



# AIRBASE GEORGIA *Dispatch*



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Education through living history.

Keep 'em flying.

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## From the Left Seat

### Col Jim Buckley, Airbase Georgia Leader

Our SBD trip to Crossville TN (KCSV), was the first event of October. All went quite well with Col Wes Stowers in command. The SBD again was a big hit for WWII Heritage Days with Col Jeff Clark pumping out seven rides! The T-34 team was very busy with 11 completed rides. Attendance was quite a success with a better turnout than I expected.



Red Nose again rose to the challenge for another U.S. Air Force Test Pilot program. The first week's team consisted of Col Stan Musick and Col John Currenti. Stan didn't get a break, flying the *Corsair* to The Florida International Air show at Punta Gorda FL. He was joined by the SBD with Col Jeff Clark. All went well flying in the show, but the *Corsair* had some engine problems on departure and had to return to KPDG. The SBD had to pull double duty flying Stan back to KVPS to begin the TPS on the next day. I'm very proud of the "can do" spirit of our members. Again there was 100 % reliability for the TPS program.

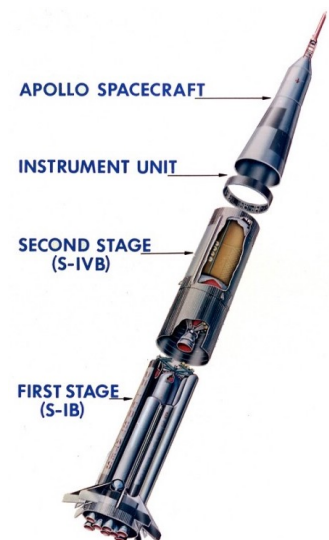
We still have the Wings Over Dallas show to attend with the SBD at the end of the month. On closing, our prayers go out to Col Robert Harris on his recent medical issues. Hope to see him back in the cockpit soon. →

Blue Skies to all,

Jim Buckley

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# Facility Rentals

## Col Dave Riesselmann

### Upcoming Hangar Events

On November 20th a memorial will be held for a former Airbase Georgia member. The hangar will be prepared on Thursday, November 18th. Make time if you can to push a mop or learn from the mythical Hangar Rats how to properly connect a tow bar. There's always the chance of a Merlin or Double Wasp roaring to life, or even taking to the sky, if I can offer further enticement.

On New Year's Eve two active duty Army pilots will finally tie the knot in the hangar after over a year of delays. It's obviously an awkward time but if you can spare it the happy couple will welcome guests to accompany the Airbase Georgia staff.



No more events will be held until March due to the aircraft maintenance season but we will lead off with a big one when we welcome the Whitewater High School baseball boosters back. In the meantime, keep our email address in mind for that referral opportunity. ➔

Dave Riesselmann  
770-990-3643

## ATTENTION AIRBASE GEORGIA COLONELS!

It's that time again. Your Airbase Georgia dues for 2022 are due. Your dues for 2022 will remain at \$48.00. We value your involvement with the Airbase and the Commemorative Air Force, and look forward to you continuing to be a member of the organization in the coming year.

Please submit payment now to the Finance Department to remain a member in good standing with the Airbase in 2022. Your dues may be paid by cash, check or credit/debit card. You may also pay online by visiting the AG website at <http://members.dixiewing.org> and entering your username and password. This will take you to the "dues payment" screen. NOTE: There is a \$1.00 service charge for using the online option for a total payment of \$49.00.

You may stop by the Finance desk at any time and pay your dues in person. If you should decide to mail your dues payment, please use the following address:

**CAF Airbase Georgia - ATTN: AG Dues**  
**1200 Echo Court**  
**Peachtree City, GA 30269**

If you should have questions, please email the Finance Department at: [finance@airbasegeorgia.org](mailto:finance@airbasegeorgia.org)

Thank you in advance for the prompt payment of your 2022 dues.

Col Peter Dalieri  
Finance Officer



## RECRUITING \* ORIENTATION \* RETENTION

### Col Jim Dalton, Recruiting Officer

Two new Cols were sworn in to the Airbase in October: L-R Shawn Mahan and Ryan Makings.



Semper Fidelis

James J. Dalton, II, Attorney

Jim



“KEEP’EM FLYING!”



# Airbase Georgia / CAF - 2021 Unit Staff Election Reminder

The election for open Dixie Wing Staff positions will take place during the regular monthly membership meeting on Saturday, November 6, 2021.

Here are the candidates running for open staff officer positions:

**AIRBASE LEADER:** Col Joel Perkins  
Col Jerry Robinette

**FINANCE OFFICER:** Col Peter Daliere (incumbent)

**DEVELOPMENT OFFICER:** Col Chris Madrid (incumbent)

**EDUCATION OFFICER:** Col Jane Simpson

**SAFETY OFFICER:** Col Bob Grove  
Col Gregg Scott

**Election Day:** Paper ballots will be available to all members present and in good standing starting at Noon on Election Day. Your current CAF /Airbase Georgia membership status will be confirmed by the Election Committee prior to receiving your ballot. Ballots may be cast between 12:00 Noon and 4:00 PM.

**Election Results:** Election results will be announced via the Airbase Georgia Hotline during the week of November 8, 2021.

If you have questions about the election process contact Col Jim van den Heuvel at (770) 570-9094 or [jrvdh100@gmail.com](mailto:jrvdh100@gmail.com).

Thank you: Your Election Committee: Col Charles Burcher, Col Don Burgess, Col Art Maartin and Col Jim van den Heuvel. ➔



## Once Again, Our SBD Is A Cover Girl

By now all CAF Cols should have received their copy of the CAF Annual Report. And what airplane is featured on the cover? Why, our very own SBD of course. Sharing the limelight are four other WWII naval aircraft during the 2019 Wings Over Dallas airshow. The photo was taken by Kevin Hong.✈





# 2021 Hangar Dance

After a year's absence, participants enjoyed the WWII Hangar Dance. Visit Airbase Georgia's Facebook page to see additional photos.



Colie Arline Dalton with Uncle & Godfather Col Jim Dalton.



Jewell Helton with Col Alan Armstrong.



# 2021 WWII Heritage Day

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We had some real Rosies ....



... as well as some reeanactors.



Col Kalinowski takes a break from operating his "Fly-Market" to seek some comfort from a nurse.



*Santa is coming  
...How about you?  
Airbase Georgia  
Annual Christmas  
Dinner  
12 December 2021*

*SUNDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2021, \$42 a person*

*1700 Social Hour*

*(Cash bar)*

*1800 Dinner*

**Flat Creek Country Club**

100 Flat Creek Road, Peachtree City

Business Casual / AG Uniform

**Reservation/payment  
deadline – 1 DECEMBER**

Contact Jerry Robinette or  
Merikay Franklin at: [franklinptc@bellsouth.net](mailto:franklinptc@bellsouth.net)  
678-654-2464

or

Use the clipboard in the business  
office to make your reservation.

This year you will have the option of conveniently making your reservation and payment on-line with your credit card. To access on-line payment, simply go to the Airbase Georgia website, click on *MEMBERS* at the top of the page and enter your login information. That will take you to the *DASHBOARD* page where you will see *PAYMENTS*. Click on *PAYMENTS* and you will see the option to make reservations and payments for the Christmas Dinner.





## ON THE HORIZON .....

November 6      Staff Meeting; Airbase Meeting

November 11-14 TRARON Clinic - Hangar & Meeting Room

November 12-13 Stuart, FL Airshow

December 12      Airbase Georgia Christmas Party

## ***PLANE CRAZY***

Ohio recently unveiled their new license plate, featuring the Wright flyer pulling a banner recognizing the state as the "Birthplace of Aviation." One tiny problem however ... the airplane is facing the wrong direction. Ohio DMV ... YOU HAD ONE JOB! The problem has since been corrected.



# Development Officer Update

## Col Chris Madrid



*As Development Officer, one of my priorities is to support member engagement and project success by assisting members in building plans and teams to implement and sustain their individual projects. Together we can demonstrate to the business, civic and education communities that the CAF Airbase Georgia is a resource that impacts the quality of life in Fayette County and throughout Georgia. Establishing a positive reputation, track record and relationship building are key to all future fundraising success.*

### **Volunteers Bring Back '40s Hangar Dance Fundraiser, WWII Heritage Days Open House**

CAF Airbase Georgia reopened its doors to the public with the return of two events of "Keep 'em Flying" 1940s Hangar Dance and Dinner Fundraiser and WWII Heritage Days. WWII Heritage Days was especially successful thanks to the planning and hard work of many members over several months. Both events showcased our renovated meeting room. We sold 19 rides while the Maintenance Team completed preparations for Red Nose to fulfill October commitments. An early morning low ceiling dampened fly-in aircraft participation, but the sun and warm temperatures helped fill the parking lots by 1030. We hosted an opening ceremony and education presentations throughout the day, and we were honored to have three Rosie the Riveters as guests of honor. Many of our long-time participants returned to support CAF Airbase Georgia. An estimated 3,000 people attended WWIHD, including many school age children, resulting in one of the best turn-outs in 17 years.

WWII Heritage Days was conceived in 2005 as an education event. Over the years it has taken many forms and featured a variety of themes, aircraft, and vehicles. This year we experimented with separating the dance and WWIHD and introduced new caterers, food trucks, e-commerce, and social media advertising to create awareness. The event is

fully supported by airport management, neighbors, Peachtree City and the Convention and Visitors Bureau, Georgia State Defense Force, Civil Air Patrol, and other civic organizations. Sadly, we could not host the large number of World War II veterans we have in the past.

Moving forward, WWII Heritage Days will return to its roots as an education event that showcases the CAF mission in Georgia. Please visit our Facebook page if you want to see video or photos of the dance and WWIHD.

Finally, I would like to thank all the members who volunteered to plan, produce and host Keep 'em Flying and WWII Heritage Days. 2021 was challenging, but the results reflect the very best of our organization.

