

"READY ROOM"

NEWSLETTER

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Our Mission is to increase the awareness of aviation through the flight of historic aircraft, while supporting the Anna Shaw Children's Institute.

Members and Friends,

This will be one of the most difficult newsletters I have ever put together.

I am deeply saddened to share that Peter O'Hare passed away peacefully in the evening of June 13th. He fought valiantly but, in the end, was overcome by the severity of his injuries. More details are found within the newsletter.

For those that wish to pay their respects, a visitation for Pete will be held from 3pm – 6pm Saturday, June 17th at Chattanooga Funeral Home (North Chapel) at 5401 TN-153, Hixson, TN 37343. Please no cut flowers due to allergies; live plants are ok. Susan has requested donations be made to the [Museum of Flight](#). A future celebration of life at the museum is in the planning stages. We know there is a joyous meeting in heaven as Pete rejoins other museum members that have gone west. Clear skies and tailwinds, my friend.

Meanwhile, the month of May included the successful open house featuring the Huey, Cobra, the museum's T-28s, and the DC-3 "Flagship Detroit" restored to its 1937 glory, just to name a few of the displays that day. We also had some very special visitors to the museum. We love sharing the museum with school groups.

Until next month,

Rebecca McAllister

Becky McAllister
Communications, MOF

Docents Positions Open

No background in aviation is needed or required to be a docent – just an enthusiasm to share the love of history, aviation, and/or the military with the visitors, young and old. We have seasoned volunteers willing to training you, one-on-one, so you can become comfortable in this role.

A docent orients visitors to the various exhibits, planes and vehicles while spreading the mission of the museum, "...to increase the awareness of aviation through the flight of historic aircraft..."

Docents also operate the front desk by handing admissions, gift shop, memberships and answering the phone.

Being a docent is a way to give back to the community.



<https://mofts.org>



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[YouTube](#)

The inside aviation, military memorabilia and outdoor displays are open 10-4 (Tues-Sat) at the Paulding County Airport.

Paulding Co. Airport
730 Airport Parkway
Dallas, GA 30157

Tours of our flying aircraft in Rome (Richard B. Russell Airport) by appointment only. [\(423\) 228-2FLY](#).

Rome Hangar
304 Russell Field Rd NE,
Rome, GA 30165

New Office Address
7022 Shallowford Rd.
Suite 1 #146
Chattanooga, TN 37421



Mascot: Pete O'Hare and Quimby in the T-28.



Peter Eric O'Hare

NOVEMBER 1, 1959 – JUNE 13, 2023



CWO5, Peter Eric "Wheeler" O'Hare, flew into heaven on June 13, 2023, from the Fred Still Burn ICU in Augusta, Georgia, after the final battle of his life. The love and care he received there could only be described as exceptional.

Anyone that knew Peter O'Hare loved him, was inspired by him, and saw him as a superhero. Isaiah 6:8 exemplifies how he led his life, "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said I, Here am I: send me." He loved God, country, and family with a passion he demonstrated every single day with his energy and enthusiasm for life.

He is survived by his wife, Susan O'Hare, daughters, Savannah Mello (Sean Mello), Hanna Thompson (Nick Thompson), and grandson, Mark Thompson.

His love of aviation led him to found The Museum of Flight, Hixson, now co-located in Rome and Dallas, Georgia. Donations in his memory should be made to <https://hixsonflightmuseum-922263.square.site>.

Arrangements are under the care of the North Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home, Crematory and Florist, 5401 Highway 153, Hixson.

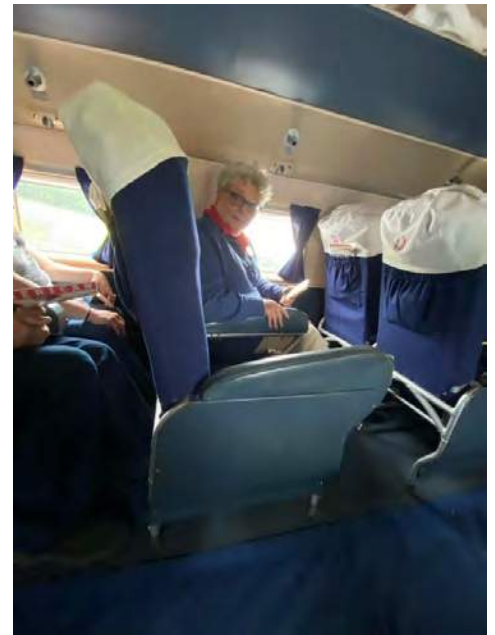
The family asks that NO cut flowers be sent for the visitation. Live plants will be accepted.

Memorial Donations can [be made online](https://mofts.org), or you can send a check to the Museum of Flight, 7022 Shallowford Road, Suite 1 #146, Chattanooga, TN 37421.

Open House 2023



We couldn't have asked for a nicer day for this year's open house. We had nice weather, a fun crowd and some great visitors with the Huey, Cobra and "Flagship Detroit" not to mention various vendors and activities for kids and adults.



We truly appreciate the community coming out for this day and all the volunteers that made it run smoothly.



Life members Gil and Sandy Espy as well as Jim Beaver manned the MOF souvenir booth.

The kids enjoyed their craft projects with Home Depot. Can't beat a fire engine for that wow factor! Kids loved it.



Model Middle School Special Needs Visit Rome



2023 Calendar of Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
April 21-23	MCAS Beaufort Airshow	MCAS Beaufort, SC
April 29	Open Hangar Gala	Rome, GA
May 20	Museum Open House	Rome, GA
June 3	Calhoun Fly-In Wings and Wheels	Calhoun, GA
August 10 - 15	American Legion World Series Fly-bys	Shelby, NC
October 6	Crossville, TN Fly-In	Crossville, TN
October 14	London Corbin Fly-In	London-Corbin, KY
October 21	Murder Mystery Dinner	TBA
<i>All dates are subject to change. Check future newsletters for additional events.</i>		



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 David Ball
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 George Barron
 Jeanne & Tony Bass
 Wain Bates
 James Beaver
 Jason Beaver
 Brayden Becker
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 Ernie & Nancy Betancourt
 David Biloz & Family
 Jason Bostic
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