



“READY ROOM”

NEWSLETTER

UPDATE

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

Front Page News:

Hurricane Harvey



This is a short update about the Hurricane Harvey relief effort, the normal newsletter will still be released.

Hurricane Harvey ended the United States' twelve year gap that was free of a category 3 hurricane, and with it, it brought catastrophic flooding, record breaking winds, and total destruction. The hurricane displaced more than 30,000 people, and prompted more than 13,000 rescues. The storm also marks the wettest tropical cyclone on record in the contiguous US. It flooded countless homes, business, and schools. It forced families to flee and abandon their belongings, including their animals.

Although the storm brought about unspeakable horrors, it also did something unexpected; it united people. People from not just all over the United States, but people from all over the world. Rushed to send their support through physical donations, financial help, and social media. The Museum of Flight members were determined to show their support no matter the rain, road closures, or other seeming impossibilities. The museum brought 6 box trucks directly affected areas, and directly completed, or help to complete 39 air missions. We were able to donate food, water, propane, blankets, and so much more were delivered by our courageous members who braved the treacherous weather, and roads. In the next few pages, just some of the donations the museum helped facilitate will be listed.



Note the two box trucks in the background that are being put to good use.

11 Alive News anchorman, Bill Liss, elicited help from the local Rome students from Elm Street Elementary to help raise awareness for Hurricane Harvey. The kiddos also dropped off donations for our members to haul to Texas. It was touching to see such compassion and empathy in the eyes of such caring children.



No one is too young or too old to help the Hurricane Harvey victims. Seniors at Dominion Senior Living Center in Hixson, Tennessee put together care packages, filled with both necessities, and items of comfort.



The members were also busy promoting our cause across all varieties of media, news, radio, and of course social media. A huge thank you to Peter O'Hare, and James Howard for doing such a splendid job representing the Museum of Flight while helping the citizens of Texas.



Thanks to our friends on the radio, we were able to rake in even more donations.



Glenwood Elementary donated 47 cases of water.



Halston Gases, a Rome local, donated 10 full propane tanks.



Right At Home provided both medical supplies and cash donations.



The museum helped assist Lake Charles, Louisiana air operations by flying water into the Beaumont, Texas airport, which had no water. Museum Members; Cris, Steven, and Alex, loaded airplanes with water donated by Chattanooga and Rome locals. It takes everyone!



These pictures taken by our members display some of the devastation caused by Harvey. There is still a lot of work to be done!



Thanks to everyone that donated pet food. Countless pets have been rescued and need help.



Rome Young Marine's help Lieutenant Colonel DeHart load the box truck that was heading to Louisiana.



The C-45 was also deployed into action, carrying an array of medicine, food, and blankets. Thanks to everyone that came out to load it up!



Dr. David McFarland, museum member, sorts medical supplies in preparation to fly to Texas.



Heath Stevison works the graveyard shift, he unloads the truck and gets ready for air ops for the next day.



US Air Force C-17 is loaded with supplies and flown west to Texas with two museum members in the cabin.