as my primary attitude instrument was showing me! That "Old Black Magic" feeling engulfed me and a quick check of my rate of climb instrument told me that I was not climbing but was in a 200 feet per minute rate of descent. Now when you are taking off into the black nothingness that sixth sense takes over your actions and that is the only way I can describe what I suddenly felt. It was like I was being swallowed by the black Pacific Ocean. Not that I could see it but I felt it with that tickle in my spine. My immediate reaction was to pull back on the control stick and lock my eyes on to my rate of climb, airspeed and turn-n-bank instruments to climb out of that horrible deep (almost) watery grave. My next 45 minutes was as challenging as I have ever spent in the air. Using only the partial panel I flew the extremely difficult mission arriving over the target within a second of the explosion---but even though the countdown reached Zero the bomb didn't detonate. After landing back at Eniwetok my ground crew rushed to ask me what happened after take-off? They said that they watched my running lights disappear below the end of the runway boundary lights and thought I had flown into the ocean until seeing me climb back into sight. They busily went to work replacing my defective attitude indicator.

N. C. "Bud" Evans ©

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Every three months it is time for another Unscramble Report. As I look at the previous three months activities at the VAC the same items keep popping up. The many activities that are scheduled at the museum mostly through the efforts of Col. Terry Yon require many people to arrange the hangar set up and support the necessities of the event. These are our volunteer members and it is mostly the same group who give so much extra to the museum. Our three day Veteran's Day

Open House was a big success even without our C-47 group who supported the Stuart, Florida AirShow where they made money and advertised the VAC. Mike Dunkel and Karl Holly flew their T-28's (with another aircraft from Marco Island) in a "Missing Man" formation for the Memorial Service for Maj. Gen. Frederick "Boots" Blesse and then flew V.I.P. flights at Stuart. They then made fly-bys at our open house. Once again I have to pay respects and am in awe of Ann James and the Ladies of her group who give so much of their time and talents to make all of our events at the museum so successful. The Christmas Dinner was another example of what they do to provide a great time for the nearly 100 members and guests who attended. It goes without saying that the leadership provided by Lloyd and his Board who actively are engaged in the running of this great organization make it unnecessary for me to do little more than watch and admire their efforts. It is impossible for me in the space available to pay proper tribute to those many dedicated volunteers in the running of the museum and restoration efforts which make us what we are today. I wish all of you a very wonderful and successful 2013 and look forward to seeing as many of you who can visit your Museum and hopefully our AirShow in March.

N. C. "Bud" Evans

OPERATIONS OFFICER

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2012 was a good year for the Valiant Air Command. The AirShow weather put a damper on our hopes for a strong financial year; however, thanks to the support of our members and community partners we have kept the doors open and activities going. In an effort to bring more visitors to the Museum the VAC has hosted several new events. One of these events is the monthly fly-in breakfast on the second Saturday of each month. Chef Larry provides the pancakes, omelets and all the sides. You don't have to fly-in on Saturday to enjoy the breakfast and meet the pilots from 8 to 11:00 am; you can also drive in.

Tico Belle Warbird flights have returned! The first couple of flights following aircraft restoration were for aircrew training and currency. The first out of town event was at Ft. Myers followed by the Stuart Air Show, both in November. Next was the Festivals of Speed at the Orlando International Airport and then the Pigs Fly South BBQ in Lakeland. Scheduled Passenger Flights are tentatively scheduled to begin on 29 December. Regular passenger flights are planned for 10:00 am on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Reservations for a flight can be made by calling the Gift Shop during normal museum operating hours. If enough Christmas Gift Flight Certificates are purchased, there will be a passenger flight on Saturday, 29 December.

The VAC, with the flight support of Retro Flight, Gaggle Flight, Trojan Flight and others has participated in numerous Community Events and Celebration of Life Ceremonies. We

will continue to honor our flag and put aircraft in front of the public.

Tony Crawford has stepped-up and taken the helm of the VAC F.A.S.T. Program. Ground and Flight Training is taking place and folks are getting their check-outs and currency for formation flights. If there is enough interest, Tony plans to host a F.A.S.T. Clinic prior to our next Warbird AirShow.

The TICO WARBIRD AIRSHOW 2013 is just around the corner and it is lining up to be another great one. AirShow dates are 22nd - 24th March 2013. Media Day will be held in the morning at the Warbird Museum on Thursday, 21 March. Activities will center on the main hangar ramp where the Media and VIPs will be introduced and teamed with Flight Crews and Aircraft. Following briefings and photo sessions, local area orientation flights will get airborne. Capping the day will be a BBQ Cook Out at the same location hosted by Kevin Quinlan for the AirShow Volunteers & Participants. Aircrew registration packets for AirShow participation were mailed out late November. If you or someone you know wants to participate and did not receive a registration packet, please call Genie Owens at the Warbird Museum to have one sent to you.

Our 2013 AirShow will be dedicated to the WW II Bombers. We are planning for participation by one or more B-17s and several B-25s. Once again we will have a great mix of Vintage Warbirds, Modern Fighters and Aerobatic performers. We will have two new World Class Acts that have never been at our show. Reserved seating in the Beer Garden on the Show Line is back again. Seating is limited so get your tickets early in person or on line at the VAC Web Site. Friday night 22 March the VAC will host our AirShow Dinner with WW II era USO entertainment and dance band. You must make reservations to attend. Call the Gift Shop. As always, this is an evening not to miss!!! Again this year there will not be a Saturday evening function at the VAC. Out of town visiting members, as well as Military and Civilian AirShow performers, will have Saturday evening open to allow them to explore the local area restaurants and attractions.

Every year I say this and this year is the same. The key to the success of the Warbird AirShow is the involvement of our members. Thanks to the many highly talented core volunteers who return each year the AirShow has been labeled as one the "Best in Florida". We need more Volunteers. Become an active member of the VAC Team that puts Warbirds back in the air by calling our Personnel Officer and AirShow Volunteer Coordinator, Ron Davis at the Warbird Museum. Our last Volunteer AirShow Organizational Meeting will be held at the VAC on Saturday, 19 January 2013. Lunch at Noon will kick off the meeting. Your continued support will make this our best year.

Bob Boswell

MAINTENANCE OFFICER

C-47 – After a year long effort the "Tico Belle" was returned to flying condition in late October. Bill Lumley conducted a

ground school and general review of normal and emergency flight procedures for all flight crew members.

My thanks and appreciation to all of our volunteers that provided the manpower to finish up the effort to get us back into the air and accomplish the 100 hour inspection.

The C-47 has participated in several flying events since its return to flight status. The first was early November to Fort Myers for the Lee County Aviation Day followed by the Stuart AirShow a week later. The end of the month we took a short hop to Orlando International Airport to be part of the Festivals of Speed at Galaxy Aviation. We were the "slower" example of the aircraft that were part of fast cars (and a few classics) on display. We had a sponsor purchase five C-47 ride certificates to be used at a later date.

We did suffer a generator failure on the last flight (right engine) and are in the process of changing it out. It is one of the more difficult accessories to remove and replace due to its size (close to fifty pounds) and its location in the center of the accessory section.

We hope to have the "Tico Belle" up and flying for its next scheduled flight currently planned for 29 December 2012.

Robert E. James

GRUMMAN GREMLINS

Once again, everyone around here is busy with preparations for the 2013 AirShow, which is just around the corner, March 22, 23 and 24.

We just celebrated our 2012 Christmas Party last week.

The Grumman Gremlins are still busy with all the restoration projects that were on our calendar from last year.

HANDLEY PAGE CANBERREA (B- 57) - Both wings have had all corroded plate nuts replaced with new ones.

Restoration of the vertical fin assembly is still being repaired.

A new mahogany veneer skin has been fabricated and installed.

MC DONNELL F-4 PHANTOM 11 - New sheet metal access panels are being retrofitted to the arresting hook fairing assembly. We are patiently awaiting the arrival of two tail pipe assemblies and after burner nozzles.

The real work of custom fitting begins once they arrive.

MC DONNELL DOUGLAS TA4-J SKYHAWK 11 - _We are fabricating a new tow bar.

A6C INTRUDER - Some of our extra-curricular tasks have been to fabricate a repair patch assembly for the damaged horizontal stabilizer.

F11F-1 TIGER - New anchor nuts have been installed to the left access panel on the fuselage above the wing.

The throttle quadrant replica is still undergoing fabrication.

20 mm colt 12 replica cannons are undergoing fabrication and machining process.

Hope to see all of you at the airshow.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

**Project Restoration Officer
Dutch Graefe**

PERSONNEL OFFICER

INTERANATIONAL COUNCIL of AIR SHOWS (ICAS)

Bob Boswell and I attended (ICAS) – The International Council of Air Shows Convention in Las Vegas, NV 09-13 December 2012. We saw very successful and exciting ways to get acts for our AirShow. It was a very informative, innovative convention. We learned up to date methods for managing our AirShow. Stay tuned for exciting developments.

ELECTRONIC UNSCRAMBLE UPDATE

This is the fifth issue of our newsletter to be available electronically. We continue to have positive response. If you change your email address, please let us know as we have had several returned. Thank you for your continued support of this valuable effort. We look forward to hearing from you.

NEW MEMBERS

Adgate, Sr., Robert D. / Adgate, Sharon S.
Beauvais, Brian L. / Beauvais, Sabrina C.
Cariseo, Richard
Clark, Thomas L.
Farley, Jeff / Farley, Lena
Higgins, Frances S. (with Higgins, Timothy P.)
Holland, Cal (with Moore, Gladys A.)
Lashley, Sr., Edward E.
Molesky, Daniel / Molesky, Libby
O'Mara, Mary Ann (with O'Mara, Gerald M.)
Roth, Scott
Titchenal, Lawrence S. "Larry" / Titchenal, Sherry D.
Wilkins, Carolyn (with Hucklebridge, Paul)
Zaner, William H. / Zaner, Cheryl M.

NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS

Kanon, Dirk A. A. / Pan Karsen, Petra
Shad, Conrad Pierson / Shad, Marcia D.
Steenland, Juriaan / Steenland, Linda

RENEWALS

Allison, III, William S. "Stu" / Wang, Jia
Bailey, Donald J.
Baker, George H. / Baker, Virginia S.
Baxter, Joann V.
Bean, James E.
Black, Donald L.
Burford, David A. / Burford, Jan H.
Calhoun, Jimmy L.
Carleton, Jim A.

Chamberlain, Russell G. / Chamberlain, Mary
Dawson, Robert B.
Drake, M.D., Timothy E. / Lewis, Susan
Dunbar, Dennis / Dunbar, Victoria
Eldredge, Donald F. / Eldredge, Marilyn S.
Ellefson, Bobbie Jo / Ellefson, Mark
Elmore, Lawrence L.
Foraker, Robert L. "Bob" / Foraker, Lynn M.
Franklin, Bill D. / Franklin, Sharon A. "Corky"
Freeland, Thomas "Tom"
Godlewski, Philip J. / Godlewski, Denise L.
Henning, David
Higgins, Timothy P.
Hornberger, Dennis A. / Hornberger, Angelina R.
Horner, Richard D.
Hucklebridge, Paul
Johnson, M.D., J. William / Johnson, Margery
Labriola, Lawrence
Meier, Alfred F. / Meier, Lynn
Mitton, James M.
Moore, Gladys A.
O'Mara, Gerald M.
O'Neal, James Walter / O'Neal, Glenda W.
Orth, Jr., Walter H. / Orth, Roberta A. "Bobbie"
Reich, Eugene H.
Righetti, Betty (Comp.)
Schlafly, Fred E. / Schlafly, Sheila
Schulten, Paul E. / Schulten, Lisa G.
Stanley, Frank S.
Steinwedel, Norbert / Steinwedel, Evelyn
Sutcliffe, David A. / Sutcliffe, Patricia M.
Woolf, Melvin R. / Woolf, Margaret M. "Peggy"

GET WELL WISHES

Our long time member (since 1986), Ed Rodig has cancer and is not doing well. He worked many years as our Flight Line Security Boss during our AirShows along with his best friend, Mae. Please keep Ed in your thoughts and prayers.

We continue to keep Lester Badger in our thoughts and prayers.

MEMBERS & FRIENDS GONE WEST

Major General Frederick C. "Boots" Blesse went West on 31 October 2012 in Melbourne, FL. "He was the fighter pilot's FIGHTER PILOT". He proudly served in the U.S.A.F. for 30 years upon graduating from the U.S. Military Academy in 1945. He is greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Dr. Joe B. Davis, Jr., father of J. Ron Davis, our Personnel Officer passed to his Father's home 11 October 2012. He is missed by all who loved him.

Karen J. Whitman, wife of Curtis J. "Curt" Whitman passed to her Father's home 20 October 2012. Karen was one of our Lifetime Members.

J. Ron Davis

FACILITIES OFFICER

In the past the VAC has, on a space available basis, agreed to hangar/display members' vintage warbirds. This is a win/win situation for both the member and the VAC as it provided hangar space for members' aircraft and a display aircraft for the VAC.

With the addition of our third hangar, space has been available to accommodate all of the member requests for hangar space but in the near future this may change. Naturally the VAC has an obligation to provide hangar space for all aircraft on loan from the Air Force, Navy and the ones owned by the Museum. At the present time, we have two aircraft stored outdoors, our fast acquisition of a B-57 Canberra and a T-33 Shooting Star. The Canberra is disassembled and will remain outdoors until reassembled some time after the March 2013 AirShow. The T-33 is in the final phase of restoration and should be completed in the next few weeks. After completion, it will be placed in the hangar. When the Canberra is completed, we will be at or near maximum capacity.

The VAC's official policy for storage/display of member aircraft of "last in, first out" was replaced by the following:

- 1) Individual must be a VAC member in good standing.
- 2) Owner will be responsible for keeping the aircraft in good mechanical and display condition.
- 3) Owner will supply the VAC with a copy of insurance coverage to the extent that the VAC assumes no liability should any incident occur. Owner agrees to sign a VAC Hold Harmless Form.
- 4) It will be the duty of the BOD to decide what aircraft will be granted hangar space based on status as a warbird and display appeal.
- 5) Members requesting hangar space for their aircraft will be required to complete and submit Form F-0049 (VAC Hangar Storage / Display Agreement) to the Facilities Director.
- 6) If a member is asked to remove their aircraft as much notice as possible will be given.

Norm Lindsay

PROCUREMENT OFFICER

VALIANT AIR COMMAND MUSEUM CERTIFICATION - We were honored during this period by being advised our Museum has now been certified by the USAF National Museum. This is a goal and an honor we have sought for and submitted applications for over the last 10 or more years. The submittal prepared by the Directors and interviews with USAF Museum Staff were accepted.

Our Museum has now been certified by the National Museums of the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Army.

F-16 A FIGHTER - One of the benefits of the USAF Certification is we can now obtain the loan of USAF aircraft. The first one will be a current F-16A Fighter which will be available after the first of 2013.

INVENTORY OF USN EQUIPMENT - We just completed the annual review and inventory for the USN loan items. The process requires a report on inspection of condition of items and file ready photographs. Phyllis Lilienthal did an excellent job of recording items. We have some 19 items on Navy loan.

USN MUSEUM LOAN MANAGER – Mrs. Helen Watson has retired. She supported our Museum activities for almost 10 years. Ms. Lenore Taylor is the new manager.

CANBERRA – Recent information obtained from the U.S. Government confirms that our Canberra has a reconnaissance overflight history. It was operated by the British RAF at that time. Efforts to disarm the aircraft ejection seats continues.

UPDATING – I have been in the process of obtaining weapons (dummy), engine sections and replacement parts to improve the display appearance of the F-4, A-6 and A-7 aircraft.

BEST OF ALL – Have a Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year.

Bob Frazier

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

It's been a busy time in the Public Relations Shop. We are gearing up for the AirShow and all the media coordination that it requires – this promises to be one of our best AirShows in many years as we honor the Famous B-17 Flying Fortress. Our Gift Shop already has several AirShow products and if you haven't seen the 2013 AirShow T-shirt, you will want to get yours before they are all gone!!!

If you have not been to one of our Fly-In Breakfasts yet, make plans. It's a lot of fun, cheap price for a great breakfast – and you get to meet a lot of folks. It's the second Saturday every month.

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.

Also, we have begun our media campaign for the reinvigorated C-47 Ride Program. If you or anyone you know is interested in riding in a piece of living history, please ask them to contact the museum regarding a ride in our Normandy Invasion Veteran Skytrain – the famous “Tico Belle.”

I want to thank all of our tourguides. We really appreciate your support and the time you give to us – keep up the good work.

Finally, as part of our outreach program, we got 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.)

VAC Warbird Ramp Fly-in Breakfast

2nd Saturday
Every Month
8am to 11am

Menu

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A NOTE FROM ANN

As you read this, 2012 will have come and gone, and I do not know how that happened! Perhaps it is because it has been such a busy time here at the VAC all year. And next year appears to be just as busy - if not more so.

We have had an incredible amount of volunteers this year that worked everything from weddings and receptions to the Open Houses and many in house functions. I cannot express enough how much they are appreciated!!! With the help of the tourguides and the restoration crews we can move mountains.

Thank you all for a wonderful year. Please consider the VAC a place to come and volunteer next year!

Merry Christmas to everyone and a blessed New Year to all!!!

Ann James

FROM THE GIRLS IN THE GIFT SHOP

“HAPPY NEW YEAR” – 2013

We hope everyone has a safe and wonderful holiday season!
It's almost a new year and we are off and running (STILL)!



Thanks to everyone for their gifts for our TOYS for TOTS Drive.

First, don't forget our “After Christmas Sale” for one week 01-07 January 2013 – 10% off your purchases: Clothing, Clocks, Franklin Mint Models, Toys, etc. (20% off for members) – *excluding AirShow merchandise.*

Then get ready for the Main Event “2013 AirShow”

For sale now in the Gift Shop; Advance Beer Garden Tickets; T-Shirts; and Patches;

Soon to come - Tote Bags & Hats

Get yours while supplies last. Our AirShow will be here before you know it.

P.S. I personally could utilize 1 – 2 persons with good endurance and good backs to help load, unload, stock and watch the crowd, with a 2 hour break to watch the AirShow!

See ya there!!!

Pam and Anita

CURATOR'S CORNER

If you have visited the new Titusville-Cocoa Airport Authority building in recent months, then you may have noticed our Valiant Air Command display case which is located in the main lobby. The display is in keeping with the décor of this tastefully designed new building.

Presented in the display case are both die-cast (Franklin Mint) and high quality plastic warplane model kits similar to those on sale at our well stocked VAC Gift Shop. Posters of important upcoming VAC events are located in a stand on top of this case.

We are curious about your impression of our new display and appreciate any comments about it. Suggestions are always welcome.

Don Leathers

FROM A MEMBER'S KITCHEN

BIRD'S NEST

Ingredients:

5/6 apples (I prefer MacIntosh)
1 cup all purpose flour
1 tbsp. baking powder
3/4 cup sugar (1/4 cup on apples, 1/2 cup in topping)
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 large egg
Dash of salt
1/3 cup butter

Directions:

Butter a 2 qt. casserole dish. Peel and slice approx. 6 apples right into the dish (3/4 full), add sugar (approx. 1/4 cup – according to tartness of the apples) mixed with 1 tsp. cinnamon on the top of the apples. A dash of salt. Set aside.

Topping:

1 cup flour, 1 tbsp. baking powder, 1 egg (beaten) and 1 tsp. cinnamon, mix with a fork and spread over the apples that were set aside. Melt 1/3 cup butter and drizzle over the top.

Cook time: 30/40 minutes at 375 degrees.

I like to sprinkle 1 or 2 tbsp. of orange juice over the apples. Some apples only need 30 minutes cook time (cook too long and you get applesauce).

Phyllis Lilienthal

TEST YOUR AVIATION HISTORY KNOWLEDGE

(Answers will be in the next issue of the UnScramble)

- 1) This fighter aircraft was hailed as the victor of the "Battle of Britain". What was the name of this plane?
- 2) What is the name of the military decoration awarded for meritorious achievement while in flight?
- 3) What was the significance of the U.S. aircraft BOEING P-26?
- 4) It was officially named and recorded as a bomber with the designation B-17. What was the more common name for this bomber?
- 5) What is the oldest continuously active Air Force base in the U.S.?
- 6) This renowned American military officer claimed that an airplane could sink any battleship at sea. Who said it?

Questions are from "Military Trivia" by Arthur Coe, Commander U.S. Navy (Ret.) Volume One © 1992.

BREVARD COUNTY IS ONE STEP CLOSER TO GETTING A NATIONAL CEMETERY.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs announced that it completed the purchase of 318 acres off U.S. 1 in Scottsmoor, just south of the Volusia County line, for the cemetery.

The closest national cemetery is Florida National Cemetery, about 90 miles away in Bushnell in Sumter County. Opened in 1988, it is the second busiest national cemetery in the nation

with 6,728 interments last year. The busiest is in Riverside, California.

Veterans with a discharge other than dishonorable, their spouses and eligible dependent children can be buried in a VA national cemetery. Also eligible are military personnel who die on active duty, their spouses and eligible dependents.

Of the 131 VA cemeteries across the nation, six are in Florida, according to VA. At the same time as the Scottsmoor purchase, the VA also purchased land to build another cemetery in the Tallahassee area. The most recent to open was Sarasota National Cemetery in 2009.

To meet the need and provide accessibility, the VA in 2010 said it was looking for land for a cemetery within 25 miles of the interchange at Interstate 95 and State Road 528. The property was purchased in Scottsmoor about two miles from I-95 for \$2 million.

Since 1973, annual interments in VA national cemeteries have increased by more than 222 percent, from 36,400 to more than 117,400 in 2011. Interments are expected to increase annually until 2016.

The VA did not give a timeline for the completion of building the cemetery.

{Extracted in part from Florida Today article 30 November by Norm Moody}



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3. Access to the Flightline during the AirShow.
4. UnScramble Newsletter listing future events.
5. AirShow and Fly-In participation.
6. Invitation to special members-only events.
7. Opportunity to volunteer – Museum or TICO AirShow.
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9. 10% Member Discount in Gift Shop.

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