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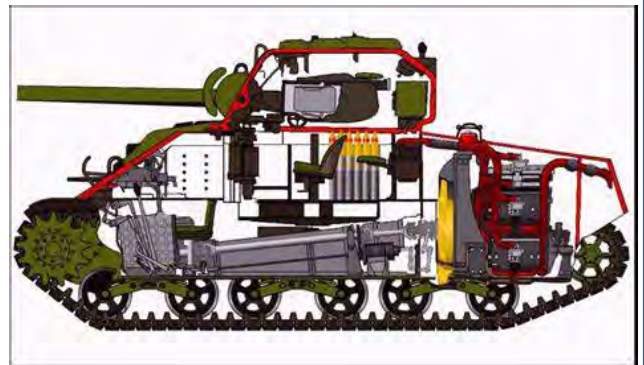
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Airbase Georgia took home the "Mayor's Choice" trophy for the float in the 2022 4th of July parade. More on page 15.

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From the Left Seat

Col Joel Perkins, Airbase Georgia Leader

There is a tremendous amount of excitement developing around our latest project and certainly understand why. The P-47 is one of the most iconic aircraft of World War II and currently there are only four flying in the world. We are about to change that number. We have a P-47 project kick-off meeting at Airbase Georgia at 1 pm on August 27th. At this time Col Randy Hawkins has about twenty-four volunteers interested in helping and seeing this through to completion. We have also had new members join just because of their interest in participating in this restoration. I have always believed that people come for the airplanes and they stay because of the people they meet and the new relationships that are built.

As we focus on the P-47 let's not forget about the PT-19 and the *Stearman* projects. The *Stearman* team is doing a fantastic job and I urge everyone to take a look at the progress. At the rate they are going we will need to start talking about an engine very soon. My sincere thanks and appreciation for their excellent work.

The PT-19 needs the wings stripped and inspected, and the fuselage is ready for cover as well as the tail components. We are a little light on help with this project so if anyone is interested in covering or learning how to cover and perform fabric work please see me or Randy.

With all the exciting projects we have going on we still have our other incredible aircraft that need attention along with our facility.

We are continuing to build our maintenance team as maintenance activities consume the vast majority of time and resources. Whatever your talent or skill level, if have an interest in assisting with aircraft maintenance on the hangar floor or in the machine shop please let me or Randy know.

We are gearing up for World War II Heritage Day on Oct. 8th and Jane Simpson and her team could use more volunteers. This would be a wonderful event for you to serve our veterans and community.

Renting our facility is a major source of revenue and you can see we have invested in building improvements in our meeting area to continue to attract customers and build that part of our business. Helping with a rental event is an easy way to volunteer with a low commitment most events are single-day or evening events.

The overall message here is that we have amazing things happening, we are growing and that growth requires more volunteers to get involved. I assure you there is a place for your talents and time. That could be two days a month, once a week, or more. It's up to you. These airplanes are the tools that we use to make certain that the lives of courageous men and women and their stories are never forgotten. Get off the sidelines and come be an active part of this worthy mission.



RECRUITING * ORIENTATION * RETENTION

Col Jim Dalton, Recruiting Officer



The times "They are a changin'." Each of you has been very helpful in bringing new records to our recruiting efforts. Recruiting is the lifeblood of a volunteer organization such as ours. However, once recruited we need a structure to ensure that our newly recruited members become involved in meaningful opportunities. To that end, each of our seasoned members must try to reach out to new members to get them involved. If you have been instrumental in getting a new member, make sure you also engage in follow through.

We now have three (3) vintage aircraft in some level of restoration and the P-47 "LITTLE MEAT CHOPPER" is causing quite a stir. We need to welcome new volunteers to our ranks. Please help the Airbase Staff make this happen.

Semper Fidelis,

Jim

Four new Cols inducted at the July meeting



Give a big welcome to our newest members. From the left: Ray Yates Jr., Ted Nevalle, Recruiting Officer Col Jim Dalton, Joe Dobler, Brad Postale.

EDUCATION OFFICER

Col Jane Simpson

It is hard to believe that our WWII Heritage Days annual event is less than two months away. Not to worry, though - everything is on track for another successful event. This past Saturday, our National State History contest winner,

Johnny Dorminy, stopped by the hangar to pick up his script for a surprise twist to our keynote speaker's position. Our speakers this year include information on Tuskegee Airmen, RAF Training, advances in aviation since WWII, and the lead-up

to the Space Age based on WWII contributions. Although we are proceeding nicely with the planning, we could use more volunteers. Please go visit our "Volunteer Registration" site at www.airbasegeorgia.org (navigate to Events, then WWII Heritage Days, and hit the "Volunteer Registration" button). If you do not wish to sign up electronically, but still wish to volunteer, please contact me at jane.simpson@airbasegeorgia.org and we will figure out a work-around. As I tell everyone - WWII Heritage Days is a fantastic opportunity to show everyone you know what Airbase Georgia is all about. You may be busy, but you will have fun!

Below: If you haven't been by the Hangar lately, you have missed the progress on our museum showcase on the back wall of the hangar. We now have new doors that can be easily opened and locked! We have moved the artifacts to the trailer, while we install the storyboards and revise the layout. Right now, these changes are not permanent - the goal is to get the showcase "cleaned up" for WWII Heritage Days. Come by and see!



Col Willard Womack and Johnny review notes for WWII Heritage Days, to be held on October 8th.

The U.S.S. Enterprise is still there, and prominently displayed. Our mannequins are acquiring an update, and storyboards going in!



Education Officer (cont.)

Right: Some of the storyboards.



HISTORY HIGHLIGHT – VOL. 1, ART. 8

U.S. Navy Aviator Survival Kit - M-592 Pack

One of our most unusual items discovered while reviewing the inventory in our museum trailer is the survival kit for naval aviators fighting in the Pacific theater. It was designed to be worn under their parachutes and life vests, and for that reason, it was very uncomfortable and awkward to wear while flying. For these reasons, only 40,000 were produced in 1944. At least, that is what we were able to determine from what little can be found on the internet about this object. See, [Video: Unboxing a Pristine 1944 USN Pilot Survival Kit | RECOIL OFFGRID \(offgridweb.com\)](#).

We can determine the items that should be in the pack, based on the instruction booklet (with an attached pencil!) inside the pack. Our pack is in fair condition, and includes a poncho, mosquito head net, machete, cans of water and sardines, a fishing net, a signal mirror, a whistle, flint, and a few other items. It may have been uncomfortable to wear, but one has to wonder - was it ever used to save a downed aviator? ✈

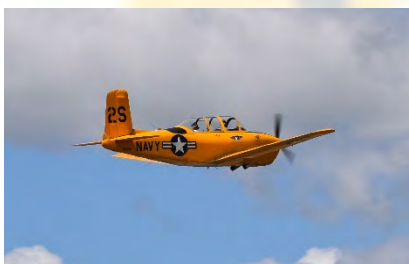


Currently, we have this pack displayed beneath the U.S.S. Enterprise model, which seems to be an appropriate location!



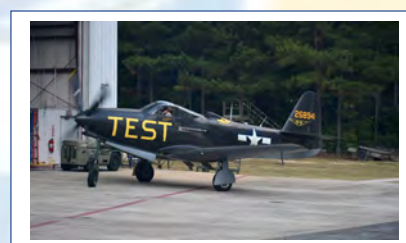
Once Upon A Time An Inaugural Flight Was Taken On A Beechcraft T-34

This flight was the effort by two stalworth Colonels from CAF-Airbase Georgia. **Colonels James J. Dalton**, retired USMC Officer, and Pilot and brother **Colonel Brian J Dalton**, retired USAF Officer, and Pilot. Both gentlemen asked for and were granted permission to undertake this flight as the aircraft involved had never been to EAA Airventure, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Now it must be noted these flights are not just a major effort by pilots but the efforts of the Perfectly Splendid Volunteers who devote their time and efforts to maintain the aircraft located at the Wing in Peachtree City, GA.



The Volunteers at Airbase Georgia undertake such important and necessary tasks such as Maintenance, Logistics, Administrative Issues, Security and too many additional items too lengthy to mention here. Safe to say these are essential personnel and all professionals. So off they pilots went in the sky-blue yonder!

A little history here. The usual iconic aircraft visiting Airventure from Airbase Georgia are typically great old Warbirds such as a P-51 Mustang, a Dauntless Dive Bomber SBD perhaps a Corsair, very rare P-63 King Cobra, maybe a T-6 Texan. These are crowd pleasing and extremely interesting airplanes just to look at when called upon to display their abilities to preform aerobatics during their time at the event.



Well just think the little Yellow Bird pictured above is capable of the same activities, hence Trainer. The Rides Aircraft this year (as always) were based at the General Aviation Airport in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

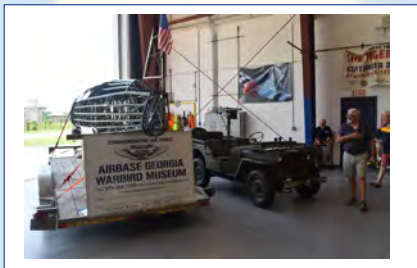
The Dalton brothers were convinced the T-34 would be a valued addition to the other aircraft and their efforts to fly, display and provide rides was a complete success. In 7 days, attendance this aircraft provided 17 rises to folks at the event. My mention of these does not tell the entire story. These two Pilots and ancillary CAF Volunteers would take the time to acknowledge the spectators who just showed up to see the airplanes. All CAF personnel would take the time to (especially) engage the younger generation kids in conversation.

One situation comes to mind. After returning from a flight an older couple, later identified as grandparents of two great kids about 8-9 and 4-5 years of age. Col. JJ came over to the fence and talked with the kids. Grandma would be there advising the kids to ask what kind of airplane it was, how fast did it fly and was it fun to fly. Each question was answered with a child in mind. In other words, language the kids understood and enjoyed! A little later it was learned Grandma and Grandpa were raising these two children as their single mom had died of cancer at 40 years of age. Can you imagine taking on such a responsibility? The Grandparents were obviously in their late 60's early 70's. It was also apparent they did not have the where withal to afford a ride in one of our airplanes. They were to relay the kids were always interested in visiting airports just to see airplanes landing and taking off.



So, imagine their interest when they were able to see rare airplanes at Fond du Lac. As they were leaving Grandma came back to purchase a couple of T-Shirts. I truly believe if they had not been regaled by CAF individuals they would have walked away without their purchase.

I believe this was just one example of CAF folks talking to and taking the time to explain to on-lookers what CAF what is about plus is undertaken to maintain the aircraft in attendance at the event. Other examples of our efforts were explained. Aircraft restoration and WWI Vehicles, for example. Left to Right: Fuselage of Stearman on Rotisserie, Float including WWII Jeep, in July 4th parade Peachtree City, GA., restoration portion of P-47 latest acquisition.



The end to this story is the efforts of a myriad of Volunteers who devote their time to maintain a Safe Stable of Aircraft. Plus, this cadre of Volunteers exhibit for-thought in suggesting and proving new venues for our aircraft are always in the mix for events and ride producing areas never tried previously.

I want to congratulate the whole mob below under the Wing of a Ford Tri-Motor. Image taken at AirVenture 2022. If not for these Volunteers the success of the event may not have been as successful as it was! **A Big Thank You is my closing sentiment.**

Colonel Michael W. Wewers



2022 Staff Elections Nominations Committee Letter

For those of you that missed the monthly meeting of August 6th, we discussed the election coming up in November. The election will be held the second Saturday in November due to the Atlanta Air Show scheduled the weekend of November 5-6.

The offices/ positions that are up for election this year are as follows:

1. Executive Officer (Incumbent: Col Joel Perkins)
2. Adjutant (Incumbent: Col Gerhard Frenz)
3. Operations officer (Incumbent: Col Peter Hague)
4. Maintenance Officer (Incumbent: Col Randy Hawkins)

We, (The Nomination Committee), consisting of myself, Colonel James Dalton, and Colonel Paul Areson are actively soliciting nominations for the above-mentioned officers. If you have someone in mind that you believe would be interested in running for the soon to be vacated positions, please send the name/ names to the following email address:
Committee@airbasegeorgia.org

In doing so, the committee will all get a copy of your email. PLEASE do not send a name to us for consideration, without prior approval from the person you are nominating. In not getting their approval, it simply slows down the process, and makes our job more difficult. Job descriptions for each position are provided on the next page.

If you need another method of contacting the committee, our phone numbers are listed below. Emails to the committee email address, is the preferred method of communication.

Paul Areson (678) 877-7571

Jim Dalton (770) 309-0614

Tom Walsh (678) 758-4654

Regards,
Col Tom Walsh

Save the Date!
September 2022 Member Meeting
September 10, 1pm

JOB DESCRIPTIONS

1. EXECUTIVE OFFICER - The Executive Officer is the assistant Unit Leader and will act in his place during his absence. The XO should have similar qualities as the Unit Leader:

- Background in military or business management
- Present a good public appearance
- Adept at public speaking
- A positive demeanor
- Preferably have a background in aviation

Specific duties include:

- Current knowledge of CAF rules and regulations
- Meeting facilities
- Wing socials
- Other duties as assigned by the Unit Leader

2. ADJUTANT - The Adjutant shall record and maintain the permanent minutes of all Unit Staff meetings. He shall maintain suitable correspondence files concerning the business and activities of the Unit and assure that all required Unit reports are submitted to CAF Headquarters in a timely fashion. Further he shall assist the Unit in the timely preparation and dissemination of such correspondence of a general nature. In coordination with the Finance Officer, he shall maintain the Unit personnel records. He shall advise the Headquarters' Membership Department of any changes of the Unit membership, and on a semi-annual (March and July) basis provide a roster of Unit members for verification and updating.

3. OPERATIONS OFFICER - Minimum qualifications for Operations Officer, per CAF policy, include all those required for Unit Leader plus a general or military aviation background. If the Unit has one or more CAF assigned aircraft, it is recommended that he be a CAF-rated pilot with a basic knowledge of CAF flight operations, including airshows and static displays, and the safety requirements and special considerations of each. He should also be well versed in the Aircraft Sponsorship Program.

Specific duties include:

- Authorizing all flights of Unit assigned aircraft
 - Operation of ground equipment
 - Verification of pilot and crew member currency in FAA and CAF ratings and status
 - Serving as Chairman of the Unit Flight Evaluation Board
 - Assignment of pilot and crew members for Unit aircraft missions
- He will maintain communications with Headquarters through the Chief Aviation Officer

4. MAINTENANCE OFFICER - The Maintenance Officer should be a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) licenses Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) or an inspector of Airworthiness (IA)

Specific duties include:

- Proper care and maintenance of all aircraft and ground equipment assigned to the Unit.
- Scheduling and directing the restoration of all CAF aircraft assigned to the Unit.
- Oversight of activities of Unit aircraft project officers.
- Clearances of all restoration work with CAF Director of Maintenance prior to implementation.
- Clearance of all planned expenditures through Airbase Georgia Staff.
- Ensuring that All Airbase Georgia aircraft in airworthy condition prior to flight.
- Maintaining proper technical manuals, records, and logbooks.
- Approving ordering of parts and supplies for the Maintenance department by maintenance personnel.
- Ensure an Airbase Georgia expense/reimbursement form is properly filled out and forwarded to the Finance Officer for all disbursements.
- Training aircraft crew chiefs and personnel who operate/use ground equipment.
- Submitting a monthly maintenance and/or restoration report to CAF Headquarters through the officer of Chief Aviation Officer.

PT-19 Corner

Col Tom Thompson

The PT-19 restoration team is making progress but could always use some extra help. We will have a great deal of fabric covering to accomplish. If you are interested in learning a new skill and have the time to apply these techniques we are ready to instruct you. A hands-on class will be scheduled shortly. We can also use workers with woodworking skills. Please volunteer and help us return this important piece of history to flight. If you would like to assist in this project please contact me at heyload141@gmail.com.



Above: Col Tom Thompson works on the "turtleback," i.e., upper fuselage of the PT-19 after he and Col Forest Buchanan carry it in to the shop (left).

Photos by Col Charles Burcher.



Below: Left: Col Lee Weaver carefully touches up some glue, while (right) Col Bill Feyerman uses a small iron to heat the fabric.



Rides Update

Col James Sterns - Rides Coordinator

July/August, our T-34 and T-6 are remaining busy. The P-51 and the SBD are currently undergoing mandatory inspections and maintenance in anticipation of a busy fall season.



Col Rodney Higgenbotham (R) looks pretty happy as Col Jim Sterns schedules a ride on the SBD in Oshkosh.

As of this writing the final numbers for Air Venture (Oshkosh 2022) are still being tabulated, the pilots and crew at Oshkosh worked long hours to complete approximately 55 rides and generating approximately \$67,000.00 (gross) for Airbase Georgia.

Coming very soon is our WWII Day (October 8th) we will be conducting rides all day. Remember, Airbase Georgia members receive a 20% discount on one ride per year.

Planning has started for WWII Weekend, Reading PA, and Air Venture (Oshkosh) for 2023.

We will be looking for additional volunteers who will be trained for these and other events throughout 2023. Trained rides personnel are among the few who may be authorized to ride in the backseat of our rides aircraft to events where rides will be

sold. There are some basic criteria that are needed to be on the rides crew. 1) You must be physically agile and able to climb aboard the aircraft and assist in loading riders when needed. 2) Be willing to work long hours. 3) Be comfortable in talking to the public, selling rides and somewhat knowledgeable of the history of our planes. 4) Basic organizational and administrative skills, as there is always paperwork that must be completed for every rider.

If you think you may be interested, let anyone on the rides crew or myself know. What we do is not hard, but it is fun 🤞

Right: Col Robert Harris gives the very first ride at the new CAF Birmingham (AL) Escadrille.



Rides (cont.)

and rewarding.

We will be holding a training session for all rides crew and new prospective members in the coming months. I can be reached at james.stearns@airbasegeorgia.org, or rides@airbasegeorgia.org.

A surprise in September... The link below will take you to an interview of "Dauntless Dick Miralles." Dick will be given a ride on September 24th at Airbase Georgia. He was a gunner in the SBD at Guadacanal, we'll let him tell you his story, in person.

<https://youtu.be/Ln2sOt6JE8g>

<https://www.eleventhemovie.com> →



Rodney Higgenbotham watching over Red Nose start-up. Oshkosh 2022



Our Dauntless keeping an eye over Red Nose PDK Good Neighbor Day 2022

Stearman Update

Col Jeff Clark

The *Stearman* project team continues to make impressive progress with the restoration. The father and son team of Cols Malcolm and Geoff Lelliott, along with Col Joe Broker, have made great strides with the fuselage. The damaged lower birdcage has been repaired, and now all of the birdcages are installed. The main electrical panel and the radio box have also been installed and Malcom has been working hard to get everything wired up.



Left: Lower Birdcage – repaired and installed.

Below: Main electrical panel and radio box.



Col John Flynn built and installed a new firewall, and Col Brad Postage has completed fabrication and installation of sheet metal for the top of the fuselage behind the firewall. John is now working on building up the seats for the front and rear cockpits.

Above: Col Brad Postage fabricating sheet metal for the fuselage. The new firewall is also visible.



Stearman (cont.)

Above Left: Cols John Flynn and Malcom Lelliott discuss the finer points of Stearman seat fabrication. Above Right: Col Frank Piasecki putting the finishing touches on the center section. It is now ready for fuel tank installation.

Cols Mike Lamble and Lorraine Deloach continue to perfect their fabric covering skills. They are now focused on covering the elevators. These control surfaces will eventually be installed on the rear of the horizontal stabilizer to control the airplane's pitch attitude in flight.

Below Left: Col Mike Lamble works on the right elevator. Below Right: Col Lorraine Deloach using an iron to heat shrink the fabric around the left elevator



Stearman (cont.)

With the team's impressive velocity, it is possible that the fuselage work may be completed this year! After the fuselage is done, the team will begin work on the wings.

If you would like to join the *Stearman* restoration team, please contact me at jeff.clark@airbasegeorgia.org, or just come by the hangar and visit the project team in the shop. All work is performed under the supervision and guidance of licensed Airframe and Powerplant mechanics, so no prior experience is required. It's a great way to learn a new skill and have fun.

One more thing... this past July, Col Bob Grove suggested the *Stearman* team put the fuselage on a float and enter it into the Peachtree City Independence Day Parade. Bob thought it would be a great way to build community awareness of the project and Airbase Georgia, as well as **provide** the general public the opportunity to see the aircraft up close."

It turns out he was right because the float (see page 1) won the Mayor's Trophy! I hope everyone will join me in congratulating Bob and the entire *Stearman* team!



Scenes From The Hangar

Photos by Col Charles Burcher.

Jim Arnold, John Miller, Roy Handler, Paul Areson work on the P-63. Let's see ... is it righty tighty ...?



P-47 Scrapbook

For those who missed the delivery of our Republic P-47 *Thunderbolt*.

Photos by Cols Charles Burcher and Philip Beagle III



P-47 Scrapbook (cont.)



A special thanks goes to all who helped.



Military History Speakers Lead Lineup for WWII Heritage Day

Aviation research and development during WWII served as the launchpad for the space age that followed. Commemorative Air Force (CAF) Airbase Georgia will feature both eras with a series of speakers selected to highlight the dawn of the space age, as part of World War II Heritage Day Oct. 8, 2022. The one-day event at Atlanta Regional Airport – Falcon Field in Peachtree City, Ga., will offer visitors an opportunity to explore this important historical transition and enjoy a vintage car show, costume contest, warbird rides, demonstrations, food vendors and a 1940s victory dance.

take place at the CAF Airbase Georgia headquarters, 1200 Echo Ct., Peachtree City, Ga. Visitors are encouraged to dress in their favorite World War II or space-age attire to enjoy the day and the dance and to be eligible for costume contest prizes.

Lt. Gen. Brian Arnold (Ret.) is the keynote speaker, focusing on the advances in technology from WWII to the space age. He served in the U.S. Air Force for more than 30 years, as a pilot and in positions related to space and missile systems. Gen. Arnold also will have a simulated conversation with a WWII pilot from the past to discuss advances in navigation, communication, and weather prediction in aviation. The pilot will be played by a National History Day state winner, Jonathan Dorminy.

Dr. Scott Norman, Director of Educational Services for Columbus State University's Coca-Cola Space Science Center, will discuss the aviation technology transition in his presentation, "From the V-2 to Yuri Gagarin – the Origins of the Space Race". He has been with the Space Science Center for 25 years and has a life-long interest in the space program and aviation.

A noted author will address the history of the famous Tuskegee Airmen. **Dr. Daniel L. Haulman** is author of "The Tuskegee Airmen – An Illustrated History", and "The Tuskegee Airmen Chronology". He worked at the Air Force Historical Research Agency at Maxwell Air Force Base for 37 years, retiring in 2019 as head of the organization's organizational histories section. He is the author of eight aviation history books and was selected by the Air Force Historical Foundation for its prestigious Dr. I. B. Holley award, recognizing a lifetime of achievement in the documentation of Air Force history.



Vintage Jeeps and other displays were part of WWII Heritage Day in 2021. This year's event theme is "Dawn of the Space Age," an era that was built on research and development from WWII.

The day-time activities run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., followed by a celebration swing dance in the hangar, with music until 7 p.m. All events will



WWII Days Speakers (Cont.)

Dr. Robert B. Kane will speak about the unique topic of training thousands of Royal Air Force (RAF) cadets at U.S. Army Air Forces flight schools in the Southeast United States from June 1941 through February 1943. He spent 27 years in the Air Force, retired as a lieutenant colonel, and held a variety of information management, personnel management, education, and command positions at Air Force installations. He became an Air Force historian in 2005 and served as a staff historian at the Air Armament Center, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. and the Air Force Historical Research Center, Maxwell AFB, Ala., including service as Chief Historian for Air University, Maxwell AFB. Dr. Kane has published "So Far from Home – Royal Air Force and Free French Flight Training in Central Alabama during World War II"; "Disobedience and Conspiracy in the German Army, 1918-45"; and co-authored "Cradle of Airpower: A Pictorial History of Maxwell Air Force Base, 1918-2018."

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event will feature World War II aircraft, military vehicles, food trucks, living history displays and presentations. The programs will recognize how America recovered from the war and used promising new technology to usher in what is commonly referred to as "The Space Age". Atomic energy, science fiction, space exploration, computing and automation were some of the prevailing interests of this era.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 11-17. Children 10 and under are free. Advance tickets are available online at <https://airbasegeorgia.org/>. Visitors who stay for the hangar dance will be able to buy snacks and beverages.

"In recent years, the Airbase programs have been intently focused on education with a mission to inspire the next generation of pilots, aviation mechanics and citizens," said Airbase Leader Joel Perkins. "We want visitors of all ages to enjoy a full day of fun and educational activities as part of our 18th annual WWII Heritage Day."

CALLING ALL VOLNTEERS

What is missing here? Why ... it's "U"

Volunteers are needed for a successful WWII Heritage Days. Plenty of opportunities are available.

Contact: Col Yvonne Haley
Volunteer Coordinator for WWII Heritage Days
ychaley@gmail.com 678-313-6835

An online signup will be forthcoming on an Airbase Georgia Hotline. Look for it in your mailbox.



2022 WWII HERITAGE DAYS REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Registration for the 18th Annual WWII Heritage Days is now open! The one-day event, themed World War II and The Dawn of the Space Age, will be held on Oct. 8, 2022, at Atlanta Regional Airport – Falcon Field in Peachtree City, Ga.

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All registered participants and volunteers will receive complimentary breakfast and lunch.

This year we are using Waiverfile for Registration and Authorization for use of Photos and Video. As a result, all participants and volunteers must register individually.

TO REGISTER:

Registration: <https://www.waiverfile.com/b/CAFABGA/Waiver.aspx?formid=642693bb-b1ea-43ce-af10-b6c5490b08bb&id=404239ff-dd09-406f-b1e4-e24d924b072b>

Authorization for use of Photo and Video: [1 Authorization for Use of Photo and Video | WaiverFile](#)

Feel free to pass on the registration info to other World War II history enthusiasts!

Jane Simpson
Education Officer
WWII Heritage Days Chair
CAF Airbase Georgia
jane.simpson@airbasegeorgia.org





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DAYS **DAWN OF THE SPACE AGE**

**WWII AIRCRAFT
LIVING HISTORY DISPLAYS
PRESENTATIONS
MILITARY VEHICLES**

**OCT 8,
2022**

**A VINTAGE CAR SHOW,
COSTUME CONTEST,
WARBIRD RIDES,
DEMONSTRATIONS,
AND FOOD VENDORS
10AM - 4PM**

**SWING DANCE IN THE
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ADMISSION IS \$10 FOR ADULTS,
\$5 FOR AGES 11-17.
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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.



Over the last 35 years, CAF Airbase Georgia members have successfully restored rare and iconic aircraft that are today flying as a tribute to America and her veterans. The SBD Dauntless, P-63 and LT-6 were all restored in Peachtree City. P-51 “Red Nose”, T-34 and the Corsair are all operational. This year we have accepted stewardship of a rare Republic P-47N Thunderbolt. The “Jug” joins the N2S *Stearman* and PT-19 Cornell in the workshop. When the P-47 restoration is completed, the aircraft could well be only of only 5 Thunderbolts flying in the world.

You can help “Keep ‘em Flying” by joining a restoration project. The P-47 Project Kick-off will be held Sat, Aug 27 at 1pm. To join the *Stearman* or PT-19 team contact project managers Jeff Clark or Tom Thompson.

The CAF mission is to Educate, Inspire and Honor. To that end, we must demonstrate to our neighbors in Peachtree City, Fayette County and throughout Georgia our mission can impact quality of life, from educating students seeking careers in aviation to communities seeking to preserve our nation’s history. This year three Fayette County high school students are volunteering at Airbase Georgia. Aaron Maeder



and Jimmy Callaghan are both attending Starr’s Mill High School with goals of pursuing careers in aerospace and the United States Air Force. Ryan Elmore is attending Macintosh High School and working on his Eagle Scout project by building storage P-47 parts. We continue to work with Kennesaw State University Museum of History and Holocaust Education to teach World War II history across the state.

Our partnership with Georgia tourism sector begins with the Peachtree City Convention Bureau (PTC CVB) and extends to the Georgia WWII Heritage Trail and Explore Georgia . The 2022 Georgia Warbird Tour was a success for the CAF and plans are underway to bring a Warbird Tour to Georgia in 2023. We are gaining a reputation as Georgia’s World War II flying museum, a unique cultural resource in the state. Our hangar has become a destination for aviation and history enthusiasts. WWII Heritage Days is the longest WWII-theme event in Georgia. In July, we hosted a motor coach association meeting, creating the opportunity for group tours in the future. To see our P-51 “Red Nose” in a PTC CVB commercial click [here](#).



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Social Media, Tourism Partnerships and Community Outreach - Airbase Georgia new social media presence includes CAF Warbird Tube's Aug 17th live broadcast with Joel Perkins, Randy Hawkins and Philip Beegle discussing our Stearman, PT-19 and P-47 projects. The recording was shared with our 40,000 Facebook and Instagram followers. The Corsair and SBD will also be featured in upcoming broadcasts on TJ3 History YouTube channel later this month. To see the complete recording of the CAF Warbird Tube broadcast click [here](#).

This month the First Flight Society announced a sweepstakes awarding a paid ride in "Red Nose." Proceeds will be used to preserve the legacy of the Wright Brothers, promote aviation and aviation education, and support the National Park Service at Wright Brothers National Memorial. For sweepstakes info click [here](#).

Beginning in September, Peachtree City will host a series of Fall Festival events each attended by several thousand Fayette County residents and visitors. We are exploring participating at selected events so that we can promote CAF Airbase Georgia, our rides program, and facility rental. We are also planning to participate in the Atlanta Airport Chamber of Commerce Veterans Golf Tournament on November 16th. We are partnering with the PTC CVB to promote WWII Heritage Days to the Atlanta metro area over the next two months. Please contact me if you would like to staff the tent at a PTC Fall Festival event. Mike McGowan is the project lead for the golf tournament.

To increase our profile in the aviation community in Georgia and throughout the southeast, we are creating an Airport Ambassador program where members can promote Airbase Georgia to local airports. We are also working with our sister units in Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee to coordinate outreach efforts. If you are interested in the Airport Ambassador program, please contact me.

Member info is available via Hotline and through the Airbase Georgia website that includes past issues of Dispatch, media releases and upcoming events. The Members Only section includes past Hotlines, and we

now have an online PX. The launch of our new website was a major accomplishment this year, thanks to Jeff Clark.

Videos and photos - All members are encouraged to send videos and photos to Kevin McNulty by email or text. Be sure to include your contact info and background regarding the images. All videos and photos of aircraft ops are reviewed and approved by the Airbase Leader, Operations Officer, Maintenance Officer, and Development Officer prior to posting. If you have questions, please contact me before sending videos or photos to Kevin.

Video & Photos

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Staff Elections - In November, staff elections will be held for Executive Officer, Adjutant, Operations Officer and Maintenance Officer. Please contact the Nomination Committee (Paul Areson, Jim Dalton or Tom Walsh) if you are interested in serving as a staff officer or if you have an Airbase Georgia member you consider a good candidate for a position.

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ON THE HORIZON

September 10, 2022

Staff & Members Meetings

September 10–11, 2022

Smoky Mountain Airshow – McGhee Tyson Airport - Knoxville, TN

October 1, 2022

Staff & Members Meetings

October 1, 2002

Annual Open House / Fly In – Crossville Memorial Airport, TN

October 8, 2022

WWII HERITAGE DAY

November 5 & 6, 2022

Atlanta Air Show, Peachtree City, <https://airshowatlanta.com>

November 17-20, 2022

TRARON Clinic – Atlanta Speedway Airport (KHMP)

