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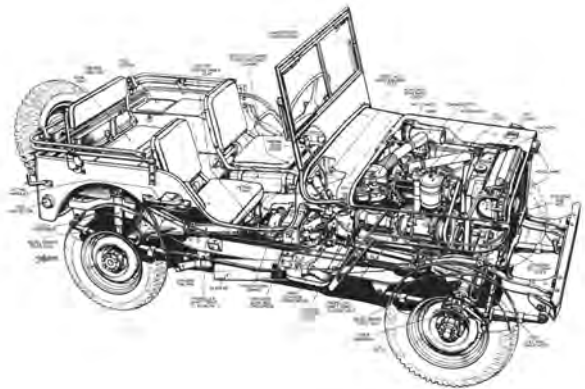
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Welcome, New Cols: L to R – Michael Roberts, Wanda Roberts, and Marybeth Britton. Photo by Col Jerry Sanchez.

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**WWII** ★ ★ ★ ★  
**HERITAGE**  
**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**

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# **CAF - Airbase Georgia - 2022 Unit Staff Election Day – November 12, 2022**

**Meet the Candidates:** The Nominating Committee will present the slate of nominated candidates and request nominations from the floor during the October 1<sup>st</sup> Membership Meeting. Candidates will address the membership to present their qualifications and plans for office. The positions that are up for election this year are as follows:

1. Executive Officer
2. Adjutant
3. Operations Officer
4. Maintenance Officer



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@airbasegeorgia.org](mailto:committee@airbasegeorgia.org).

**Absentee Ballots:** If you cannot attend the November 12, 2022 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](mailto: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 Tuesday, October 11, 2022.** An Absentee Ballot containing the names of all candidates, including any candidates nominated from the floor, will be mailed to you on October 12, 2022. Candidate Campaign Statements and Instructions for returning the ballots will be included with this mailing.

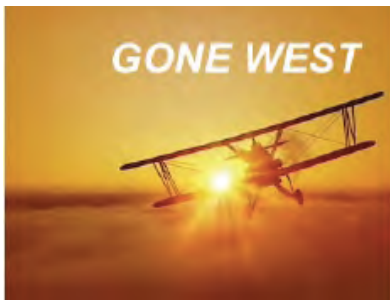
**Election Day - November 12, 2022:** Paper ballots will be available to all members present and in good standing starting at Noon on Election Day. Your current CAF / Airbase Georgia membership status will be confirmed by the Election Committee prior to receiving your ballot. Ballots must be cast by 3:00 PM on Election Day.

**Election Results:** Election results will be announced via the Airbase Georgia Hotline during the week of November 14, 2022.

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,

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



## Betty W. Bishop

It is with a heavy heart that we share that Betty Bishop of Palm Beach Gardens, FL has Gone West.

Betty was a "Rosie the Riveter" during World War II and a dear friend of CAF Airbase Georgia. While soldiers and sailors were overseas fighting for our freedoms, Betty and the "Rosies" were back home building airplanes, ships, trucks, tanks, and equipment to support them. Betty worked for Bell Aircraft in Niagara Falls building P-39 Airacobras and P-63 Kingcobras.

Amazingly, we learned that our own CAF Airbase Georgia P-63 was one of the aircraft Betty helped build. In November 2020 we dedicated our P-63 to Betty.

Thank you, "Miss Betty", for all you have done for your country.

Betty was 97 years old, being born on August 10 1925. Here she is at eighteen years old, the day she left for Bell Aircraft in August of 1943. ✈



Photo by Col  
Charles Burcher

## *ROSIE by Betty W. Bishop*

Just taking a moment to remind you  
Of the women of WWII  
Leaving their home, family, and friends  
For a venture so totally new.  
Some were wives of soldiers,  
Some of us still in our teens  
Wanting to help the war effort  
By any ways or means.  
Some worked on ships, tanks, and more,  
Some of us worked on planes.  
No matter what the job entailed,  
You seldom heard us complain.  
Somewhere along the production line  
A lady "riveter" was shown.  
So now down through history  
"Rosie the Riveter" has been known.  
So glad to see interest now showing  
To keep this interest alive  
By taking time to remember  
And for us, old memories revive.

# Facility Rentals

## Col Dave Riesselmann

The facility rental season will close out with two hangar events in each of the three final months:

October 1<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

November 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>



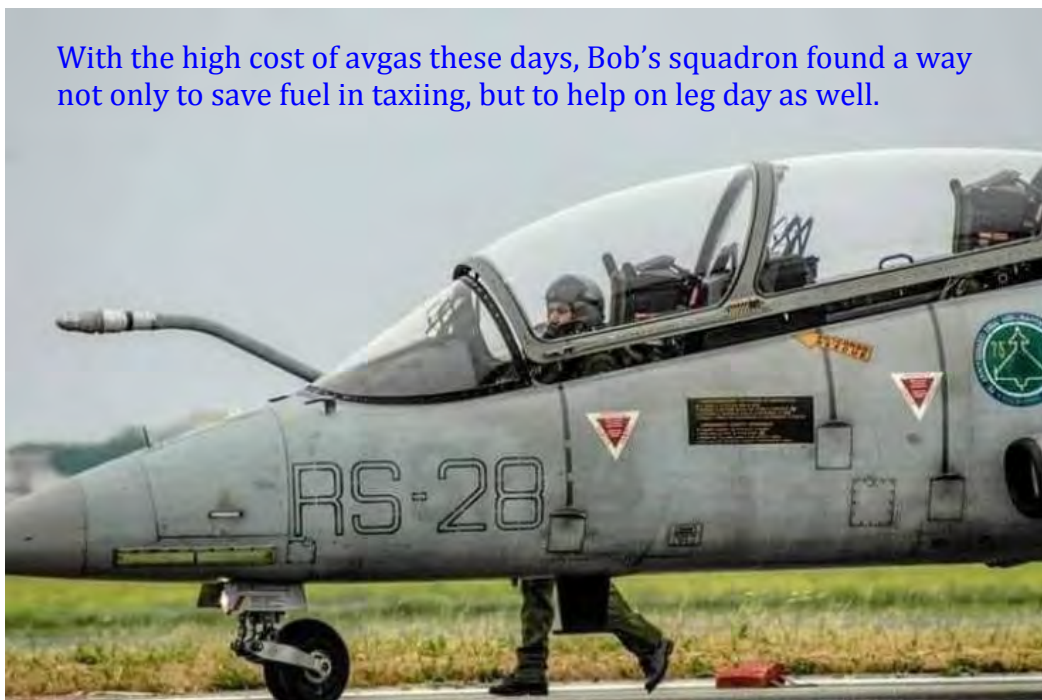
These events will cap off a season that brought in nearly \$40,000 of revenue. Almost \$30,000 has been potentially booked for the 2023 season already.

**NEW MEMBERS** – if you're still looking for a way to become involved then look no further. The Thursday prior to any of these events is when the bulk of the cleaning and preparation occurs. Tasks on the day of the event include parking direction for up to an hour, general supervision of the building and monitoring the garbage, and securing the building following the event. No skill of any kind is required – just your time. If you're serious about becoming involved in our work here at Airbase Georgia, and you aren't an A&P or otherwise involved in aircraft restoration, this is an easy way to pitch in. ➔

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## PLANE CRAZY

With the high cost of avgas these days, Bob's squadron found a way not only to save fuel in taxiing, but to help on leg day as well.





# EDUCATION OFFICER

## Col Jane Simpson

The exhibits in the showcase have been updated for WWII Heritage Days!

We were able to pull some of the storyboards that had been displayed at the Atlanta Airport to use as backdrops, and then "refresh" the mannequins and some of the artifacts in time for WWII Heritage Days. This is not the final product, but just a placeholder until we finish upcoming events for this year. I hope you like the new look!



*The showcase, ready for our visitors to WWII Heritage Days! This photo needs refreshing - our Eagle Squadron jacket has a shirt now (the disco look is gone!), and we found a great frame print of planes flying over London to hang above the jacket.*



*Our pilot is safely behind glass!*



## Education (cont.)

Speaking of WWII Heritage Days, did you sign up to volunteer? Are you planning to attend with your family? Have you told all your co-workers, neighbors, and relatives about the event? If yes to any, then thanks! It is really shaping up to be a great event. Check out the lineup:

- 10:15 AM Color Guard Ceremony
- 10:30 AM Opening Session – Welcome (Joel Perkins), Museum Goals (Jane Simpson)
- 11:00 AM Rosie Restoration Demonstration (Lorraine DeLoach)
- 11:30 AM Enigma: Communications Decoded (Shriya Chakrabarti)
- 12:00 PM Singer Jenelle Gilreath [BOXED LUNCHES for volunteers]
- 12:45 PM KEYNOTE SPEAKER [Lt. Gen. Arnold with guest Johnny Dorminy]-  
Aviation Advances After WWII
- 1:30 PM Singer [Jennelle Gilreath] and Assemble for COSTUME CONTEST
- 2:15 PM PANEL with Moderators: WWII Aviation Training [Tuskegee Airmen: Daniel Haulman; RAF in Southeast: Dr. Robert Kane]
- 3:00 PM Student Presentation – Arcadia Conference (Johnny Dorminy)
- 3:30 PM Origins of the Space Race (Scott Norman)
- 4:00 PM EVENT CONCLUDES -Aircraft flyover – Clint Cottrell, organizer
- 4:00-5:00 PM Singer Jenelle (Transition of Hangar to Dance EVENT)
- 5:00-7:00 PM VICTORY DANCE



Education (cont.)

## HISTORY HIGHLIGHT – VOL. 1, ART. 9

### FAIRCHILD CG-16 MACHINE GUN AERIAL CAMERA



When the patent application was filed in 1935, the need for the Fairchild Machine Gun Aerial Camera was described as follows:

“This invention relates in general to photographic cameras and more particularly to that type of camera known in the art as machine gun cameras, that is to say, cameras simulating the form of a machine gun and whereby the accuracy of the manipulation of the machine gun in target practice may be checked by inspection of the pictures taken.” USPTO, Application US672946A.

Prior to the development of this camera, target practice involved the use of real machine guns firing at stationary objects on the ground or targets pulled behind aircraft. Fairchild designed the CG-16 to resemble a Browning machine gun (size, weight, etc.), but instead of bullets, it “shot” photographs at 16 per second as long as the trigger is pressed. You can see videos of WWII combat (the real thing!) as shot by gun cameras. The popularity of such cameras has continued on, long after the end of WWII. Airbase Georgia has other aerial cameras, but this is our only gun camera (unless I haven’t found it yet!). ➔

Contributing sources: [www.hamiltonchronicles.com/2018/12/1935-hamilton-fairchild-gun-camera.html](http://www.hamiltonchronicles.com/2018/12/1935-hamilton-fairchild-gun-camera.html) and [www.uspto.gov/patents/search](http://www.uspto.gov/patents/search)



# RECRUITING \* ORIENTATION \* RETENTION

## Col Jim Dalton, Recruiting Officer



This message is recruiting & nostalgia combined:

"On this past Saturday we buried Jacob's Grandmother on his mother's side. We buried her in Forest Lawn off of Flat Shoals Road in South Fulton County. It brought to my mind another person laid to rest in that cemetery, General Raymond Davis. I had the great honor of making introductory remarks for him at a gathering of military officers in downtown Atlanta. Ray Davis, which was how he introduced himself, fought in World War II, the Korean War where he was awarded the MOH, as a battalion commander for Chesty Puller's regiment and he served as a Commanding General in Vietnam during that conflict. I bring this up only because I have attached a couple of pages from the *AIR ANNUAL of the CAF for 1971-72*. Please look carefully at the names displayed on page "49" some of you may have met and spoken with some of these CAF Colonels.

The point being that many of us have a history and a legacy to pass to our children and grandchildren. Do not miss the opportunity to share the CAF especially Air Base Georgia with the next generation. Recruiting is the lifeblood of our future successes. I'm just sayin!"

"PS: Also included is page "45" for an interesting take on what seems to be the watch words of our beloved Hangar Rats!"

Semper Fidelis,

Jim



## RECRUITING (cont.)

# Outstanding Confederate Air Force Colonels

Spiro T. Agnew	Vice President of the United States
Joseph S. Algranti	N.A.S.A. Test Pilot
James S. Bates	Texas State Senator
David Cargo	Former Governor of New Mexico
Gordon Cooper	Astronaut
Duke Corning	Adjutant General South Dakota ANG
John F. Dobbin	Brig. General U.S.M.C. (Ret.)
James H. Doolittle	Lt. General U.S.A.F. (Ret.)
Joe H. Engle	Astronaut
Ed Foreman	U. S. Congressman from New Mexico
Joe Foss	Brig. General U.S.A.F. (Ret.)
Barry M. Goldwater	United States Senator from Arizona
Javier Gonzalez	Brig. General, Mexican Air Force
Robert W. Harper	Lt. General U.S.A.F. (Ret.)
E. Hunter Hurst	Brig. General U.S.M.C. (Ret.)
Joe M. Kilgore	Attorney (Former U. S. Representative)
Robert A. MacPherson	Rear Admiral U.S.N.
Paul H. Ramsey	Admiral U.S.N. (Ret.)
Robert L. Scott, Jr.	Brig. General U.S.A.F. (Ret.)
Russel L. Schweikart	Astronaut
Robert C. Seamans, Jr.	Secretary of the Air Force
Alan B. Shepard	Astronaut
Preston E. Smith	Governor of Texas
John G. Tower	United States Senator from Texas
Charles E. Yeager	Brig. General U.S.A.F.



## RECRUITING (cont.)

## MIDNIGHT REQUISITION

All W.W. II Veterans undoubtedly remember the days when you used to report to the Quartermaster, out of breath with requisition in your hot little hand to draw a simple number 10 pencil. The first thing that confronted you was a 2nd Lieutenant in the age group of a ripe old twenty-two years, with pencil behind his ear and an air of importance that could compare with that of the Vice President of the United States. On presenting your requisition you were immediately informed that if you filled out the following sheets (approximately fifty of them) you could expect to draw your pencil sometime within the next ninety days. While this one-sided conversation has been taking place you have sharply been observing six hundred cases of number 10 pencils to the Lieutenant's rear and over his right shoulder. Soooo - - - rather red in the face from controlled emotions and with an under-the-breath grunted "Ta-hell-with-you" you did a smart about face and started in search of a guy called Supply Sergeant. After a brief conversation with this shifty-eyed individual and the passing of from one hand to another of a fifth of second rate whiskey - lo - and - behold, you suddenly find yourself with two cases of number 10 pencils.

We hope you haven't forgotten your talents along the line of the "Midnight Requisition" because Maintenance and Museum Departments need all the help they can get for flying and story telling.

PLEASE FILL OUT AND MAIL IF YOU HAVE ITEMS USEFUL FOR C.A.F. MUSEUM  
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YES, I have items to donate for . . .

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# Rides Update

## Col James Sterns - Rides Coordinator



In August, I started writing this month's article wondering what can I regale you with next? This does become a chore at times. I did write an article, one which none of you, thankfully, will never see because it was quite bad! In these monthly articles I try to include a few pictures to show you all what we, as the Rides Team do, and hopefully inspire you, our members to explore what you can do to help us in educating, honoring and inspiring.

As I was looking at photos to include with the terrible article, which you'll never read. Then I remembered Cols Yvonne Haley and Melina Galizzi had sent me some pretty darn cool photos.

Yvonne and Melina were the Rides Team for the Great Smokey Mountains Air Show in Knoxville, TN, last weekend. While there, they had some great help from Col Rodney Higgenbotham who transported our equipment to the show and Lance Hill, an Airbase Georgia member who lives near Knoxville.

As being the Rides Team for this event they were given the opportunity to be our "backseaters" in the SBD and the P-51 and reluctantly, after much convincing, took that opportunity.

I'm going to let the pictures tell the story. But first, it should be noted that this is the first time and not the last, Airbase Georgia had an all-female Rides Team for an airshow. Great job!



In the photo above, I'm not sure who is escorting who? But with two warbirds, who needs an escort?



## Rides (cont.)



This is simply a cool photo! The underside of our Corsair, piloted by Col John Currenti.



Our pilots on the ground with a special visitor. L to R, Cols John Currenti, our Corsair pilot, Peter Hague, SBD pilot, and PFC Clayton Narveson, a WWII veteran who was at Iwo Jima and Tarawa! Cols Wes Stowers our SBD Pilot also, and Casey Rozell P-51 pilot. In the background, taking care of Red Nose is Rides Team member Col Yvonne Haley.

## Rides (cont.)



"Fill-er up and check the oil please!" Col Rodney Higgenbotham, getting it done!



"Red Nose" piloted by Col Casey Rozell, getting half our Rides team to Knoxville.



## Rides (cont.)

Right, Col Melina Galizzi ueling the Corsair

Below: Our Knoxville Rides Team. L to R Cols Melina Galizzi, Lance Hill, and Yvonne Haley.



## Rides (cont.)



Part of what we do, besides talking to everyone interested in who we are? What our planes are? What do we do? We Educate, Honor, and Inspire, we talk with the public, we answer their questions, we ride to airshows, we set up tents, tables, chairs, we help the crew chiefs, we refuel aircraft, we chalk the tires, we help load riders, we sell rides in our aircraft, we look out for one another, we put smiles on lots of faces, we are constantly humbled in the presence of WWII veterans and hearing their stories, and last, we make friends amongst ourselves and those we meet!

What we do is not hard. We help the whole team when we can. We work hard and we play harder.

We are looking for people who want to do this with us! Become part of the Rides Team. Don't be intimidated by something new. Do what you're comfortable doing. We'll train you, and we can't stop you from making new friends and having fun while doing it!

Contact Jim Stearns, [james.stearns@airbasegeorgia.org](mailto:james.stearns@airbasegeorgia.org) or [rides@airbasegeorgia.org](mailto:rides@airbasegeorgia.org)

Don't wait ... we're getting ready for 2023 right now! ➔



# PT-19 Corner

## Col Tom Thompson

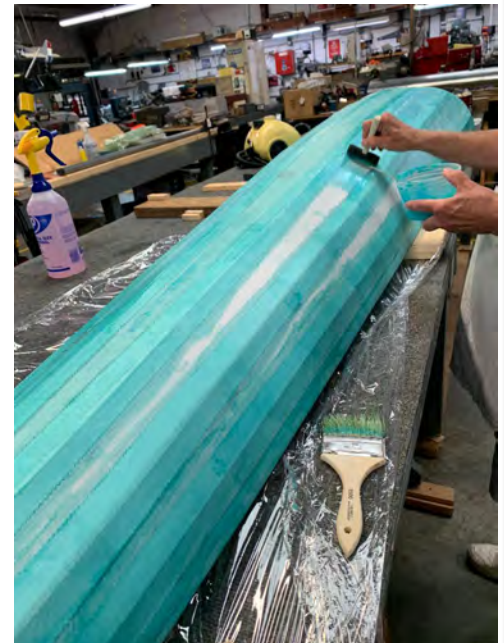
The bottom fuselage wooden former that we have been documenting here in the Dispatch is now complete and painted with Stewart Systems EcoFill. This product provides ultraviolet protection, a sandable finish, and primer surface for final paint. Fabric covering continues on the control surfaces of the aircraft. Both flaps are covered, as are the two elevator trim tabs. By the time you read this, these assemblies should be complete with the primer coat as well. We continue to need more people who are interested in learning fabric covering or have wood repair skills. The next step is to complete wooden formers for the fuselage and begin fabric covering the fuselage sides. 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](mailto:heyload141@gmail.com). →

Right: Col Roy Handler works on one of the wing flaps.

Photos by Col Charles Burcher.



Below: Cols Forest Buchanan and Bill Feyerman complete the bottom of the fuselage using the Stewart Systems EcoFill.



# P-47 Update

It's the little things that count, and boy ... are there a lot of little things that need to be counted, sorted, and catalogued for the P-47 project. Cols up to the task are (L – R) Chris Buzzeo, Roy Hndler, and Ray Yates. ➔



Photo by Col Charles Burcher.



# Airbase Georgia's *Corsair* A Star At NAS Oceana Airshow

Cols Mark "Mutha" Hubbard and Gerhard Frenz represented CAF Airbase Georgia at the recent Oceana Airshow, Virginia Beach, with the *Corsair*.

Right: Ground crew Col Gerhard Frenz shows off our "bent Wing Bird."

Below: Col Hubbard straps in.



## NAS Oceana Airshow (cont.)



Above: Eighty years of Naval aviation on display.

Right: What better time for a selfie than with the latest front line fighter in the background?







## ON THE HORIZON .....

October 1, 2022	Staff & Members Meetings
October 1, 2022	Annual Open House / Fly In – Crossville Memorial Airport, TN
October 8, 2022	<b>WWII HERITAGE DAY</b>
November 5 & 6, 2022	Atlanta Air Show, Peachtree City, <a href="https://airshowatlanta.com">https://airshowatlanta.com</a>
November 17-20, 2022	TRARON Clinic – Atlanta Speedway Airport (KHMP)

