



# “READY ROOM”

## NEWSLETTER

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*Our Mission is to increase the public's awareness of aviation through the flight of historical aircraft, while supporting our local children's hospital.*

## Flight line Fire Extinguisher

### Donation

The National Commercial Aviation Museum in Atlanta donated a 1951 CO2 flight line fire extinguisher. With the help of David Ball, the fire extinguisher has been fully restored. The extinguisher would be used on or around the C45 in the 1950s. These two complementary pieces of technology work together to create a perfect replica of the period they belong to. They serve as a sort of time machine into aviation's past. The extinguisher acting as a reminder that safety is and always has been as big of a part of aviation as the aircraft themselves.



## Greg Jackson Donates Paintings

Greg Jackson donated a painting of the 750 and the 751 that he himself painted. The painting depicts the aircraft soaring through the cloud-rimmed skies. Jackson's painting is just another testament to the members' wide variety of skills and talents. The painting will be a great addition to the ready room.



# Open Hangar Gala

The annual open hangar gala was back and better than ever on April 15<sup>th</sup> with 216 guests in attendance. The evening had all of the great components of a perfect party; delicious cuisine catered by Bi Ba's, great music, and fabulous dancing. Although, the gala was more than a party. The silent auction raised \$3500 for the Ronald McDonald House, which will help keep sick and injured children together with their families when the children are in treatment. The beautiful and talented Ladies for Liberty also made an appearance. Yet, perhaps the highlight of the night was the appearance of the Mike Battery Marine Corps Unit.

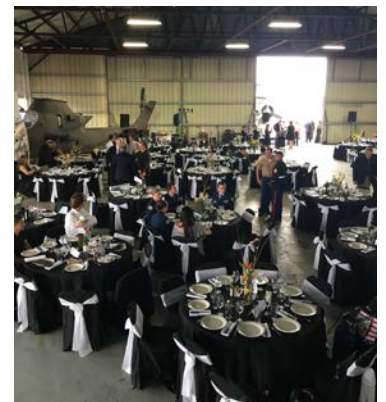
The Mike Battery Unit lost four of their own at the hands of a terrorist on our home soil just over two years ago. A table at the gala was dedicated to the five servicemen we lost. In an example of the Marine's unwavering loyalty to protecting the people and the Constitution four marines demonstrated the traditional color guard formation evoking a tremendous sense of gratitude in all observers. In another testament to the Unit's bravery, a 152-millimeter Howitzer Iraqi-owned gun was captured by the Mike Battery Unity was on display during the gala. The Mike Battery Unit reminded all attendees that the reason that the museum is able to exist is because of the servicemen and women that dedicated their lives to protecting us.



The Mike Battery Unit and Ladies for Liberty.



Dancing by THE BEATERS and DJ & sound by Matrix Music



# Thunder in the Valley Airshow

April 8<sup>th</sup> marked the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> Thunder in the Valley airshow. It was an action packed weekend in Columbus. The museum had the T-28A, T-28B, and the C-45 available for the public not just to view, but to crawl into the cockpits of the massive planes. Other exhibits included the Big Air Insanity FreeStyle Motorcross Team, Chris Darnell and the Shockwave Jet Truck, and the U.S. Air Force F-16 and Red Tail Squadron P-51 to name a few. The airshow drew a big crowd and was the perfect opportunity for the museum to engage with the public.



Captain USA with Peter O'Hare on the wing of the Museum of Flight's T-28.



The air boss' view of the Museum of Flight's lay out.



## Army Recruits Attend

# Thunder in the Valley Airshow

Recruits from Fort Benning in the midst of basic training took a field trip of sorts to the Thunder in the Valley Airshow. They enjoyed being able to sit in the cockpits of the aircraft, giving them a possible taste of the future. It is awe invoking to see young faces so excited about service.



This young man has been away from home for almost a year.

## Happenings at the Museum



The flower ladies; Marliese, Chelsea, Amelia, and Karen set up for the gala.



Larry works on hanging the 751 engine.



Returning the C-1 COD home after the gala.

## 2017 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
March 11	Open House	Rome Airport	Complete
March 24-26	Airshow	Brunswick	Complete
March 31-April 1	Airshow	DeFuniak Springs	Complete
April 8-9	Airshow	Columbus	Complete
April 15	Open Hangar Gala	Rome Airport	Complete
June 10	Airshow	PDK Good Neighbor	Complete
September 23	Airshow	Lafayette, GA	
September 30	Airshow	Crossville, TN	
October 20-22	Airshow	Coosa Valley Fairground	

## LIFETIME MEMBERS

Fred Amicangioli  
Capt. Don Bailey  
Shawn Barber  
George Barron  
Jeanne & Tony Bass  
Voron Baughon  
Jim Beaver  
Ernie Betancourt  
Bob Brodie  
Daniel Byrnes  
Dr. Gary Caldwell  
Phil Cataldo  
Dr. Donald Chamberlain.  
Nan Coddington  
Ronnie Cox  
Dr. James Creel  
Erich DeHart  
Logan DeHart  
Peyton Dehart  
William Diaz  
Charlie Dickens

Ron Dobbs  
Jack Douthit  
Scott Ducker  
Vance Engle  
Robert Fletcher  
Phil Gilliland  
James Green  
Larry Jarrett  
Jeffery Hatcher  
James Henthorn  
International Aviation Services  
Frank Kalinowski  
Chris Keefe  
David Lawson  
Christine Lewis  
Art Matthews  
Dawn Miller  
Spencer Morgan  
Scott Murray  
Pete & Susan O'Hare  
Scott Sr. Pilkington

Giovanni Pirozzi  
Gerad Riester  
Willard Robertson  
Don Shephard  
Woodrow Smith  
Sol Snyder  
Anthony Sommer  
John Sullivan  
Stratton Tingle  
Jorge Verdias  
Wayne Vick  
Brent Wade  
David Wallace  
Kim Watkins  
David Wells  
Sanford White  
Jody Whitmire  
Judy Wilson  
Doug Woodruff  
Ed Wood