



AIRBASE GEORGIA *Dispatch*



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Keep 'em flying.

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From the Left Seat Col Jim Buckley, Airbase Georgia Leader

Fall is underway and lots of maintenance going on. Several airshows are on tap for October and November, plus the P-51 training for the Air Force Test Pilot School at Pensacola FL. The cutoff date for the Hangar-Dinner Dance has passed and it's on with the show! Col Michael Lamble is slowly recovering from a nearly fatal case of Covid 19. We wish him the best. Be on the lookout for a surprise visit from a very famous WWII bomber. →

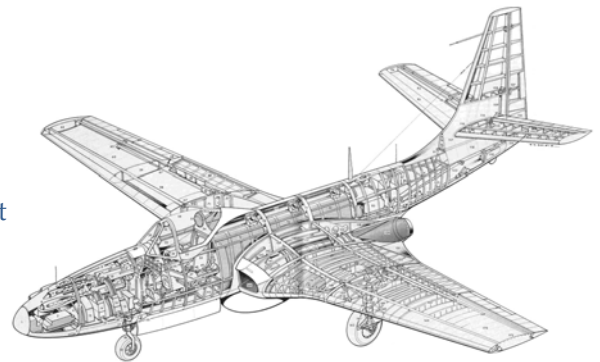
Blue Skies to all.

Jim Buckley



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Executive Officer Report

Col Jerry Robinette

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

Just a reminder to everyone that Staff Elections will be held at our Membership Meeting on 06 November (see page 8). On 2 October, at our Membership Meeting, The Nominating Committee will present the slate of nominated candidates and request nominations from the floor. Candidates will address the membership to present their qualifications and plans for office.

The open staff officer positions are as follows:

Airbase Georgia Unit Leader

Education Officer

Finance Officer

Development Officer

Safety Officer.

If you are unable to attend the 06 November meeting, you may request an Absentee Ballot. To request an Absentee Ballot, please email your request to Election Committee member Col Jim van den Heuvel at jvdh100@gmail.com, or mail your request to him at 210 Independence Lane, Peachtree City, GA, 30269. **Absentee Ballot requests must be received by the Election Committee no later than Saturday, 2 October 2021.**

An Absentee Ballot containing the names of all candidates, including any candidates nominated from the floor, will be mailed to you on 4 October 2021. Candidate Campaign Statements and Instructions for returning the ballots will be included with this mailing. For additional information regarding the election (including the list of candidates), please refer to the email Hotline of 16 September 2021.



We are embarking on a new period of opportunities (and challenges) for Airbase Georgia, and the officers that we choose to lead us forward will be responsible for assuring that we continue in a positive direction. Our current staff, combined with the newly-elected officers, will be responsible for setting the stage for a continuation of the great things the Dixie Wing and Airbase Georgia have accomplished. So please, before you cast your ballot, take the time to research the candidates for each job (and, yes, I consider all staff members have a job to do, not just a title). Consider the past performance of the candidate, their support of Airbase Georgia and the Commemorative Air Force relative to our mission, their strategic and operational plans for the future of the Unit and their qualifications for the staff job they are seeking. With the new officers, carefully chosen by all of you, I feel confident that Airbase Georgia will continue to be a leader in the CAF organization.

Thank you, as always, for your support of Airbase Georgia and REMEMBER TO REQUEST YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT OR VOTE IN PERSON! Our future depends on you. →

Rides Update

Col Steve Hoofnagle

Rides Officer



At the time of writing (20 SEPT), we've had a busy month with eight (8) P-51 Rides completed before the *Mustang* went into the 100-hour maintenance. She'll be busy with maintenance and then the USAF Test Pilot School, so we won't be doing more Mustang Rides until November.

The SBD and T-34 have also been working hard. The LT-6 and PT-19 are out of service, but we hope to have them back in time for WWIHD on 9 October.

Col Jim Stearns has been invaluable for handling the Rides when I'm "out on Medical" and he's also working on making the Rides paperwork "paperless."

In addition to "Rides by appointment" at the Airbase on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, we have some appearance events in Tennessee and Florida coming up where we will also be selling Rides.

The Rides pilots, crew chiefs, Hangar Rats, and other Airbase volunteers have been working hard to support all of the Rides and we expect the "demand" for Rides to continue to increase as COVID restrictions ease.

We will be announcing a price increase of about 10% across the board to go into effect 1 January 2022. We haven't raised prices on any aircraft but the *Mustang* since 1 January 2017 and the *Mustang* has been the same since 1 January 2019. Our costs, especially insurance, have increased substantially over this time and we are below what a large number of our "competitors" are charging.

As a reminder, we post the upcoming Rides on the bulletin board in the Hangar by the kitchen door. There are also "generic" entries on the calendar that is accessible at the website (no need to log in, it's the same calendar either way). If you plan to be at the Airbase when we are doing a Ride and would like to help/learn, please come find Jim Stearns or myself. →

rides@airbasegeorgia.org

770-309-5584 (new Airbase Georgia Business cell number)

Hooper



Photo by John Willhoff



RECRUITING * ORIENTATION * RETENTION

Col Jim Dalton, Recruiting Officer



Three new Cols were sworn in to the Airbase in September: L-R Dave Miller, Lance Hill, and Arthur Southwick.



Okay, it is time for our members to submit some recruiting ideas they would like to help implement. →

Semper Fidelis

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“KEEP’EM FLYING!”



Facility Rentals

Col Dave Riesselmann

Thursday, November 18th

Our first full-scale hangar event in two years was a success. None are scheduled for October but there will be one in November, the work day for which is Thursday, November 18th. For new members especially it's a great way to pitch in and get to know your fellow colonels. No skill required - just some time and effort. →

Dave Riesselmann
770-990-3643



"If you are qualified, or can be readily trained on this equipment, you can help Airbase Georgia generate vital rental event revenue."

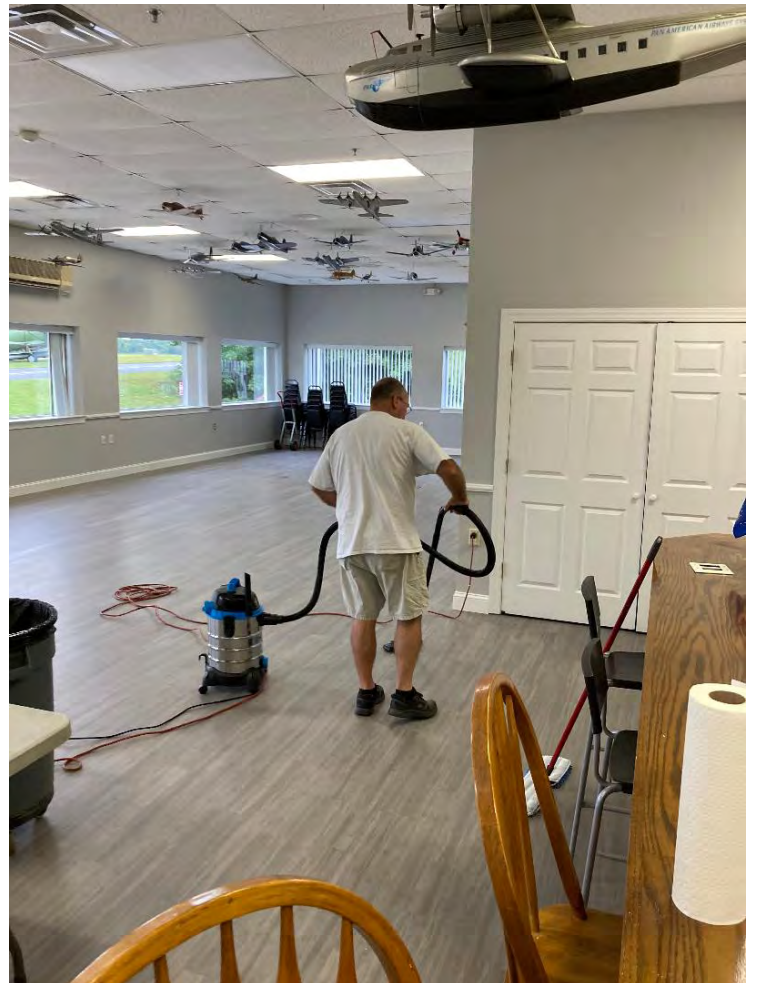
Facility Rentals (cont.)

The meeting room finally gets a new floor.



Facility Rentals (cont.)

Unidentified Hangar Rats prepare for rental event held on September 18th. They can use your help for the next work day on November 18th.



Airbase Georgia / CAF - 2021 Unit Staff Election Announcement

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

The Nominating Committee will present the slate of nominated candidates and request nominations from the floor during the October 2nd Membership Meeting. Candidates will address the membership to present their qualifications and plans for office. The current list of candidates running for open staff officer positions is as follows:

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



If you are interested in nominating someone to run for one of the open positions, contact Col Tom Walsh in the Nominations Committee at committee@dixiewing.org.

Absentee Ballots: If you cannot attend the November 6, 2021 election meeting you may request an Absentee Ballot in order to vote. This can be accomplished via email to Election Committee member Jim van den Heuvel at jrvdh100@gmail.com, or by letter addressed to him at 210 Independence Lane, Peachtree City, GA 30269. **Absentee Ballot requests must be received no later than Saturday, October 2, 2021.** An Absentee Ballot containing the names of all candidates, including any candidates nominated from the floor, will be mailed to you on October 4, 2021. Candidate Campaign Statements and Instructions for returning the ballots will be included with this mailing.

Election Day - November 6, 2021: 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 must be cast by 4:00 PM on Election Day.

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.

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

Please Welcome GSU Graduate Research Assistant Ben Schmidt



CAF Airbase Georgia is working with Georgia State University to create a plan using our exhibits, authentic World War II artifacts, and aircraft to improve our visitor experience. Ben will work with Airbase Georgia volunteers this Fall to inventory, catalog, and organize, our artifacts. Ben will visit the hangar on a weekly basis.

Ben writes:

My name is Ben Schmidt, and I am a graduate student at Georgia State University. I am in my first semester of the Heritage Preservation Master's Program, and I previously got my bachelor's degree from Kennesaw State with a major in History and a minor in Public History. I have worked with several museums in the past through internship programs and coursework in the public history program.

I will be working with CAF Airbase Georgia for one year as part of a graduate research assistantship program. Over the course of my assistantship, I will be focusing on the museum and related projects in order to improve the airbase's education and outreach programs.

My first goal is to write an artifact inventory plan for future volunteers. This means that I will be writing a collections management plan, a document that systematically determines what the museum will and will not take as donations, as well as methods to maintain and preserve various types of material from damage due to time, light exposure, humidity, or other sources of damage. The plan will also detail how the artifacts will be stored, moved, and displayed, and how they will be entered into the inventory management system.

Determining the best inventory management system for the museum will be another goal for my assistantship. I will be working with the board to determine their current and future needs, and offer them some choices based on my research into the software available.

My last objective is to write up an exhibit design strategy for current and future volunteers, so that the museum will have a consistent body of knowledge about public history practices to use as they design future exhibits for the museum. While I cannot predict what future exhibits may be put up, I can establish some fundamentals of design, floor planning, interpretation, and training that are common practice in the museum field because of their proven effectiveness. I look forward to working with CAF Airbase Georgia and helping to spread its message to more people across the state.

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WWII HERITAGE DAYS



09
OCTOBER
9AM-5PM



HONORING ROSIE THE RIVETER

\$10

FOR ADULTS
\$5 FOR AGES 11-17

**WELCOMING ALL
STEARMAN AIRCRAFT TO FLY-IN!**

WWII AIRCRAFT, MILITARY VEHICLES, REENACTORS, EXHIBITS AND DEMOS
THIS 17TH ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE & FUNDRAISING EVENT IS AT
ATLANTA REGIONAL AIRPORT-FALCON FIELD IN PEACHTREE CITY, GA

We Need You!

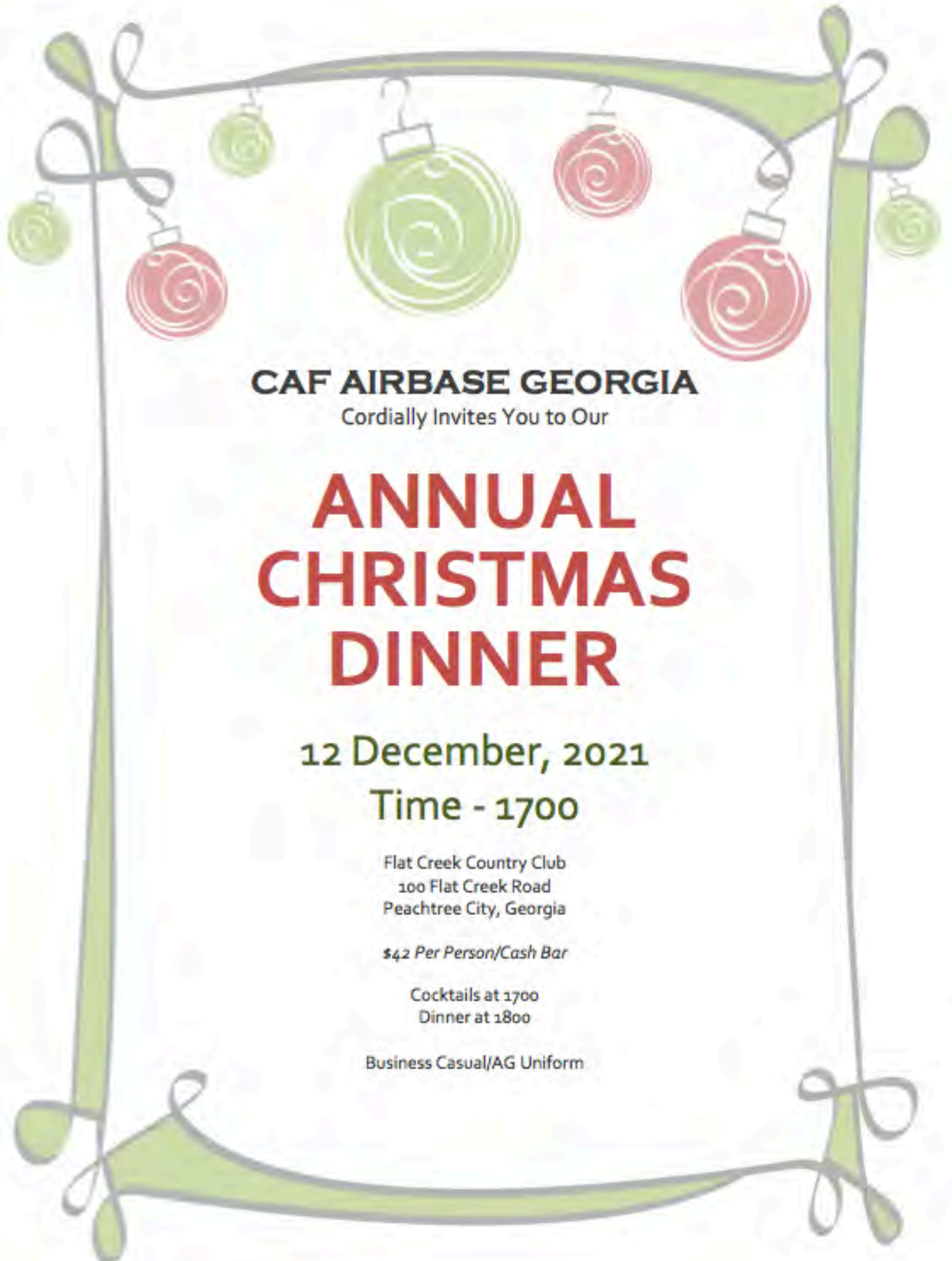


WWII HERITAGE DAYS

October 8-9, 2021

World War II is nearly here! October 9, Heritage Days that is, and **WE NEED YOU!** I need to know if you plan to attend, and if you have coordinated with your team leader. If you don't have an assignment yet, please contact me (Col Jane Simpson) ASAP by text to 678-699-1804 or email CAFWW2volunteers@gmail.com.

TIME IS FLYING BY, DON'T DELAY



CAF AIRBASE GEORGIA

Cordially Invites You to Our

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

12 December, 2021

Time - 1700

Flat Creek Country Club
100 Flat Creek Road
Peachtree City, Georgia

\$42 Per Person/Cash Bar

Cocktails at 1700
Dinner at 1800

Business Casual/AG Uniform



ON THE HORIZON

- October 2 10am Staff Meeting; 1pm Airbase members meeting
- October 9 **WORLD WAR II HERITAGE DAYS**
- November 6 10am Staff Meeting; 1pm Airbase members meeting
Staff Election Day
- November 11-14 TRARON Clinic - Hangar & Meeting Room
- November 12-13 Stuart, FL Airshow
- December 12 Airbase Georgia Christmas Party
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PLANE CRAZY

A rare sighting of a Falcon in a tree.

