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Cols Roy Handler and Tom Thompson finish the re-install of the P-19 rudder. Photo by Col Charles Burcher.



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CAF Airbase Georgia - 2024 Staff Elections

Election Day - November 2, 2024

The election for open Airbase Georgia Staff positions will take place during the regular monthly membership meeting on Saturday, **November 2, 2024**. The following staff positions are up for election:

- Executive Officer (Incumbent: Col Gerhard Frenz)
- Adjutant: (Incumbent: Col Clint Contrell)
- Operations Officer: (Incumbent: Col John Currenti)
- Maintenance Officer: (Incumbent: Col Randy Hawkins)



Duties of each position entail:

Executive Officer:

The Executive Officer is the Assistant to the Unit Leader and will act in his/her place during his/her absence. This officer should have similar qualities to the leader:

- background in military or business management
- ability for 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
- Unit socials
- other duties as may be assigned by the Unit Leader

Adjutant Officer:

The Adjutant Officer will record and maintain the permanent minutes of all Unit Staff meetings. He/She will 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/she will assist the Unit in the timely preparation and dissemination of such correspondence of a general nature. In coordination with the Finance Officer, he/she will maintain the Unit personnel records. He/She will advise the Headquarters' Member Services Department of any changes of the Unit membership, and on a semi-annual (March and July) basis compare their roster CAF UNIT MANUAL UNIT REGULATION SECTION 2 MARCH 2022-2-13.

Elections (cont.)

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/she 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/She 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

Maintenance Officer:

should be an FAA licensed A&P or IA. He/She is responsible for proper care and maintenance of all aircraft assigned to the Unit and for ground equipment.

Specific duties include:

- scheduling and directing restoration of all CAF aircraft assigned to the Unit
- overseeing activities of Unit aircraft project officers
- clearing all planned expenditures through the Unit Staff
- ensuring that all aircraft are in airworthy condition prior to flight
- maintaining proper records and log books
- ordering parts and supplies
- training aircraft crew chiefs and personnel that operate/use ground equipment

He/She will submit a monthly maintenance and/or restoration report to CAF Headquarters. Communications with CAF Headquarters will be initiated through the office of CAF Chief Aviation Officer.

If you are interested in nominating someone to run for one of the open positions, contact Col Wanda England-Roberts, Nominations Committee Chairperson at committee@airbasegeorgia.org.

If you have questions about the nomination process, contact Col Wanda England-Roberts at (770) 833-1893 or Wanroberts@aol.com

Thank you,

The Nomination Committee: Col Wanda England-Roberts, Col Tom Walsh and Col Mark Richards

Nominations: If you are interested in nominating someone to run for one of the open positions, contact Col Wanda England-Roberts in the Nominations Committee at committee@airbasegeorgia.org. You should receive an email reply within 24 hours acknowledging your nomination. If you do not receive a confirmation email, call Tom Walsh at (678) 758-4654. Please do not nominate someone unless you have discussed it with them first and they are in agreement to run for the position.

Elections (cont.)

Nominations Deadline: The deadline to nominate is September 7, 2024 at the membership meeting. Nominees MUST be present at the meeting and agree to the nomination.

Meet the Candidates - September 7, 2024: The Nominating Committee will present the slate of nominated candidates and request nominations from the floor during the September 7th Membership Meeting. Candidates will address the membership to present their qualifications and plans for office.

Absentee Ballots: If you cannot attend the November 2, 2024 election meeting you may request an Absentee Ballot in order to vote. This can be accomplished via email to Election Committee member Yvonne Haley at ychaley@gmail.com or by letter addressed to her at 202 N Lakeshore Dr, Carrollton, GA 30117. An Absentee Ballot will be mailed to you along with candidate campaign statements and Instructions for returning the ballots.

Election Day - November 2, 2024: 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 (Cols Yvonne Haley, Stephan Kruit) 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 11, 2024.



ON THE HORIZON

September 7, 2024	Staff & Members Meetings
September 27-28, 2024	Boy Scout overnight camp out
October 5, 2024	Staff & Members Meetings
October 26-27, 2024	Atlanta Air Show – Falcon Field, Peachtree City
October 31 – November 1	Delta TechOps Veterans' Day Event
November 2, 2024	Election Day – Airbase Georgia Officers

Safety Update

By Col Steve Hoofnagle, Safety Officer

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SEPTEMBER IS “NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS” MONTH

National Preparedness Month, held annually in September, is a good reminder that natural and man-made disasters can strike at any time. It's important to have a planned response when you're at work, on vacation, on the road or at the Airbase.

In 2022, 69,473 weather-related events resulted in 813 deaths and 1,718 injuries. Winter weather, heat, floods and hurricanes resulted in the most deaths that year, according to Injury Facts.

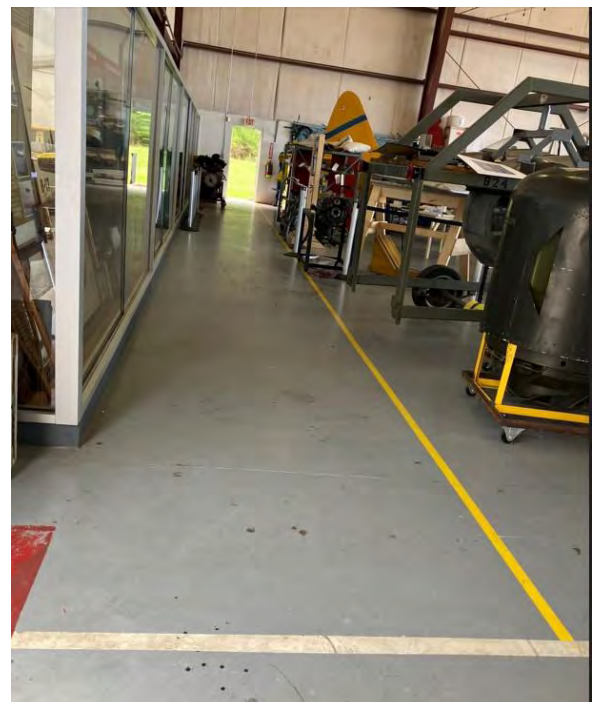
The National Safety Council recommends the following general precautions that apply to many disaster situations:

- Make sure at least one family member knows first aid and CPR (that's YOU if you signed up for our CPR/1st Aid Training)
- Download the FEMA app for resources, weather alerts and safety tips
- Have a family communication plan in place; all members of the family should review and practice the plan
- Have all family members' and other important phone numbers written down or memorized
- Have an emergency kit in your car and at least three days of food and water at home
- Be sure to store all important documents – birth certificates, insurance policies, etc. – in a fire-proof safe or safety deposit box
- Know how to shut off utilities

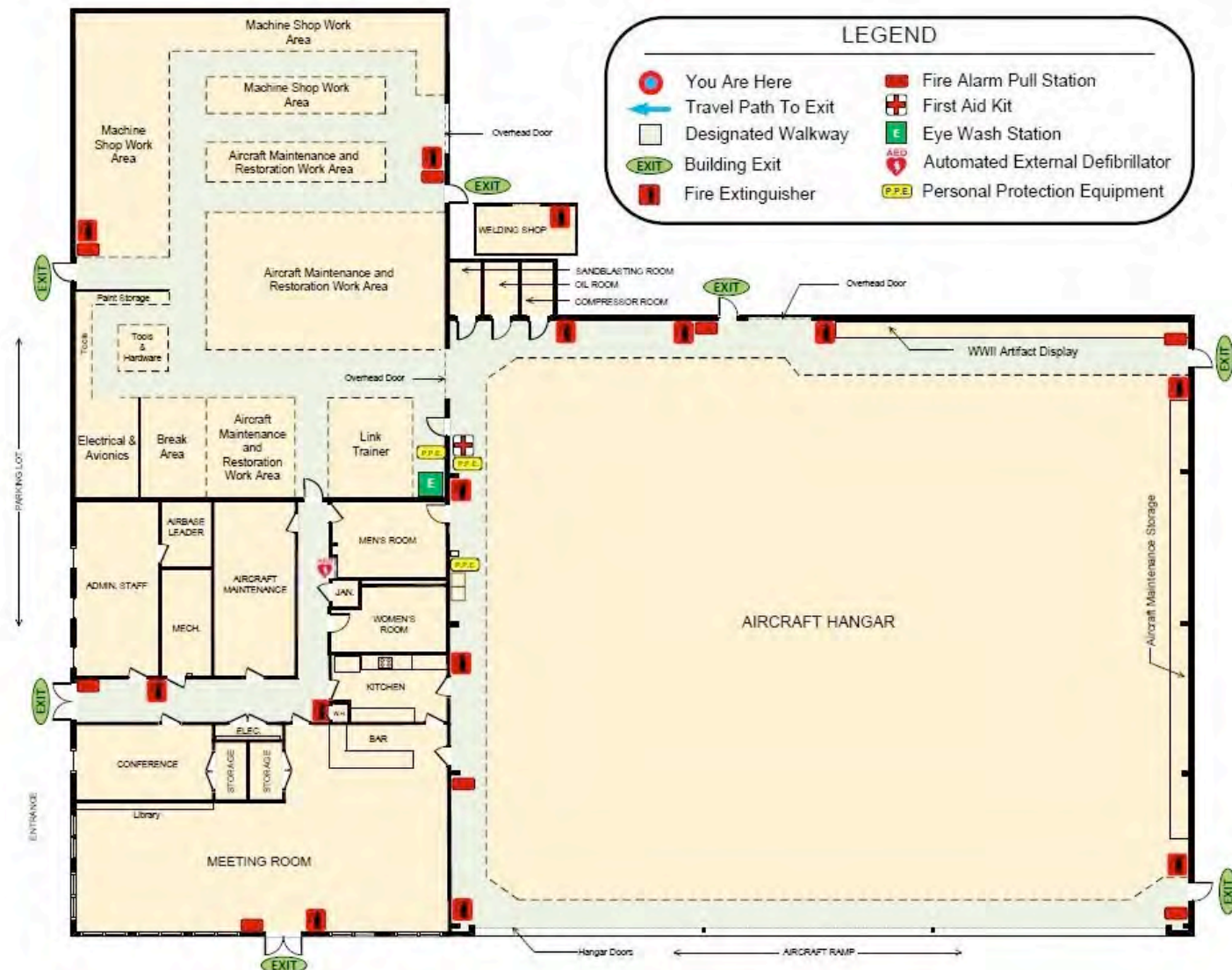
More information is available at: www.ready.gov

BORN TO RUN

When an emergency arises like flooding or a fire, it's time to ESCAPE. We have clearly marked EMERGENCY EXITS and we have posted ESCAPE DIAGRAMS throughout the facility. We need your help to ensure that the EMERGENCY EXITS are not blocked. This WALKWAY in the rear of the Hangar in front of the Artifacts Display has been collecting “obstructions” like unused ladders, parts carts, and even a bicycle. Please ensure the EMERGENCY EXITS are kept clear.



Safety Update (cont.)



EMERGENCY EVACUATION MAP

RETURN TO SENDER

This is a good time for you to log-in to www.airbasegeorgia.org and make sure your ROSTER information is up to date (ESPECIALLY your EMERGENCY CONTACT). All you need is your Colonel Number and Last Name.

TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS

We are working with the Peachtree City Fire Department to develop a "Pre-Fire Plan" where we have a joint walk-through to identify key hazards (e.g. flammable liquids storages, etc.) and safety systems (e.g. fire hydrants, automatic sprinkler system pumper connection, etc.).

Safety Update (cont.)

We need to formalize an EMERGENCY RESPONSE ORGANIZATION (ERO). This ERO details who is responsible for KEY ACTIONS in the event of an EMERGENCY (e.g. fire, injury, etc.). Since we are not a full-time occupied, all volunteer organization (and there is no telling who will be on site from day to day), we are going to need many AIRBASE MEMBERS to volunteer to serve on the ERO as ERO LEADERS. The intent will be that these LEADERS will be CERTIFIED by the SAFETY OFFICER and will understand the overall PLAN and the ROLES for each position.



In the event of an EMERGENCY the LEADER(S) present will ensure all EMERGENCY RESPONSE DUTIES are fulfilled by assigning available MEMBERS present to cover a DUTY. These DUTIES include the following:

- NOTIFIER – contact Emergency Responders (e.g. 911 – Fire Department) and have them MET and DIRECTED to the emergency (we can't rely on the fire alarm alone for prompt notification).
- SPRINKLER SYSTEM CREW CHIEF – in the event of a fire ensures that the Sprinkler System Control valve is FULLY OPEN and assist the Fire Department with any needed valve closures. Also ensures that the fire alarm, sprinkler system, etc. are placed back in to automatic service following any incidents.
- EVACUATION LEADER – ensure that all personnel have safely evacuated and moved to the RALLY POINT away from the Airbase and do not attempt to return until the Emergency Responders give the "all clear". If safe to do so, they will have the FIRST AID KIT and AED brought to the RALLY POINT.
- UTILITIES CREW CHIEF – knows the locations and means for shutting off the UTILITIES including the ELECTRICAL POWER, NATURAL GAS, and DOMESTIC WATER and can assist the Emergency Responders as needed/requested.

If you would be willing to serve as an ERO LEADER, please reach out to the Safety Officer for more information!

ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING

We will be scheduling Active Shooter Training with the Peachtree City PD following the monthly meetings in SEP, OCT, or NOV (TBD). This will occur following the General Meeting that starts at 1300 (1PM) and is purely voluntary.

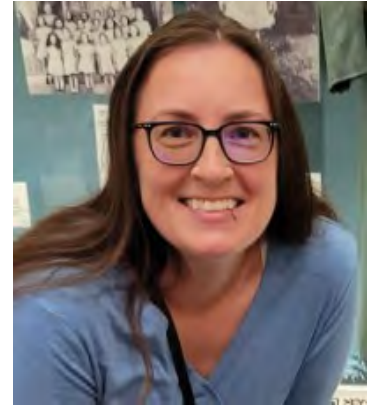
Please send any Safety related questions, comments, or suggestions to "safety@airbasegeorgia.org". →

"If you are aware of it take care of it!"

Member Engagement

Col Marybeth Britton

Volunteer Coordinator



EVENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It is almost the end of summer and that means fall weather is coming. With that beautiful season comes a lot of events. If you were not aware, our facilities rentals provide a substantial revenue to keep our organization in operation. The only way we can provide these rentals is by having a strong member base to serve at the events. In the past, this burden has fallen on a select few, and that can be a lot to carry alone. Therefore, we are calling all members to help serve at events we host.

Event service does not require any long-term commitment. We try to keep our operations calendar up to date with the upcoming events we are hosting so that you can plan ahead to serve. Most times, the roles offered include assisting with parking (directing vehicles/driving golf cart shuttles), event setup/breakdown (setting up/taking down tables, chairs, and décor), event guest service (providing direction to the guests, answering questions, making accommodations), and facilities maintenance (keeping bathrooms stocked and emptying trashcans). If that sounds like work, it's because it is! But this is a large revenue generator for our operation, and an incredible



WE WANT YOU!

way to serve our community with networking and outreach. I'm not

sure if I'm supposed to mention this, but sometimes there's even free food!

Off-site events are just as important, as it is our way to represent Airbase Georgia in our community. Most times this includes discussing our mission and purpose with guests, answering questions about our organization and how to become involved, helping set up our tent and PX and serving customers, and providing information about our featured aircraft.

Keep in mind, even if you can't serve for the entire event, you can still help. Many times, our members will work different shifts to keep the events running smoothly. It is important that we staff these events properly for full coverage to make a positive impact on our guests. Please help to notify us as early as possible if you can assist.

If you would like to be involved in any of the following events, please reach out to us at volunteers@airbasegeorgia.org for more information and event details.

** UPCOMING EVENT OPPORTUNITIES **

Off-Site Opportunities:

September 21, Saturday – Senoia Car Show

Our aircraft and docents will appear again this year at the Senoia Car Show to sell rides and tell the history of our planes. Everyone who attended last year had a great time, and we are hoping more members will join us this year. If you can serve at this event to help represent Airbase Georgia, please reach out to volunteers@airbasegeorgia.org to get involved.

Member Engagement (cont.)

**** UPCOMING EVENT OPPORTUNITIES ****

Off-Site Opportunities:

October 31, Thursday – November 1, Friday – Delta TechOps Veterans’ Day Event

This will be held at Delta’s facility at Hartsfield-Jackson Airport with opportunities to serve in various roles. Docents are needed to answer questions about our aircraft in appearance, but we also need members to represent our Airbase and provide conversation to visitors about who we are, our activities, and our purpose. If you would like to attend this event, please email me at volunteers@airbasegeorgia.org.

On-Site Opportunities:

We have the following private events with which members needed to help with parking, event setup/breakdown, and event service.

October 4, Friday – Private Event – Clothes Less Traveled Fundraiser

October 5, Saturday – Private Event – Wedding Reception

October 11, Friday – Private Event – Midwest Food Bank Event

October 12, Saturday – Private Event – Wedding & Reception

October 18, Friday – Private Event – SOTM Denim & Diamonds Event

November 8, Friday – November 9, Saturday – Private Event – Rehearsal, Wedding, & Reception

November 16, Saturday – Private Event – G5 Gives Back Event

November 10, Sunday – Airbase Georgia Veterans’ Day Open House

This will be another all-hands-on-deck event which we host for our community, planned for the Sunday before Veterans’ Day this year. Please sign up to be on the planning team, which has now started. We host 200+ guests at our open house events, which means a lot goes into planning the event as well as working the event. Please reach out to facilityrentals@airbasegeorgia.org or volunteers@airbasegeorgia.org to sign up.

**** ARE YOU FULFILLED? ****

You joined for a reason, and we want you to be fulfilled in your membership with us. We currently have restoration projects which can use extra hands, we have data entry roles needing assistance, and we have private events which need volunteers, plus many more roles available. If you are ready to get involved (no matter the level of commitment), please reach out to me and I will help you find a way to serve. You can email me at volunteers@airbasegeorgia.org to introduce yourself and let me know how I can help you find your best role. →

Facility Rentals

And Events

**Col Mark Richards,
Facility Rental Officer**

It's hard to believe that Fall is just around the corner, and with Fall our events schedule begins to pick up. In September we will host a Boy Scout camp-out on 9/27 & 9/28 at Airbase Georgia. In October we have five big hangar events that will include an outside wedding and reception. November is picking up with two hangar events scheduled and our third and final ABGA Open House. The Open House will be dedicated to celebrating our veterans and themed to remember our "Women at War".



Anyone wishing to volunteer for any of these events or to be part of the planning team for the Open House can contact me by email, text or cell.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Event Time / Location</u>
8-24	Christina & Logans Wedding Reception	5p – 11p / Hangar Event
9-15	McGowan Bridge Game	11a – 5p / Meeting Rm
9-27	Boy scout O/night campout (9-27 & (/28)	All Day / Airbase
10-04	Clothes Less Traveled	6p – 11p / Hangar Event
10-05	Astrachan Wedding Reception	6p – 10p / Hangar Event
10-11	Midwest Food Bank – Harvest of Blessings	5p – 10p / Hangar Event
10-12	Littlejohn Wedding & Reception	4p – 11p / Hangar Event
10-18	Denim & Diamonds	6p – 11p / Hangar Event

As always, you may direct potential rental clients to facilityrentals@airbasegeorgia.org →

Stearman Update

Col Jeff Clark



The covering process on the *Stearman* continues. We are using the Stewart covering process, which has multiple steps that must be completed for each component of the airplane. At a high level, these steps are:

1. Cut the fabric to shape, glue it to the structure, and use an iron to shrink it to fit.
2. Rib stitch the fabric to the underlying structure.
3. Install inspection rings and apply fabric tape over the rib stitches and around component perimeters
4. Clean and pre-finish in preparation for primer
5. Apply filler/UV blocker primer coat
6. Apply final paint top coat

There are several different components going through this process. Here is where they all stand:

- Vertical and horizontal stabilizers: Step 5 completed - primer applied
- Elevators and rudder: Step 5 completed - primer applied
- Left and right ailerons: Step 5 completed - primer applied
- Center section: Step 5 completed - primer applied
- Top right wing: Step 5 completed - primer applied
- Top left wing: Step 4 completed - pre-finish completed, ready for primer
- Bottom right wing: Step 1 in progress - fabric being applied
- Bottom left wing: Step 3 complete – ready to start pre-finish

The covering process is not difficult, but there is a lot of work to do. If you would like to like to learn this lost art, the *Stearman* team would welcome your help! →

Top left wing and top right win are well on the way to completion. Photos by Col Charles Burcher.



Stearman Update (cont.)



Bottom Left wing.



Col Malcolm Lelliott explains the covering process to a visitor.

Col Lelliott brings another roll of fabric.



Cols Marybeth Britton and Tagg Taggart work on the bottom right wing.



Our SBD made the cover of the Dispatch recently, and is featured several times in the official magazine of the Commemorative Air Force.

Also read the article about one of our own, LT. Col Matt Ziemann, USAF as he poses inside the cockpit of Red Nose.



PLANE CRAZY

Severe cutbacks in Sweden's military budget have resulted in the purchase of the most basic models available from SAAB.





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