



“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.

West Central Elementary Field Trip

Children from West Central Elementary were immersed in an all-day interactive history lesson. The Museum of Flight volunteers tailored the information and stories to fit their specific groups, which ranged from kindergarten to fifth grade. The kids had so much fun that they even forgot that they were learning. By the end of the day everyone had decided to become a pilot when they grew up.





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F-14 Tomcat Update!



It took a village, aviators, mechanics, and volunteers. People from all across the south came out to offer their expertise, and the wings are finally off the F-14! The museum is hard at work planning for "Sweet Little Miss's" arrival and display. There will be a special F-14 memorial brick walkway surrounding the aircraft. Donate your brick today; small bricks are \$100, medium bricks \$200, and large bricks are \$300. Please call 423-800-3455 to order your brick today! Donations can also be made on the [GoFundMe page](#), any size donation helps. Although the F-14 will be home soon, many expenses still remain. The shipping alone cost a total of \$40,000.

Call 423-800-3455 to reserve your paver today!





Museum of Flight Happenings



The women from America's Rosie the Riveters were honored at the Museum of Flight. Rose bushes dubbed 'rose buds' were planted in front of the hangar during the living memorial. The women honored at the event included a code breaker, a B-29 technician, and a combat nurse. The women's undying patriotism and strength was inspiring.





The MOF flew into the Fulton County Airport to meet with the local U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps. The young people were filled with exuberance and questions, it was a fantastic experience to connect with the generation of the future.



Holly Kelly is the newest member of our Museum of Flight team. She has taken on the hefty responsibility of development director. She has already been hard at work selling tables and tickets for the upcoming gala. Holly is a Floyd Count native and currently lives in Rome. She graduated from Berry College, and has a background in education, PR/marketing, communications, and graphic design. Her education paired with her experience in a variety of groups from the Boy Scouts to the Band Boosters make her the perfect candidate! She says that she is excited to help the museum continue to grow and to get to know all of the dedicated volunteers. Be sure to welcome Ms. Kelly to the family!



Museum Spotlight: Annelise Pearson

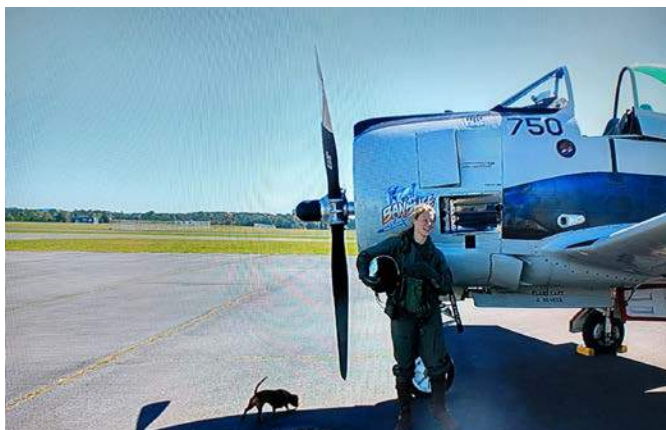
The Museum of Flight was very fortunate that while at the Richard B. Russel Airport the BTD Destroyer caught Annelise Pearson’s eye. Pearson is a junior in high school, active in ROTC, and has proven herself to be one of the hardest workers that has ever graced the museum. After seeing the Destroyer she decided to later take a trip to the museum where she met the walking encyclopedia, Johnny Shook, who introduced her to the MOF cause. Pearson has been a volunteer ever since.



Aviation was not always a priority of Pearson’s, it was her father that helped to share and instill his love of aviation in her. Now she is especially interested in the ingenious and often subtle mechanics of flight, which is part of what pushed her to join ROTC. Since joining ROTC she has become a blossoming aviation history expert. Yet, she said that aviation was not her ultimate motivation behind joining ROTC. It was ROTC’s ability to act as a catalyst to help young people become citizens of character and integrity. This is a consistent theme seen when talking to Pearson. At a young age she has already dedicated herself to giving back to her community and her nation.



Pearson’s strong character has been noticed by all who have worked with her at the museum. She has done an impeccable job representing the next generation. When asked if she had any advice for others her age she encourages them to try as many new things that they can, which was what initially motivated her to become part of the museum. The museum was where she found a community that acts as more of a family than an organization, she mentions Tony Sommer, Peter O’Hare, and Dennis Shaw as a few of the many people who have substantially contributed to her development. The museum looks forward to witnessing the surely great things that the future has in store for Annelise.





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<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
January 1	Ground Handling Ops- Pete O'Hare	Museum	Complete
January 13	Airport Operations- Mike Mathews	Museum	Complete
January 20	Mishaps Lessons Learned- Gerad Riestar	Museum	Complete
January 27	Pancake Breakfast & Safety Videos	Museum	Complete
February 3	Safety Standdown	Museum	Complete
February 10	Safety Standdown	Museum	Complete
February 17	Safety Standdown	Museum	Complete
February 24	Pancake breakfast & Mandatory Pilot Meeting for all Pilots flying in 2018	Museum	Complete
March 3	Safety Standdown	Museum	Complete
March 10	Safety Standdown	Museum	Complete
March 17	All Hands on deck for upcoming Airshow	Museum	Complete
March 24-25	Wings Over Atlanta	Dobbins AFB	<i>Canceled</i>
April 7-8	Thunder in the Valley Airshow	Columbus, GA	Complete
April 14	Museum of Flight Gala	Museum	Complete
April 28	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	
April 28-29	Joint Base Charleston Expo	North Charleston, SC	
May 19	Good Neighbor Day Fly-in	KPDK	
May 26	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	
May 26	Open House	Museum	
TBD; May/June	Airshow	Calhoun	
June	Museum Open House	Rome, GA	
June 23	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	
July 28	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	
August 25	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	
September 15-16	Owensboro Airshow	Owensboro, KY	
September	1970s Hangar Dance	Rome, GA	
September 22	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	
September 22	Fly-in	Lafayette, GA	
September 29	Fly-in	Crossville, GA	
October 13-14	Wings Over North Georgia Airshow	Rome, GA	
October 27	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	
October 27-28	NAS Jax Airshow	Jacksonville	
November 3	Toys for Tots & Mess Night	Museum	
November 24	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	
December 29	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	





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