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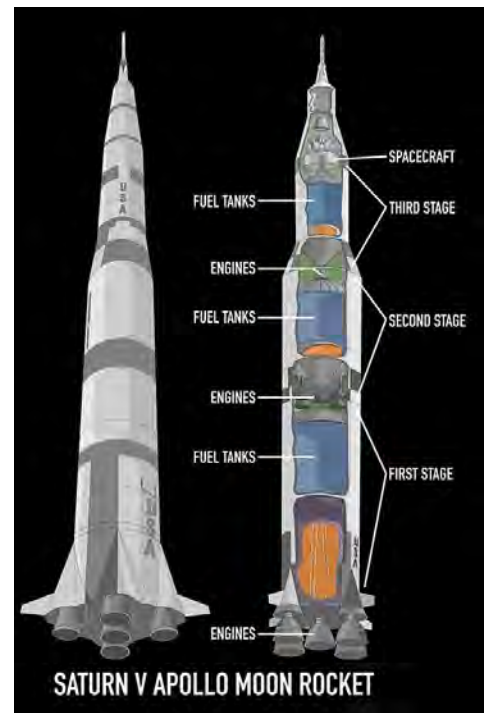
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I came across this photo the other day, and even though it was taken at the 2018 Sun n' Fun Fly-In thought it was worthy to have a second look.



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# From the Left Seat

## Col Joel Perkins, Airbase Georgia Leader

Attached is a letter that I received from Mr. Schneider who rode in the P-51 at Reading. I could not be more proud of our Reading team. You all did not sell rides ... you provided an incredible experience that our customers will remember for the rest of their lives. You are building the Airbase Georgia brand of professionalism and safety in everything we do.

Annapolis, MD 21401-6904  
5 June 2023



CAF Members of CAF Georgia Air Base,

Yesterday I had the distinct and unique pleasure of riding in your P-51, Red Nose, at the Mid Atlantic Air Museum's World War-II Weekend and am writing to thank you for the truly great experience. I was very impressed with the way the rides were arranged and conducted and with the CAF members I came in contact with - all were sharp, personable, and very professional.

I was particularly impressed with the following:

- Your web site was very easy to use for the advance check-in and Signing the waiver. All arrangements were easily completed and all was ready for the ride when I checked in at the Air Rides booth at the MAAM.
- The ladies managing the Air Rides booth at the World War-II weekend, Yvonne and Wanda, were very knowledgeable, proficient, and cordial. They couldn't have been nicer and more helpful. It was a pleasure to speak with them and go over final preparations for the P-51 ride.
- The Flight Marshall (Don?) who performed the flight briefing and got me situated in the aircraft was knowledgeable, professional, helpful, and very thorough. He knew his business and explained the flight arrangements and safety precautions in an easy-to-understand manner.
- The pilot, Casey, was superb and provided a great and enjoyable ride. He appeared to be extremely proficient and very comfortable flying the aircraft. He did a great job keeping me informed of what was happening during the flight. Overall, I couldn't have been more pleased with all aspects of the flight.

As a side note, the P-51 flight was purchased and given to me as a gift by three shipmates that I work with in the restoration, preservation, and operation of the World War-II Liberty ship SS JOHN W. BROWN. Like the CAF, we work to keep our 80-year old ship operating so visitors can ride aboard to get an appreciation of the role of the wartime merchant marine.

Thanks again, and keep up the good work.  
Sincerely,  
J. Schneider

Thank you all for what you do every day. ➔

# Rides Update

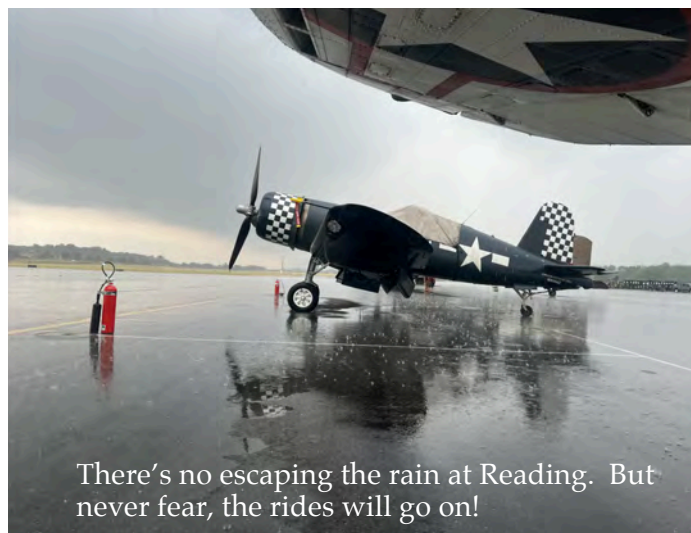
## Col Yvonne Haley - Rides Officer

Airbase Georgia's Ride sales are going strong in 2023. As of writing this, we have surpassed the total ride sales for 2022 and are not yet halfway through the year. Col Jeff Clark constructed an online platform that easily allows customers to purchase and schedule rides in our airplanes. This system allowed 57 of the rides at Reading to be pre-booked before we left Peachtree City. With the help of advertising on social media, we have started pre-booking rides for AirVenture in Oshkosh. Thanks to Jeff, riders from all over the world are able to find Airbase Georgia on the internet. They are then able to use the system he built to easily book their ride with us. I want to extend a huge THANK YOU to Jeff Clark for the time and work he has dedicated to Keep 'em Flying!



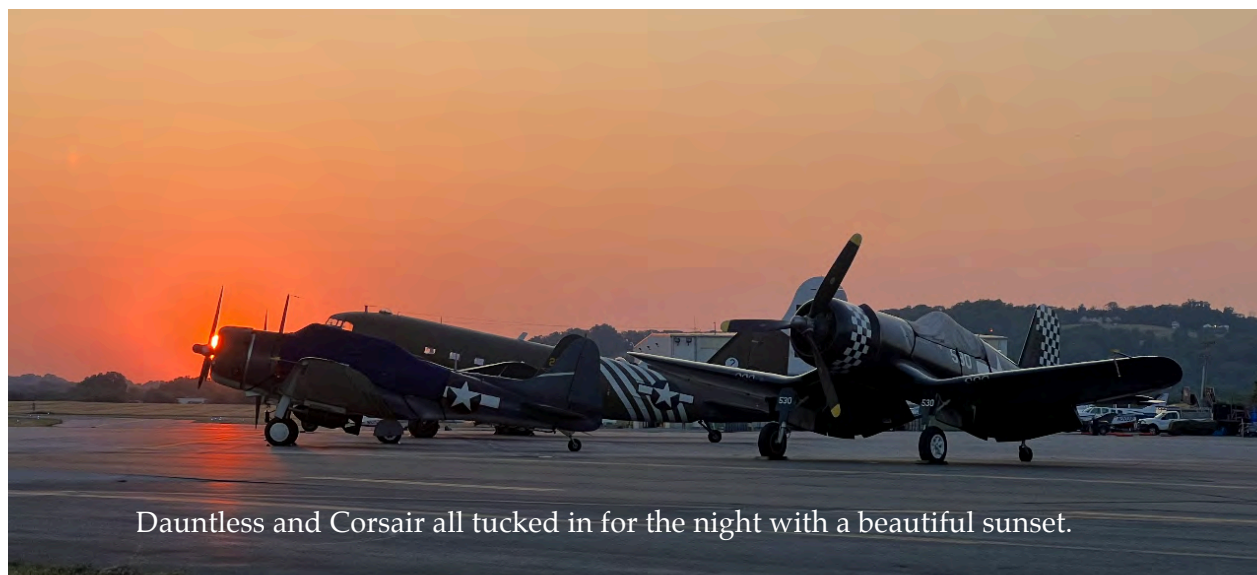
### READING WWII WEEKEND

Rides at the Reading WWII Weekend 2023 was one for the books. We sold and completed 64 rides (37 Mustang and 27 Dauntless). The Reading crew ran rides from daylight to dark. We braved the thunderstorms that blew over a scissor lift onto the taxiway and tried to carry away our tents. Several crew members found shelter under the nearby B-25 *Panchito*, wishing for a tour inside while others laid under our P-63 and watched it "dance" in the wind. With temperatures in the 90s, our mechanics, pilots, and crewmembers stayed busy keeping the airplanes in the air. More daylight hours would have given those on our waitlists an opportunity to ride. But don't worry, we promised them we would be back next year and advised them to "book early." One gentleman couldn't wait and booked his P-51 ride for 2024 before we left Reading 2023.



There's no escaping the rain at Reading. But never fear, the rides will go on!

Photos by Col Rob Haley.



Dauntless and Corsair all tucked in for the night with a beautiful sunset.





### Rides Update (cont.)

Many riders had stories of relatives that served in WWII. For instance, one rider wanted to experience a taste of what it was like for his dad who flew P-51 Mustangs in WWII. Another example of connecting people with their family history was when two of our riders had a father/grandfather who was an ordinance man for SBDs on the Lexington. The gentleman who booked his ride for 2024 told us some of his father's stories from being at the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Riding in one of our airplanes is a bucket list item for most of our guests. We were privileged this year to have two riders fly in both the P-51 and the SBD. I am so proud of our team for providing an incredible experience that our customers will remember for the rest of their lives. The ride experiences were made memorable by our outstanding crewmembers who worked well together providing high level customer service with safety as priority. Our riders and their guests truly felt special and well taken care of. We received lots of positive feedback through emails, voicemails, and letters.

Just wanted to send an extra thank you to John, Wanda and Rob. Rob greeted us and got us in the system, Wanda got me briefed, rigged and ready and John did a great job of making the entire flight experience absolutely wonderful. We talked about some shared experiences and after the flight he chatted up my wife and offered a great photo op in front of the airplane. CAF folks are professional as needed and warm and welcoming otherwise. Hope to make some flights in the future. Best to all. Hope the photos and videos I sent today came out OK.

*Jeffrey M. Powell*



Jeff Powell and Col John Currenti



Col Wanda Roberts getting Jeff loaded for his P-51 ride.



As you know, everything worked out in the end [and I got home in time to make my concert!]. It was a pleasure talking with you and your daughter and the whole Dixie CAF crew and fellow passengers yesterday. Thanks for making a longstanding dream come true and making the day and the flights truly memorable. I hope we can do it again sometime before long.

All the best,  
Chip Desnoyers

Charles A. Desnoyers, Professor Emeritus of History  
La Salle University

Rides Update (cont.)

Thank you to the following Crewmembers for the overwhelming success at Reading 2023: Cols Jim Buckley, Andy Cash, John Currenti, Melina Galizzi, Ann Haley, Rob Haley, Robert Harris, Rodney Higginbotham, Heather Johnson, Robert Karge, Stan Musick, Wanda Roberts, Robyn Rosenzweig, Casey Roszell, Mark Todd, and Tom Walsh.



Col Robert Harris heading out with another excited rider. Photo by Col Rob Haley.



Left: The Reading crew catching a break in the shade during the Airshow downtime. Photo by Col Heather Johnson.



Right: Col Andy Cash keeping the SBD in tip top shape for 10+ rides a day. Photo by Col Heather Johnson.





Rides Update (cont.)

Right: Happy P-51 riders....she always brings them back with a SMILE!. Photo by Col Wanda Roberts.



Left: P-63 engine run at night. Photo by Col Rob Haley.



PX and Rides tents at Reading. Photo by Col Heather Johnson.





**Rides Update (cont.)****JASPER MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY**

Airbase Georgia took our T-34 to the Pickens County Airport Military Appreciation Day on June 10<sup>th</sup>. There was a large attendance, and we were in high demand. For 8 people, Matt Kenner made their day with a T-34 ride. Thank you to Cols Jim and Ellen Stearns, Wanda and Mike Roberts, Mark Richards, Rob Haley, and Ann Haley for making rides at Jasper a success. Due to our popular demand, we were requested to come back in 2024 and bring our whole fleet!

Right: This T-34 rider, Marshall Sturdivant, had a maintenance logbook he started in 1953. He was a mechanic at Whiting Field when our T-34 was delivered in 1955.



He remembered when these airplanes were delivered and has many entries for maintenance performed during that time. He believes he worked on our T-34. Mr. Sturdivant asked his rides pilot, Col Matt Kenner, to sign his 70+ year old maintenance logbook to create another entry recording his lifetime of experiences with our T-34. What a way to continue the history of this aircraft and connect the next generations to the past. Photos by: L – Col Jim Stearns; R – Col Rob Haley

**WARBIRD RIDES VEHICLE MAGNETS**

Vehicle Magnets have been created through Vistaprint to advertise rides in our P-51 and SBD. If you are interested in purchasing magnets for your vehicle or have questions, contact me at [ycholey@gmail.com](mailto:ycholey@gmail.com). If your vehicle is not conducive to magnets, vinyl stickers of the same design and size are available and can be placed on windows. Magnets for our other rides airplanes will be created if there is interest. ➔

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# Safety Update

## Col Steve Hoofnagle, Safety Officer



We held **CPR/AED/First Aid Training** on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, presented by Jeff Felmet of 1<sup>st</sup> Response Safety. Jeff is an Army veteran and has decades of experience as an EMT and firefighter.

In attendance were Cols: Dennis Beach; Jim Dalton; Steve Hoofnagle; Heather Johnson; Mike Roberts; Mark Richards; Lynne Sanders; Chris Schamel; and Mel Silver.

The class was well received with a unanimous "best CPR class I've ever had". These volunteers will act as "First Responders" in our Emergency Response Team. They

provide the critical care needed until the PTC Fire Department and other emergency responders can get to the Airbase! Every minute that CPR is delayed reduces the chances of survival by 10%.

The CPR/AED/First Aid training will be offered each year. If you did not have a chance to attend this year's, please mark your calendar for next year! If you are interested in getting training before then you may contact Jeff at [www.1st-response.net](http://www.1st-response.net)

We are now targeting to do **Fire Extinguisher Training** in July/August depending on the availability of the PTC Fire Department. Details will follow in the Dispatch and via Hotline emails.

Please continue to use proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including **safety glasses** when working with tools and/or chemicals and **hearing protection** and **vests** when around moving or running aircraft ESPECIALLY out on the ramp/taxiway!



The Hangar is very crowded at present as our "squadron" grows and as maintenance and restoration activities compete for space. **Please be sure that any Visitors are always escorted by Airbase Members to help prevent accidents.** We will be providing permanent signage to this effect in the near future.

We could use help with the following Safety Items if you are interested in joining the Safety Team:

1. Evacuation Maps
2. Lock Out/Tag Out Program
3. FOD Precautions

Please let us know if you would like to join our Safety Team as we have plenty of areas where you can contribute. All you need is a desire to help ... we'll provide any needed training.

*Know safety - No Accidents*





## Airbase Georgia Joins Atlanta's Juneteenth Recognition

In addition to providing a flight in its P-51 Mustang to a Tuskegee Airman veteran on Friday, June 16 (see page 10), ABG performed a formation flyover for the Juneteenth Parade on June 17, followed by a Missing Man formation over Centennial Olympic Park for the Juneteenth Festival.



From the Atlanta Juneteenth - Tuskegee Airmen Missing Man Formation.

Lead: Clint Cottrell / Matt Howell  
Wing: Steve Maehr  
Alternate Lead: Stan Musick / Tom Walsh  
Wing: John Hess / Matt Kenner

Some great videos out on the facebook page of the flyover!





# Tuskegee Airman Rides In P-51

Tuskegee Airmen veteran mechanic Thomas Bristow Sr. was delighted with his ride in our P-51 Mustang on Friday, June 16. The Airbase invited him for a ride as part of Juneteenth holiday celebrations, and the 95-year-old Suwanee resident was beaming as he climbed out of the plane. He was joined by friends and a group of 24 students from the annual TAAST (Tuskegee Airmen Aviation STREAM Training) camp in Atlanta. WSB Channel 2 television news covered the morning's activities and aired a great story about Bristow and the Airbase. Bristow was in charge of the Tuskegee Airmen sheet metal shop and rose to the rank of sergeant before his discharge in 1951. He is a member of the Atlanta Tuskegee Airmen group.



Col Vince Garland addresses the TAAST camp.



Col John Currenti looks as happy as his rider, who gives two thumbs up for the experience.

Photos by Col Charles Burcher.





# Stearman Update

## Col Jeff Clark



The Stearman team continues to make great progress, with work moving forward on multiple fronts. Col

Malcolm Lelliott has completed the plumbing for the fuel shutoff valve controls in both cockpits, and he has moved on to plumbing the connections for the instrument panels.





**Stearman Update (cont.)**

Col John Flynn (not Pictured) is nearing the end of his fabrication tasks for the seats and seat adjustment mechanisms (Right). He is now installing the inertia reels and harnesses and will soon be ready to complete the final installation of the seats in the cockpits.



Left: Col Frank Piasecki has completed the inspection and repair of the upper-right wing assembly and is ready to start tensioning the internal bracing wires. By the way, if anyone has a tensiometer that the team could use to set the tension on these wires, the team would greatly appreciate the opportunity to borrow it.



Joe Broker and another Col inspecting the progress of the baggage compartment.



The door is now installed on the baggage compartment behind the rear cockpit.



Before I wrap up, I would be remiss if I failed to congratulate the PT-19 team on their amazing progress! It looks like it won't be long until that airplane is once again airworthy. We can't wait to see it flying again!

Jeff





Editors Note: Few of us have experienced the terror of war as a child. For one of our members, Col Malcolm Lelliott, that was a reality as a young boy in England during the Second World War. Some years later he put his thoughts about that experience into words, and offered to put a poem he wrote for publication. Here is Col Lelliott in his own words.

Going through my files I was reminded of a poem I wrote a number of years ago. It tells of my experience as a very small child during WWII and tells of the experience of many children at the time.

I was about 50 when I wrote the poem. I was home alone and reminiscing on different things, sat down at my computer and the words began to flow. We lived in Worcester, UK for the latter part of the war, after being bombed out of the East End of London. Worcester was hit a couple of times, but not seriously. I remember one night watching out of the bedroom window with my mother and sisters as sirens wailed and searchlights crossed the sky picking up flashes of the German airplanes flying overhead. The sound of anti aircraft guns filled the air as the planes continued on their way, possibly headed to Birmingham, which was badly bombed, maybe that night.

The last verse was added when I was 72 and replaced some that were in the original poem that were personal to the family.

## The Man I Hardly Knew

*A cruel war was raging, families torn apart.  
Fathers, men seldom seen,  
in uniforms of blue, or an odd shade of green.  
Khaki, they called it, not really green, not brown,  
just an ugly color to remind us  
of things that made people frown.*

*My father, a man dressed in blue,  
A white kit bag in the corner. A man I hardly knew.  
"Daddy's home on leave", whatever that was supposed to  
mean,  
"From the RAF", this man I hardly knew.  
He'll be home for a little while, but then he returns.  
When would he next be seen? this man I hardly knew.*

*I remember the night I could not sleep.  
Woken by nightmares or some little peep  
of sound from the room below.  
Remember being brought to that room, to my father's knee,  
As I saw what he was making for me.  
A tall ship carved just right, three masts and sails so white.*

*The war would finally end,  
The troops back home they would send, those men who  
controlled the wars.  
Fathers would unite with families for which they were  
yearning.  
Children would have to know about fathers,  
A new dimension in learning.*

*This was the man I hardly knew.  
This man, the man dressed in blue,  
lived to become the man on whom I could depend.  
The man who would support me to the very end.  
Now he has passed to his reward at almost one hundred  
and two,  
No longer the man I hardly knew.*

A poem by Malcolm Lelliott. ➔

Editor's Note: Since taking over the role of editor in 2015, I have been largely unsuccessful in getting fellow members of the Airbase to write about some of their adventures in flying historic aircraft. So it was a great pleasure to receive a submission from another CAF unit, one from Col John Williams of the nascent CAF Tampa Bay Wing in Brooksville, Florida, just a hop, skip, and a jump from where I lived before moving to the Chattanooga area. So here is Col Williams in ...

## A Boeing-Stearman Biplane Flight

Contributor: Col John Williams, Adjutant, CAF Tampa Bay Wing, Brooksville, Florida.

On May 5, 2023 at 9:15 AM, I was a passenger ready to fly in a Boeing-Stearman Biplane N49295 piloted by Hunter Stuckey, a Dream Flights pilot, who had logged over 300 flight hours in this Stearman for Dream Flights.

Dream Flights is a Nevada-based non-profit LLC that honors WWII, Korean, Vietnam, and Gulf War veterans with a free flight in a Boeing-Stearman biplane. Stearman N49295 is the original biplane that Darrell Fisher, President and founder of Dream Flights started flying veterans in July 2011. N49295 serves The Eastern region of the United States for Dream Flights.

**Prior to WWII:** Lloyd Stearman of the Stearman Aircraft Corp. was commissioned by General Hap Arnold to design and build a primary trainer, suitable for all branches of the military. The final production aircraft, Model 75, was an inexpensive, very rugged, tandem, two place, open cockpit, fabric covered, bi-wing aircraft. Because of its' cheap cost, high maneuverability, and strong air frame it was instantly accepted



and used by both US Navy and US Army Air Corp. The Boeing Aircraft Corp. merged with the Stearman Aircraft Corp. in 1929 and officially designated it the Boeing "Kadet". This name never really caught on. Instead it has always been commonly referred to as the "Stearman," named after its' original designer and builder.

The US Navy also frequently called it the "Yellow Peril". Yellow because the bold yellow Navy paint scheme and peril because of its willingness to ground loop after landing. The demands of WWII resulted in the production of 10,000 Stearman. So widely used by the military, that during World War II over 190,000 Army Air Corp, US Navy and Marine Pilots completed primary training in this unstable tail wheel airplane.





## A Boeing-Stearman Biplane Flight (cont.)

**Manufactured:** In 1940, as Stearman serial number 75-0541 in the Boeing Airplane Company plant in Wichita, Kansas.

**During WWII:** The plane was used by the United States Army Air Corp and was stationed in Sikeston, Missouri; Hemet, California; Oxnard, California; Glendale, Arizona; and Ontario, California. After the war many were modified and converted to be used as crop dusters. Others survived to fly aerobatic demonstrations at air shows and flying circuses. Today the Stearman is still a very popular airplane and over 1000 are still flying.

William L. Fisher (Darryl Fisher's, grandfather) purchased the plane in 1946 for \$1,500 (the original cost of the airplane was approximately \$11,000 in 1940). This plane has flown four generations of the Fisher family and is near and dear to the family. It gave Dream Flights 1,000th flight in 2015; the Dream Flights 2,000th in 2016; and currently, Dream Flights has provided 5,968 flights to veterans.!

**May 5, 2023 Dream Flight:** To enter the Stearman airplane, I used a ladder to step up on the wing and walk to the forward cockpit; grabbed a hold of the handle on the upper wing; lifted my right leg into the cockpit and placed my right foot on the seat. Then lifted my left leg into the cockpit and stood on the seat with both feet. I then lower myself into the seat using the two grab handles on the upper wing. Jenny Lynn, crew chief, connected the four-point shoulder and lap belt to secure me in the front cockpit. She placed the leather flying cap with earphones and microphone on my head and fastened the chin strap.

Jenny then primed the seven-cylinder radial engine carburetor with four shots of fuel. Hunter Stuckey, pilot, started the engine. The engine noise was a constant roar in my ears even with the flying cap and earphones.

Hunter requested clearance from the tower to taxi to runway 9 (due East) to do a Visual Flight Rule (VFR) flight by circling over the airport, after take-off, and then heading West to Pine Island Florida. When we arrived at runway 9 there were two airplanes ahead of us: a C-130 United States Coast Guard airplane performing a touch and go and a

Cessna-172 on final approach. Once these two flights cleared the runway, we were ready to take off.

Hunter lined the Stearman up on runway 9 and opened the throttle to 1940 Revolutions Per Minute (RPM's) on the engine. We cleared the runway and circled the airport while climbing to 1500 feet and then headed due West toward Pine Island. In the air looking down at the ground was like observing a Florida transportation road map. It was from a plane's eye view.

Where Cortex Boulevard, Florida Highway 50 crosses over US Highway 19 north of Weeki Watchee Springs State park, I saw only forest in the Chassahowitzka Wildlife Management Area, which is a Hurricane buffer zone between the mainland and the Gulf of Mexico. When we flew over the Gulf of Mexico, the water was a light green and I could see the sandy bottom. The only subdivisions located in the wildlife management area were homes built on canals with a private boat dock like in Hernando Beach, Sup Weeki, and Rogers Park subdivisions.

We reversed course and flew due east back toward Brooksville – Tampa Bay regional airport (BKV) and we lined up, after receiving clearance from the tower, to land on runway 9. Upon landing, we taxied back to the American Aviation Fixed Base Operations.

After exiting the Stearman, I was presented with a Dream Flight cap by Hunter Stuckey and became his Dream Flight passenger number "109" Boeing-Stearman "Man."



# PT-19 Corner

## Col Tom Thompson

Priming aircraft parts is continuing at full speed. Each workday has been a constant cycle of painting, sanding between coats, and painting again. Our fabric-covered parts require three coats of primer and each coat includes vertical and horizontal covering. By the time the Dispatch is published all of these parts will have their prime coats completed. For the metal parts an epoxy primer is required and that work is nearing completion. We expect that by the end of the month we will be painting the final color on all our exterior pieces. Final assembly will begin after all painting is complete.



Roy Handler and Chris Buzzeo have applied the first coat of primer/UV protectant on the PT-19! We can see the finish line... how do you think it's coming along?



Photos by Col Charles Burcher.





# Heroes of Aviation

By Col Casey Roszell

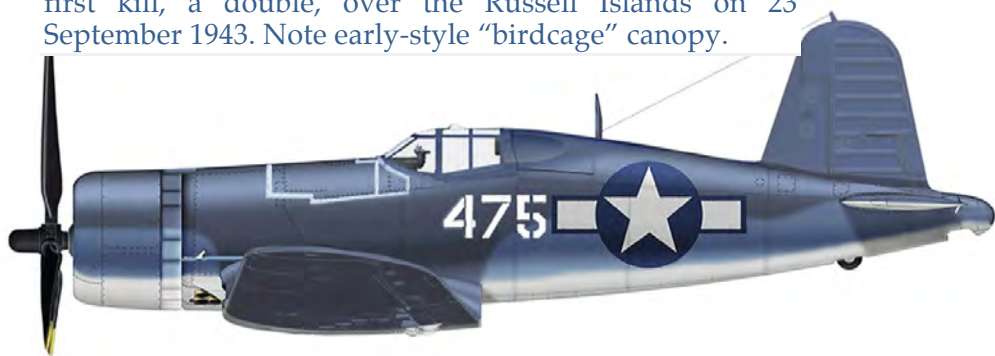
## John Bolt

**John Franklin Bolt** (19 May 1921 – 8 September 2004) was a naval aviator in the US Marine Corps and served during WWII and the Korean War. Born to a poor family in Laurens South Carolina he joined the US Navy and trained as a Marine Corps pilot. Bolt left for basic training in June 1941. Though he intended to join the USMC he signed up for the US Navy Flight Training Program, which would allow him to fly for the Marines. Bolt completed this training on 18 July 1942, and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps, receiving his aviator wings that day as well. May 1943 he was trained on the F4F wildcats. Over the next few months, Bolt was stationed at NAS Glenview where he trained for 60 hours aboard the USS Wolverine. Upon reaching the Pacific he was assigned to the famed VMF-214 black sheep where he flew the F4U Corsair. While flying the Corsair he claimed six victories against Japanese A6M Zeros.



Right: Bolt in the South Pacific, 1943.

Lt. John Bolt flew BuNo 17475 No. 475 when he scored his first kill, a double, over the Russell Islands on 23 September 1943. Note early-style "birdcage" canopy.



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Bolt continued his service through the Korean War. In November 1952, Bolt transferred to squadron VMF-115 flying F9F panthers in South Korea. He flew 94 combat missions with the squadron, all of them in bombing runs and close air support missions against

ground targets. He did not enjoy this duty, preferring instead to fly the Sabre in air-to-air combat. He entered into combat through an exchange program with the USAF in late 1952. Over a period of several weeks in mid-1953, he led flights of F-86 Sabres into combat against MiG 15s. He scored six victories during fights along the northern border of North Korea commonly known as "MiG Alley," giving him a total of 12 victories over his career with an additional "probable" victory and two aircraft damaged.



## Heroes of Aviation (cont.)

Bolt married Dorothy E. Wiggins after two years of dating. Bolt had the words "Darling Dottie" stenciled on the side of his F-86 jet as a tribute to this wife

Bolt stayed in the Marine Corps until 1962. After retiring and earning a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Florida, he subsequently settled down in Florida and began a private real estate law practice. He continued to be active in law until 1991.

Bolt is the only non-USAF pilot to become an ace in the F-86. He remains the only U.S. Marine to achieve ace status in two wars and was also the only Marine jet fighter ace. Bolt is one of seven U.S. pilots who achieved ace status as both a piston-engined pilot in World War II and as a jet pilot in Korea. He died from leukemia in 2004. When he passed he was the last of the seven pilots to be dual aces in Korea and WWII.



Left: Bolt disembarks from his F-86 Sabre in Korea several days after his fifth and sixth victories in July 1953.

Below: Major Bolt in Darling Dottie.





# EDUCATION OFFICER

## Col Jane Simpson

It has been a memorable summer for Education, and we are only halfway through! In May we held our Docent Workshop and over a dozen Colonels signed up for the R.E.D. Team

(Registered Education Docents, lovingly known as the Red Hots...). The workshop gave the attendees basic information, but Willard and Vince are willing to conduct "On the Job" training.

So if you are on the RED Team, plan to train with one of us (by the way, we are NOT joined at the hip!):

And with the anniversary of the Normandy Operation Overlord, Airbase Georgia volunteers helped the Best Defense Foundation and Delta honor WWII veterans as they were preparing to travel to Normandy for the ceremonies. It was a very rewarding experience, and it highlights why we need to preserve WWII history. The Living History clothing creates interest and also helps us tell a story. Education hopes to hold a workshop to discuss other means of making history "come alive."

Cols Vince Garland, Mike Daily, and "Rosie" Melina Galizzi at Delta Flight Museum for the celebration of WWII Veterans.



Cols Vince Garland, Jane Simpson, and Willard Womack show off the new Docent uniform. RED Hot!

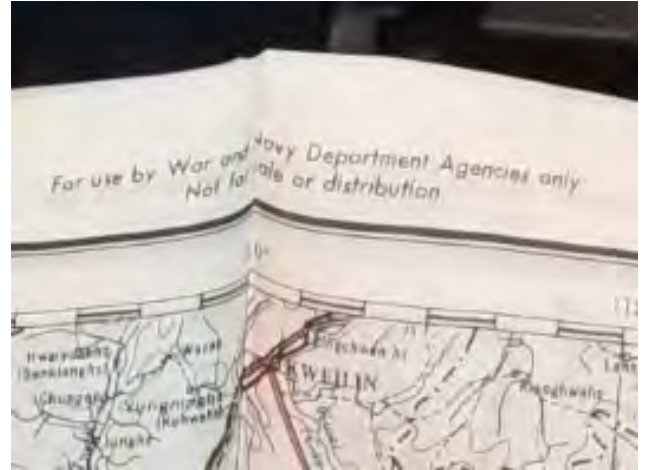




CAF Warbird Tube (cont.)

## HISTORY HIGHLIGHT : ESCAPE & EVADE SILK MAPS

In 1939, British intelligence sought means to retrieve pilots that were shot down over enemy territory. It was determined that maps of the assigned regions would help the pilots orient and navigate back to allied territories. Britain's M19 agency had an "Escape Department," and Christopher Clayton Hutton was the Technical Officer. Maps were part of escape packages initially, and silk was preferred to cloth. Silk was more durable, especially when wet, made less noise, and could be more easily concealed. The Scottish mapmaking firm of John Bartholomew & Son, and printers Waddington, Ltd. were engaged to implement the silk maps.



ABG's Silk Map – Japan and South China Seas.

In 1942, American intelligence officers contacted M19 to learn more about escape and evasion tactics. The US Navy and Army recognized the value of these maps and commissioned the Army Map Service to begin printing maps for US pilots. The Navy commissioned 14 different maps, and the Army, 38 different maps. Navy maps included nautical information, such as "drift charts" to account for ocean currents.

It is believed that these maps were effective and may have been utilized by half of the 35,000 troops who escaped Axis POW camps!

**DID YOU KNOW:** While they were referred to as "silk maps," US maps were actually printed on rayon.

**SOURCE:** "The Life-Saving Potential of a Map," [www.curtiswrightmap.com](http://www.curtiswrightmap.com)





## CAF Warbird Tube

Nine months ago ABG kicked-off a campaign to provide updates on ABG restoration projects to our social media community, ABG members and the CAF community through the CAF Warbird Tube Channel. We also promoted ABG Corsair participation in the making of "Devotion." The recordings are now part of ABG history available to future members. When the PT-19 restoration is complete ABG will seek another update. Below are snapshots of the videos and URLs.



### CAF Warbird Tube: Airbase Georgia P-47 Restoration Update

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VRjVHWi3MGo&t=1s>



### CAF Warbird Tube - Airbase Georgia's "Rosie the Riveter" Stearman

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YTJkmuHMC18&t=1139s>



### CAF Warbird Tube - PT-19 | History & Restoration Update

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SguDoue\\_Vdg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SguDoue_Vdg)



CAF Warbird Tube (cont.)



CAF Warbird Tube - "Devotion" and the History of the Corsair

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RkS8Yt9Dfk0&t=5s>



CAF Warbird Tube - Restoration Projects at Airbase Georgia (Repeat)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LkA7F69SQBk>



## Another Thank You Note From Reading

Hi, I was at WWII weekend in Reading last weekend all three days, I volunteer with flight line. I really wanted to give a commendation to Stan Musick. Now WWII weekend is fantastic to be sure, but I would gladly go to "Stan Musick in the Corsair Weekend" every year. I'm not biased just because it's my favorite besides the B-29, the way he flies that Corsair is unlike anyone else at the show. Those low passes, the speed, the way he shows off the airplane, nobody else in that show flies their plane quite like he does. There was one pass he did and I was in the right spot at the right time when he got so low and so close to the show line, it was the coolest thing I've ever experienced at the show. I keep replaying it in my head.

If you guys get messages all the time about how good of a show you put on then feel free to file this away, but I'd love if you could share this with Stan. He has to be trying to fly as extra well as he does, and I want to be sure he knows how appreciated it is.

Thanks, Alex



## We Invite the Public to Our Annual Freedom Fest Come Celebrate America's 248<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**Columbus, Georgia** – Come join the National Infantry Museum for our annual Freedom Fest celebration this Independence Day, Tuesday, July 4th, 2023. Held on the museum grounds, there will be live music, kids' activities, food trucks, and much more. Independence Day is a great time to celebrate the courage, bravery, and patriotism of our great nation of America.

Our main goal is to make this year's Independence Day fun and memorable! Admission to Freedom Fest is free, but there will be nominal costs for the Virtual Reality simulators, food, and drink. It's sure to be an experience to remember.



JOIN US AT THE NATIONAL INFANTRY MUSEUM FOR **JULY 4, 2023**  
**FREEDOMFEST**



**COME OUT AND CELEBRATE OUR  
INDEPENDENCE WITH US!**  
[www.nationalinfantrymuseum.org](http://www.nationalinfantrymuseum.org)

# 12th Anniversary

2023



 DELTA

## Veteran's Day – Nov. 2 & 3

### Delta Technical Operations

1775 M.H. Jackson Service Rd., Atlanta, GA 30354

- \* 30+ Vintage and Active Duty Military Aircraft on Display
- \* 200' Wall of Memorabilia, Military Vehicles, & Static Displays
- \* Food and Drinks available at the event

#### Thursday, 11/2

- \* Celebration Begins Thurs - 3 PM
- \* Ceremony & Cake at 5PM
- \* Ceremony & Cake at 11PM

#### Friday, 11/3

- \* Ceremony & Cake at 9AM
- \* Aircraft Departures 12 PM
- \* Event Closes Fri - 3PM





# ON THE HORIZON .....

July 1, 2023	Staff & Members Meetings and picnic
August 5, 2023	Staff & Members Meetings
September 2, 2023	Staff & Members Meetings
October 7, 2023	Staff & Members Meetings
November 4, 2023	Staff & Members Meetings

## **JULY:**

### **Airshow/Event: Duck Creek Fireworks**

**Location:** Ketchum, OK

**Airport:** 1K8

**Aircraft Attending:** P-51, SBD

**Rides Aircraft:** P-51, SBD

**Dates (Open to the Public):** July 4 (Rides 3 & 4)

**Website:** <https://www.duckcreekfireworksok.com/>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/duckcreekfireworks><https://www.facebook.com/keeslerafb>

**Instagram:** NA

### **Airshow/Event: NASCAR Fly-Over**

**Location:** Hampton, GA

**Airport:** KHMP

**Aircraft Attending:** T-6s

**Rides Aircraft:** NA

**Dates (Open to the Public):** NA (Ticketed Race - Flyover listed on spreadsheet on July 8 - See Clint Cotrell for more info)

**Website:** NA

**Facebook:** NA

**Instagram:** NA

**ON THE HORIZON ..... (cont.)****Airshow/Event: Wings of the North Expo****Location:** Eden Prairie, MN**Airport:** KFCM**Aircraft Attending:** SBD**Rides Aircraft:** SBD**Dates (Open to the Public):** July 22 & 23**Website:** <https://wotn.org/airexpo/>**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/WingsOfTheNorth/><https://www.facebook.com/keeslerafb>**Instagram:** [https://www.instagram.com/wings\\_of\\_the\\_north/](https://www.instagram.com/wings_of_the_north/)**Airshow/Event: EAA AirVenture****Location:** Oshkosh, WI & Fond du Lac, WI**Airport:** KOSH (sales tent + display), KFLD (rides)**Aircraft Attending:** P-51, SBD, Corsair, LT-6, T-34**Rides Aircraft:** P-51, SBD, LT-6, T-34**Dates (Open to the Public):** Below is per Rides Coordinator & Ops Officer

- KOSH: Corsair (7/24-7/29), P-51 & SBD (7/24)
- KFLD: P-51 & SBD (7/25-7/29), LT-6 & T-34 (7/22-7/29)

**Website:** <https://www.eaa.org/airventure>**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/EAA><https://www.facebook.com/keeslerafb>**Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/eaaf/>**AUGUST:****Airshow/Event: Thunder Over Michigan****Location:** Ypsilanti, MI**Airport:** KYIP**Aircraft Attending:** Corsair**Rides Aircraft:** NA**Dates (Open to the Public):** August 12 & 13**Website:** <https://www.yankeeairmuseum.org/airshow/>**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/ThunderOverMichigan>**Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/thunderovermichigan/?hl=en>



**ON THE HORIZON ..... (cont.)****Airshow/Event: Props & Pistons Festival****Location:** Akron, OH**Airport:** KCAK**Aircraft Attending:** Corsair (Acro)**Rides Aircraft:** NA**Dates (Open to the Public):** August 19 & 20**Website:** <https://www.flyohio.org/>**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/flyohio>**Instagram:** [https://www.instagram.com/papf\\_akron/](https://www.instagram.com/papf_akron/)**Airshow/Event: Eastman National Aviation Day****Location:** Eastman, GA**Airport:** KZEM**Aircraft Attending:** P-51, SBD, LT-6, T-34**Rides Aircraft:** P-51, SBD, LT-6, T-34**Dates (Open to the Public):** August 19**Website:** [NA](#)**Facebook:** [NA](#)**Instagram:** [NA](#)

**I WANT YOU**  
**TO JOIN AIRBASE GEORGIA**

"We want you" - any new member can be sworn in at any of our monthly meetings, however, if someone cannot make a Saturday meeting, they can be sworn in by special arrangement by contacting me at my email address.

Recruiting Officer Jim Dalton  
at: [lawdalton@aol.com](mailto:lawdalton@aol.com)