



"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.

Museum Director Visits National Naval Aviation Museum

Christine Lewis, Museum Director for the Museum of Flight, made a trip to Pensacola, Florida to visit the National Naval Aviation Museum. This museum is the world's largest Naval Aviation museum at 350,000 square feet.

While at the museum, Lewis met with the Aircraft Loan Manager, Lenore Taylor, to discuss adding a F-14 Tomcat to the Museum of Flight. This is a work in progress and we will keep our fingers crossed that the Museum of Flight is able to acquire what would make an amazing new addition.



Woodruff Prepares to Open The State Court

As mentioned in the last edition of the *Ready Room*, the president of the museum's Board of Directors, Doug Woodruff, was appointed as Catoosa County Solicitor General. Woodruff is now taking the necessary measures to open the state court. In August, he met with Goulart, Court Clerk Tracy Brown and Superior Court Judge Ralph Van Pelt Jr. to create a court calendar outlining when cases will go before the court. "We're starting from scratch," he said. "There are no legal barriers (to opening the court). It's just logistical."



BTD1 Updates

Restoration coordination Scott Murray has been working hard with Joel Megginson making updates to the BTD-1 Destroyer. During the past month, they placed the decals onto the plane. This includes the stars and bars as well as the bureau information. Thank you for all your excellent work, Scott and Joel
Our BTD-1 Destroyer looks great!



Howitzer Restoration Begins

Terry Madden volunteered to head up the howitzer restoration team. This month they began the restoration process by cleaning it up, and painting it in Iraqi Republican Guard Colors with the help of Gil Espy, Phil Gilliland and Ronnie "Gunny" Cox.



Museum Member's Social

The museum took a moment to honor all of its members during a Member's Only Cocktail Party. At the event, members were presented with awards of distinction for all of their dedication to the museum. Our members make the museum what it is today and we are eternally grateful for the wonderful group we have.



Museum Receives Anonymous Donations

In August, the museum received new toolboxes and a Naval Base Plaque both donated by anonymous donors. The plaque is a liberated, Naval Base Key West Plaque circa 1989. We are extremely grateful to these donors as these new items make excellent additions to our tool room and museum!



Around the Museum...



Museum members Randy and Jarrod Hitchcock replace the old HVAC units in the hangar. We are elated to have new AC – especially during all this hot weather!



C45 Wing arrives home! Thank you Peyton and Don Shepherd!



Museum members John William and Andrew Davis put the finishing touches on the floor of the community room/Ready Room for Andrew's Eagle Scout project.



Museum members Darrell Baxter and Loy Blackwell proudly install the new Ready Room sign.



(Above) A 1943 USMC Water Buffalo used in WWII and Korea is on its way home to Rome, GA from Expeditionary Airfields.



(Left) Mark & Sean McAllister work with Jason Beaver on the T-34 Tor-"mentor" display at the front of the museum.



(Left) Museum member Ed Aceves gives visitors a tour of the ordnance display at the museum.

Welcome New Lifetime Member

Capt. Don Bailey – Aircraft Maintenance Coordinator

Don Bailey was born on 12 October 1951 in Troy, New York. After attending high school in Walnut Creek, CA and Doylestown, PA, he attended the University of Rhode Island. After earning his Bachelor’s Degree in 1974, Don was accepted to the USMC Officer Candidate School and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Marines in November 1975. Following graduation from The Basic School, Lt. Bailey reported to US Navy Flight School in Pensacola, FL. He earned his Naval Aviator Wings in Sep. 1977, and reported to HMT-301, MCAS(H) Tustin, CA for CH-53 SeaStallion pilot training. Don served as a pilot in 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing in both HMH-363 and HMH-361 tactical squadrons from 1978-1980. Collateral duties included Safety Officer, Pilot Training Officer, Flight Line Officer and Asst. Aircraft Maintenance Officer. He then returned to HMT-301 as an Instructor Pilot and Functional Test Pilot. Collateral duties included Administrative Officer and Legal Officer.

In 1981, Don was selected for Inspector-Instructor duty with 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Aircraft Group 42 at NAS Alameda, CA, where he served as the CH-53 Operations Officer, while living in San Ramon, CA. Collateral duties included Aviation Safety Officer, Pilot Training Officer, Scheduling Officer, NATOPS (Standardization) Officer and Functional Test Pilot. He was selected for Weapons & Tactics Instructor School in 1983 and also had the opportunity to fly the A-4 Skyhawk. Don completed active duty in 1985 and joined Tau Corp, a small engineering firm in Los Gatos, CA, while serving as a pilot in the Reserves.

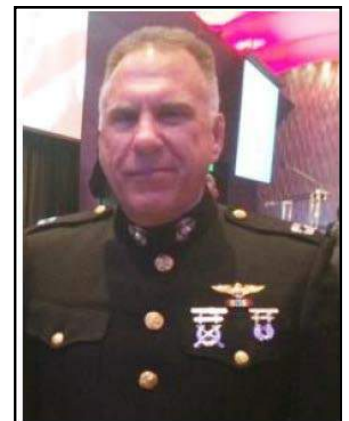
In 1987, Don moved to Valencia, CA and joined the Lockheed Skunks Works in Burbank, where he worked on the F-117 Nighthawk and then the F-22 Raptor programs.

In 1991, following the USAF selection of Lockheed Martin to build the F-22 production aircraft, he moved to Marietta, GA to work as an Avionics System Engineer on the program. After 11 years on the F-22 program, Don moved to the C-130J Super Hercules program and served as an Engineering and Program Manager for several programs to include the USAF, Weatherbird Hurricane Hunters, India Air Force, Tunisia Air Force, Republic of Korea Air Force, Royal Flight Oman and Royal Air Force of Oman programs.

He finished his 29 year career at Lockheed working as the Engineering Sustainment Manager for the Royal Canadian Air Force program. He started a third career working as the Maintenance Coordinator and flying the T-28 Trojan for the Museum of Flight in Rome, GA.



Don Bailey supervising maintenance on Alpha.



Capt. Don Bailey at the Veterans Freedom Ball in Atlanta, GA (November 2014).



Marine CH-53 Helicopters – Shipboard Ops

Welcome New Lifetime Member

Fred “Ammo” Amicangioli – Pilot Instructor

Navy Veteran, Fred Amicangioli, is one of our newest members. This former navy pilot grew up in Boston, Mass but now calls Anchorage, Alaska home. Fred flies B-747's around the world and also serves as an instructor and examiner. Fred is our newest T-28B pilot and is also a CFI instrument ratings for both single and multi-engine instrument aircraft. Fred is very passionate about the museum and its future potential.

Don Shepard Becomes New Alpha Pilot

Museum member Don Shepard becomes new Alpha pilot. Don is a current pilot with Atlas Air and pictured to the right with Peter “Wheeler” O’Hare.



New life member, James Greene, is also a new Alpha pilot. Pictured left to right is Pete Wheeler O’Hare, Jim Beaver, James Greene, Gil Espy and Darrell Baxter.



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2015/2016 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Jan 5 - March 5	Aircraft Conditional & Annual Inspections	Rome Hangar	William Bannister	Complete
March 26	Grand Opening	Rome Hangar	Christine Lewis	Complete
April 9	Open Hangar Gala	CHA Wilson Air	Pete O'Hare	Complete
April 16-17	Thunder in the Valley Air Show	Columbus, GA	Pete O'Hare	Complete
May 14	Good Neighbor Days	PDK, Atlanta, GA	Pete O'Hare	Complete
May 30	Memorial Day Event	Coosa Valley Fairground	TBD	Complete
June 4-5	Great Tennessee Air Show	Smyrna, TN	TBD	Canceled
July 3-4	Independence Day Fly-In	Chattanooga, TN	TBD	Complete
September 10	Member's Only Cocktail Party	Rome Hangar		Complete
September 9-10	Crossville Air Show	Crossville, TN	Pete O'Hare	Complete
September 17	LaFayette (Barwick County) Fly In	Lafayette, GA	Pete O'Hare	Complete
September 30	1940's Hangar Dance	Rome Hangar	Christine Lewis	Complete
October 8-9	Wings Over Golden Isles Air Show	Brunswick, GA	Pete O'Hare	Canceled
October 15-16	Boshears Skyfest & Fly-in	Augusta, GA	Pete O'Hare	
October 29-30	Wings Over North Georgia	Rome, GA	Pete O'Hare	
November 5	Mess Night	TBD	Pete O'Hare	
November 17	Toys for Tots	TBD	Christine Lewis	
Jan, Feb & March 2017	Annual Safety Stand Down and Conditional Inspections	Rome Hangar		
April 1-2, 2017	Annual Hangar Open House	Rome Hangar		
April 8-7, 2017	Annual Open Hangar Gala	Rome Hangar		

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Jeanne & Tony Bass
Shawn Barber
Voron Baughon
Jim Beaver
Ernie Betancourt
Dr. Gary Caldwell
Phil Cataldo
Dr. Donald Chamberlain
Nan Coddington
Ronnie Cox
Dr. James Creel
Erich DeHart
Don Shepard

Logan DeHart
Peyton Dehart
Ron Dobbs
Scott Ducker
Phil Gilliland
International Aviation Services
Larry Jarrett
Chris Keefe
David Lawson
Christine Lewis
Frank Kalinowski
Art Matthews
Spencer Morgan

Scott Murray
Pete and Susan O'Hare
Scott Pilkington Sr.
John Sullivan
Stratton Tingle
Wayne Vick
Brent Wade
David Wells
Jody Whitmire
Ed Woods
Jorge Verdias
Judy Wilson
Doug Woodruff

Kim Watkins
James Green
Fred Amicangioli
Capt. Don Bailey

