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Commemorative Air Force
B-29 / B-24 Squadron

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Scott Slocum

Diamond Lil going on tour
January-February 2019



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Winter maintenance on FIFI continues with senior crew chief Rick Garvis and assistant crew chief Ben Powers reinstalling a prop on FIFI after completing an engine inspection.

AirPower Couples of the CAF B-29/B-24 Squadron



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Andrea Hanson**



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*B-29/B-24 Squadron
Officer & Staff Listing*

B-29 / B-24 Squadron Directory			
Position	Name	Phone	Email
If you would like to get scheduled on a Tour Stop as a Crew Member... Contact the following:			
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Its FUN to Volunteer			
www.CAFB29B24.org		www.AirPowerTour.org	

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COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE

CAF AirPower History Tour

Fort Worth, Texas
March 16, 2019

Tulsa, Oklahoma
April 12-14, 2019

Montgomery, Alabama
May 17 - 19, 2019

Chattanooga, Tennessee
May 23 - 26, 2019

**Tri Cities -
Bristol, Kingsport and
Johnson City, Tennessee**
May 29 - June 2, 2019

Salisbury, Maryland
June 3-5, 2019

Reading, Pennsylvania
June 7-9, 2019

Baltimore, Maryland
June 12-16, 2019

Lexington, Kentucky
June 19-23, 2019

Trenton, New Jersey
June 17-24, 2019

Cincinnati, Ohio
July 10-14, 2019

Muncie, Indiana
July 15-17, 2019

Janesville, Wisconsin
July 19-21, 2019

Appleton, Wisconsin
**Rides during 2019
EAA AirVenture**
July 23-26, 2019

La Crosse, Wisconsin
July 26-28, 2019

Muskogee, Oklahoma
August 7-11, 2019

Sioux City, Iowa
August 7-11, 2019

Bismarck, North Dakota
August 14-18, 2019

Fargo, North Dakota
August 21-25, 2019

Salina, Kansas
September 4-8, 2019

Topeka, Kansas
September 11-15, 2019

Branson, Missouri
September 18-22, 2019

Fayetteville, Arkansas
September 25-29, 2019

New Orleans, Louisiana
October 11-13, 2019

Dallas, Texas
October 25-27, 2019

***Schedule subject to change**
Check www.airpowertour.org

www.AirPowerTour.org

Squadron Report

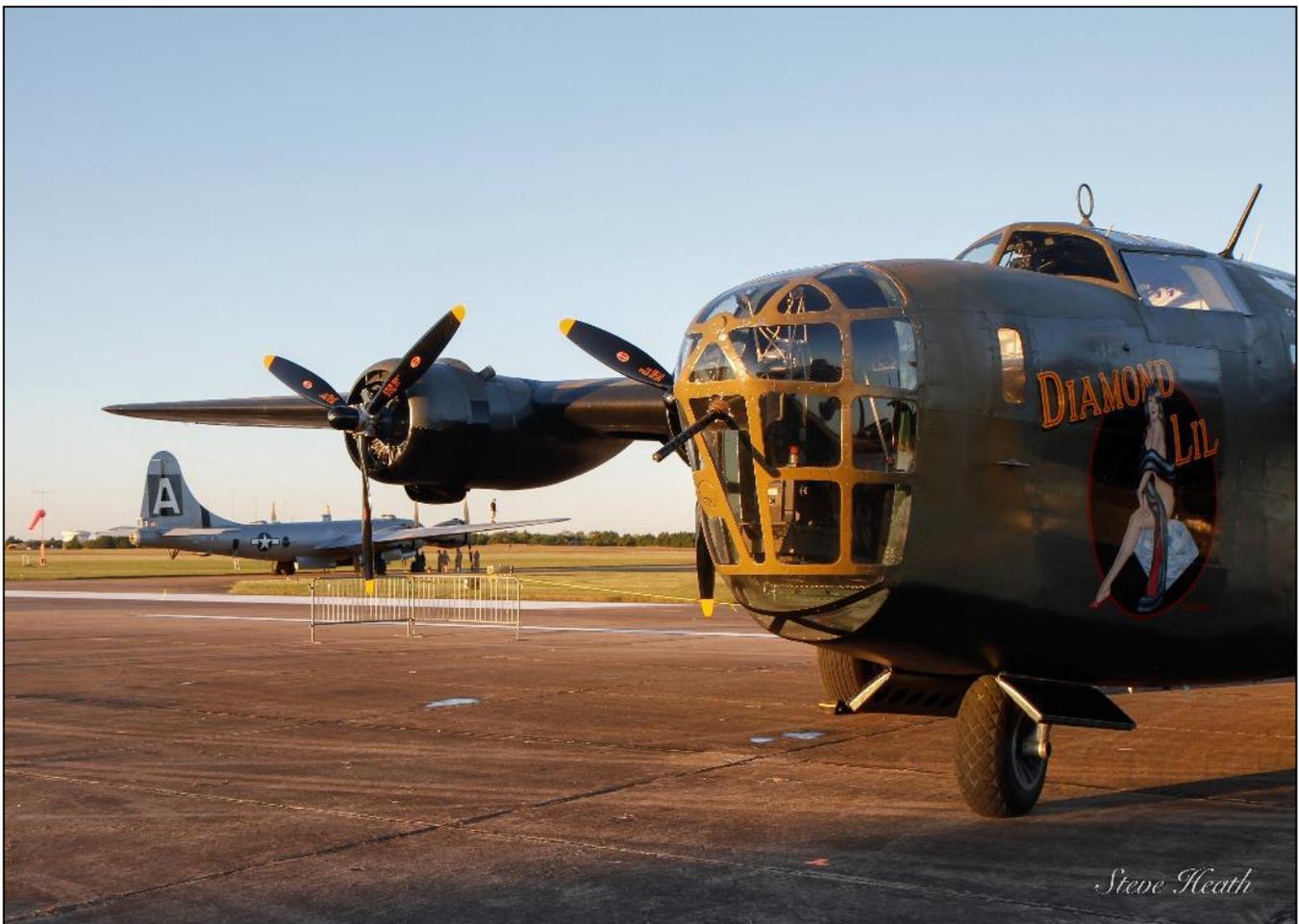
The Commemorative Air Force really is an amazing organization. The CAF has created a wonderful opportunity for each of us to participate in promoting, maintaining, flying and traveling around the country with these historic aircraft - all for a CAF and Squadron annual membership fee totalling \$275.00. Where else in the world can you be so up close to history and these iconic aircraft? Answer: Nowhere.

Just think about our two, 4-engine bombers and consider the history and importance of these two airplanes. This Squadron has been charged with taking care of these two pieces of history. I hope you realize what is available to you as a Squadron member.

If you are not already, it's time for you to get involved. It will change your life. You will meet many wonderful like-minded people. All you have to do is want to be involved. As soon as you do, you will begin to learn the ins and outs of maintaining and crewing on these airplanes. Once you tour with them you are hooked. Being on the road with these airplanes and other crew members is an experience you won't forget.

We have a very aggressive tour schedule this year. Now is the time to jump in and make this your year to expand your involvement in the CAF B-29/B-24 Squadron.

Jonathan Oliver
Squadron Leader



Steve Heath

Executive Officer Report

Be Part of the Team

Inclusion, according to Webster, means: “of being included within a group or structure.” Here at the B29/B24 Squadron I take that meaning to have two important components. First, the group must welcome you and second you must bring your skills and effort to the group.

I have been involved with the CAF for nearly six years and have always felt this unit welcomed newcomers and gave them a chance to excel. Not all CAF units are so accommodating. With that said, I believe it is incumbent upon all of us who have been here for some period of time, including officers, volunteers, and employees to strive to do our absolute best to encourage, involve and mentor new members. When a new member arrives and begins to participate no one knows what this new member may contribute or if one day they will be the unit leader.

On the other side of the same coin, the new member must participate at the level they have comfort. Obviously this will change over time and circumstance for some. Safety is paramount, and serving the unit can take many forms. The jobs available around the Squadron seem endless. Many members are satisfied to pay dues and attend the occasional meeting, while others participate in Squadron activities nearly full time and tour for months on end. Either is good and welcome as long as the member is happy with their level of participation.

So what is my point with all this human resources mumbo jumbo? All Squadron members are encouraged to participate to the best of their abilities and help others achieve the same. If you are new and are interested in a certain plum job in the unit, go for it. Find an officer or established member who can mentor you and help you get there. You might not get it immediately (although you might), but a mentor will provide the best guidance and path to the quickest success. It's a great way to learn and contribute. We need all the help we can get around here.

Al Herum
Executive Officer



Get involved. There are lots of ways including maintenance help. We love our maintenance volunteers!!!

Flight Operations Report

The first tour of 2019 is nearly upon us. Rick, Ben and our volunteers have been working feverishly on *FIFI* and *Lil* to get the ladies ready. The winter maintenance work this year is as ambitious as any other year and all is on track.

Another terrific Ground School was held in February for the B-24, C-45, T-34, and Stearman. Coming up, Ground School for the B-29 and T-6 has been planned for the weekend of April 25-26-27. The theme for ground school this year is CRM/ORM. If you have not made plans to be there, please do so and you will learn more about what those letters mean. This school is important for everyone planning to tour with any aircraft regardless of whether one is a flight, ground or tour crew member. Ground School is where we teach and refresh what we do so that 2019 is even more successful than 2018. Please do not miss it. A terrific tour schedule has been planned for all the aircraft this year.

Each year we have a requirement to do training on the aircraft and certain courses online to remain current per FAA regulations and CAF regulations. Everyone should of completed the Safety Stand Down video located at <https://www.cafoperations.org>.

Pilots need to do training on the exemption 6802 (B-24/B-29) and also 60-1 ORM/CRM available on the CAF website which automatically sends me a Completion certificate for the year. Pilots also yearly need to complete Form 601 pilot experience correctly and completely be able to be issued required documents for operating the aircraft. No Form 601 filled out, no flying and no consideration to be able to transition to a flying opportunity. The Form 601 has your contact information, current flying hours and copies of your current medical and flying licenses.

Last year getting your medical to load with pilot licenses front and back took an IPAD in the camera mode to take a picture. Do not try to load you medical and license from a pdf file or it will come out blank on the form 601. There is a place to take picture of the front of license and at the bottom an additional area for back side of license.

Likewise Maintainers have to take training for 66-1 Maintenance to be able to work on the aircraft. Please finish this training as soon as possible so it will be current for this year.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Ground School and on tour this year.

Archie Taylor
Flight Operations Officer



Maintenance

Report

"FIFI"

Crew Chief Rick Garvis, his assistant Ben Powers and many able volunteers are hard at work accomplishing our routine winter maintenance program that has proven so successful. Installation of the new exhaust system on number one engine is progressing, once completed all four engines will be so equipped. Number three engine has been removed and shipped to Anderson Airmotive for scheduled top overhaul inspection. The replacement engine has been hung and installation is nearing completion. Next on the list of heavy lifting items will be breaking down all main gear wheels for X-ray inspection. This intensified procedure was deemed necessary after finding a cracked wheel during preflight last season.

We are in the final planning stages for performing complete avionics upgrades to include entirely new avionics and intercom systems. *PS Engineering* has constructed and donated a custom intercom and audio selection system built specifically for *FIFI*. *Gulf Coast Avionics* has agreed to donate a complete suite of Garmin avionics along with the necessary installation components, harnesses, and technicians to provide final installation programming and checkout. We are very excited to be able to make this announcement and thankful to *PS Engineering* and *Gulf Coast Avionics* for their generosity and support.



Much like us, regular exercise is proven best for staying in shape. We plan to fly *LIL* throughout the winter to make certain she stays that way while capitalizing on these opportunities for crew training and currency. There will always be help needed with post flight cleanup and maintenance. As always thanks for your support.

Phil Pedron
B-29/B-24 Squadron Maintenance Officer

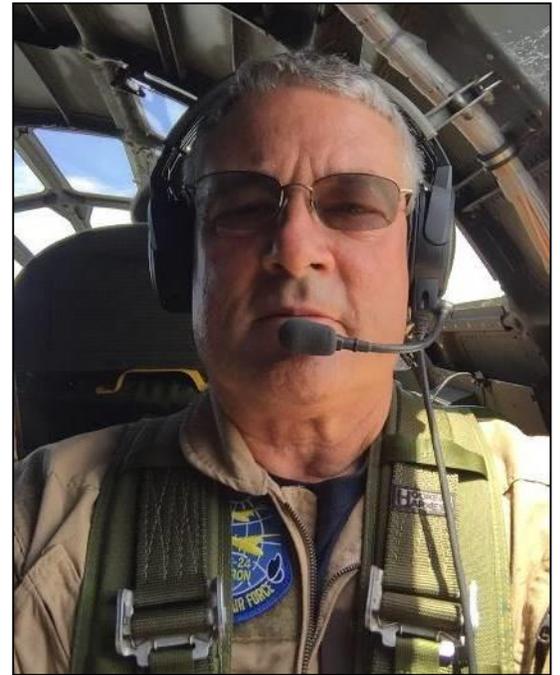


Photo by Crew Chief Rick

Training & Safety Report

“Be Safe”.....the statement itself encompasses so many intangibles that it would be next to impossible to be all inclusive. You may feel that you’ve covered all safety items and be “good to go”, and still miss that one thing. Hence, the use of the word “Accident”.

Case in point, a couple of weeks ago while working on the planes at VFM, we had a hydraulic line burst on one of the B-4 Stands. For those unfamiliar, this is a movable platform that can be elevated to position yourself to a workable height, six or more feet above the floor. There were no injuries, but with the *rapid decent* of the lift, it certainly got our attention.



What can be learned from this? Number one, and most important is, to not become complacent and assumewell, it was okay the last time. Also, use all preventive measures and devices designed for the equipment. Be sure to check all equipment before use and do your best to eliminate the word “accident”.

Be watching your email to sign up for B-29 Ground School. The dates for the event are April 26-28th. Remember, you must be a Colonel in good standing (National dues) and a current Squadron Member. Squadron dues renew every January (only \$75). Colonel dues renew every year in the month you first joined. Check the Member Roster on our Squadron website for your Colonel and Squadron member status.

If you have any questions about touring or anything else I can help you with, please email me at: rabroker@hotmail.com

Always remember:
“IF THE JOB IS DONE RIGHT, IT IS SAFE”

Steve Rabroker
Safety Officer



Diamond Lil – first training flight of the 2019 tour season.

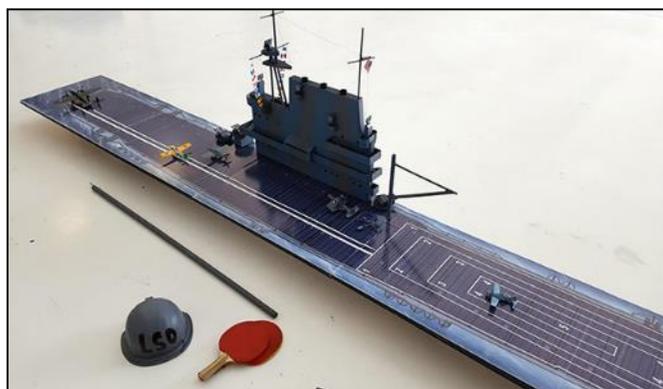
Education Report

On March 1, the CAF will dedicate the Henry B. Tippie National Education Center at Dallas Executive Airport. Here is the press release on the CAF website with all of the details. Congratulations CAF! https://commemorativeairforce.org/news/CAF-breaks-ground-on-National-Aviation-Education-Center?fbclid=IwAR3FrZQGgodm3NB7XYfwOuS1Iw4uMiuVqq3uI8HenuYtREZmT1Mwoib_SRQ

I wish I could attend but have mandatory staff training at my college that day. So I will be celebrating the CAF's milestone from afar along with other CAF members across the country. I am excited about offering my help in any way I can to the education mission of this new facility.



My daughter is a senior at UNT. Like her mother, she is going to be a teacher and I could not be more proud. On March 26, I am presenting to her early childhood (K-6) student-teacher class. The subject is "how to teach young children about WWII." On my virtual and actual shelves, I have a variety of plastic/3D WWII models, many have appeared in The Flyer. But, no tool has been more impactful, particularly for younger kids, than the 12 ft. zipline carrier I've been hauling around to events for nearly 1 1/2 years now. I will be taking the carrier to UNT for the class demonstration. This carrier was modeled after the USS Hornet CV-8. Now we have the extraordinary news of the USS Hornet being found on the sea floor 77 years after she was lost in action. The video/pictures are incredible. I will weave these current events into my presentation.



Zipline Hornet model and images of USS Hornet wreckage.

But another recent moment in the news gives me pause to think about WWII. At the 2019 State of the Union, President Trump introduced Sgt. Herman Zeitchik, an American soldier and veteran of D-Day who later helped liberate the Dachau death camp. Sitting beside Zeitchik was Joshua Kaufman, a survivor of the camp.



In 2015, my wife attended a summer institute about the Holocaust. She invited me to attend a screening of a documentary with her classmates. I asked her to share her thoughts about the class and experience with Flyer readers.



Joshua Kaufman and Sgt. Herman Zeitchik at 2019 SOTU

What she wrote in 2015 from the perspective of a teacher sticks with me to this day. I have reprinted her article in this issue for you. The story of WWII is complex and challenging to teach new generations, particularly as more and more years go by. The CAF has taken another step forward to continue teaching this story and I am proud to be a part of this organization and its mission. Lest we forget.

Konley Kelley
Education Officer



Member News

January-February 2019



The CAF National Publication, *The Dispatch*, has highlighted *FIFI* and the AirPower History Tour in its February 2019 issue. If you have not seen the issue, click the link below the cover.

The Squadron welcomes new members added in January-February, 2019

Mathew Ellison, Lincoln, NE
Mike McGaha, Jonesborough, TN
Donald Jones, Colleyville, TX
Trevor Henson, Kansas City, MO
Kyle Williams, Houston, TX
Robert Krone, Euless, TX
Robert Dodson, Saginaw, TX
David Sequeira, Fort Worth, TX

Reminders:

Winner of the New Squadron Shirt for renewing by January 19th was Dorsey Martin, Choctaw, OK. 2nd and 3rd place gift certificates went to Pam Pedron and Maddie Willis

March 16th – Ride Day at VFM, 9:00am – 5:00pm
April 26-28th – B-29 Ground School
***watch for registration info

Check the Squadron website under the Members Only section for your membership status on Squadron and Colonel membership. You can also see dates for future meetings and events.

If you have membership questions or there is anything I can do to help you get involved, please let me know. - Toni

Membership Info

If you have any membership questions, please feel free to contact me at rabroker@hotmail.com
Dues and new member apps can be mailed to:
CAF B-29/B-24 Squadron
PO Box 763577
Dallas, TX 75376



<http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/4786d328#/4786d328/1>



Make sure you visit the Squadron Px for all your Ground School needs.

Px Captains, Alma and Rocky Smith will take care of you.

Whether we are on tour or home, we can fill your order. Short or long sleeve uniform shirts, performance polos, quarter zip fleece, as well as hats and tshirts (as found on www.B29B24PX.org). We will even do name drops on the shirts. Email alma@b29b24px.org with size, quantity, your phone and email information.

Find us on [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/B29B24PX)



Staff Spotlight Andrea Hanson



Hello all! My name is Andrea Hanson and I'd like to introduce myself as the new Office Administrator for the Squadron. I joined the team in early February and have thoroughly enjoyed my first month assisting the Squadron with day-to-day activities and operations.

I grew up in rural Ohio in a small town called New Bremen. My grandparents, however, lived down the street from the National Museum of the United States Air Force near Dayton. Needless to say, I made countless visits to Wright-Patterson's own military aviation museum as a child, but never imagined I would have the privilege to work for an organization that is dedicated to preserving similar pieces of history.

My career began outside of both the aviation and nonprofit sectors. I graduated from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana with a degree in Landscape Architecture. From there, I moved to the great state of Texas and worked as a Landscape Architect for a couple different firms in downtown Dallas.

I met my husband, a Minnesota native, shortly after moving to Dallas. We currently live in Waxahachie along with our crazy (but oh-so-adorable) rescue dog named Piper. My husband, Sam, works full-time training both veteran police officers and those new to the field of criminal justice.

After witnessing the excitement and passion surrounding Wings Over Dallas in 2016, I decided to hop on board. If I look familiar, it may be because I've worked for the Membership Department with CAF Headquarters for the past (nearly) two years. Working with the Membership Department has given me an appreciation for the time, effort, and resources our volunteers commit to keeping the mission alive.

I'm therefore looking forward to further engaging with all of you at the unit level. I'm excited to use my skills and talents to help make the Squadron and your collective goals a success. Please stop by the office and say hi if (and when) you find yourself at Dallas Executive Airport! Again, I'm happy to be here and looking forward to the coming year!

Andrea Hanson



MAINTENANCE IN PROGRESS

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Vintage Flying Museum, Meacham Airport, Fort Worth



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**B-24 Mx
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**Mechanics
General maintenance
Help around the hangar**

www.cafb29b24.org





Photo Album

Squadron Meeting

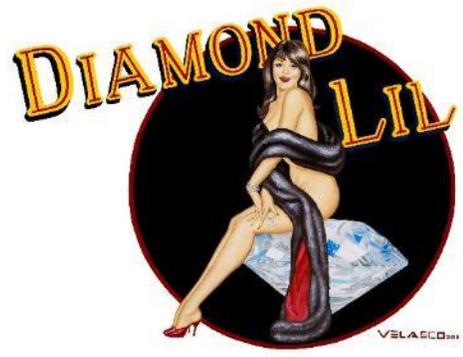
January 19, 2019

Photos by Steve Heath





**B-24 Ground School
February 23-24, 2019
Schedule of Activities**





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Ground School 2019
CAF B-29 / B-24 Squadron

Saturday – February 23

Session #1 – Ft. Worth – Radisson Hotel Fossil Creek – Westbrook Room

7:30 am to 5:55 pm

All Participants – Pilots, FE's, Scanners

7:30am – 8:00am	SIGN IN & REGISTRATION	Toni Rabroker, Andrea Hanson
8:00am – 8:05am	WELCOME & Introductions	Jon Oliver
8:05am – 8:10am	Schedule for the Day	Jon Oliver
8:10am – 8:40am	Expectations for GS APHT Schedule 2019	Jon Oliver
8:40am – 8:50am	MX Update / Volunteers	Phil Pedron
8:50am – 8:55am	Diamond Lil Century Club	Toni Rabroker
9:00am – 9:55am	Ops 1 – Pilots, FEs, Scanners	Al Benzing
10:00am – 10:55pm	CRM 1 – Pilots, FEs, Scanners	Al Benzing, Rick Garvis
11:00pm – 11:55pm	Lunch on site	Catered by Sq
12:00pm – 12:55pm	B-24 Sys 1 – Pilots, FEs	Al Benzing
1:00pm – 1:55pm	B-24 Sys 2 – Pilots, FEs	Al Herum
2:00pm – 2:55pm	B-24 Ops – Pilots, FEs	Bill Goeken
3:00pm – 3:55pm	Ops 1 – All AC – All Pilots, FEs	Mike Caraway
4:00pm – 4:55pm	Ops 2 – All AC – All Pilots, FEs	Mike Caraway
5:00pm – 5:55pm	Ops 3 – All AC – All Pilots, FEs	Mike Caraway

Scanners – transition after lunch to VFM – Vintage Flying Museum (Please park on south end of hanger in the grass)

12:30pm – 5:30pm Scanner Orientation & Training



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Ground School 2019
CAF B-29 / B-24 Squadron

Sunday – February 24

Session #2 – Ft. Worth – Radisson Hotel Fossil Creek – Westbrook Room

8:00 am to 5:55 pm

B-24 FEs and B-24, C-45, T-34 Pilots

8:00am – 8:55am	CRM 2 – All Pilots, FEs	Al Herum
9:00am – 9:55am	CRM 3 – All Pilots, FEs	Al Benzing
10:00am – 10:55am	Ops 2 – All Pilots, FEs	Rick Garvis
11:00am – 11:55am	Ops 3 – All Pilots, FEs	Bill Goeken
11:55am – 12:55pm	Lunch	Catered by Sq
1:00pm – 1:55pm	Aircraft Strategies	Al Herum
2:00pm – 2:55pm	C-45 Systems	Jon Oliver
3:00pm – 3:55pm	C-45 Operations	Jon Oliver
4:00pm – 4:55pm	T-34 Systems	Lloyd Hedges
5:00pm – 5:55pm	T-34 Operations	Al Benzing

Scanners – VFM – Vintage Flying Museum – Hangar

8:00am – 12:00pm	Scanner Training at VFM
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See the new *Diamond Lil* "What you can do" Fundraiser movie from Scott Edge

https://www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/caf-b-24-liberator-diamond-lil-n24927?fbclid=IwAR0MmZ4FJQZGunNA3VM2xP9zmtS_UUEvfr0hG-ie2n3wRQFZFzGVsCN_Au8





Squadron Announcement

Squadron Px Trailer Fundraiser

PLEASE DONATE NOW

Our Px Captains, Rocky and Alma Smith faithfully follow the AirPower History Tour across the country year to year. They are a welcome sight at tour stops and an integral part of the history, hospitality, rides, merchandising/branding and excitement we bring to the public. Our touring crews will tell you they are the home away from home.

The Squadron Px Trailer has traveled more miles than you'd ever want to know. It is on its last legs. The Squadron is raising money to purchase a new, improved and reliable traveling trailer for all the great Px items and tour stop set-up/support materials Rocky and Alma haul on the road. The new trailer will again be wrapped as a traveling billboard for the AirPower History Tour with awesome images of our aircraft and website.

The donation page is set-up and running. Make your donation of \$100, \$500, \$1,000 or anything you can to make the new trailer happen.

**TO DONATE
CLICK BELOW**

Pics of new trailer

https://caf.formstack.com/forms/trailer_2019



WARBIRD RIDE DAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019

9 AM TO 5 PM



TAKE A RIDE ON
THESE HISTORIC
AIRCRAFT



COCKPIT TOURS
AVAILABLE

SCHEDULE YOUR RIDE AT
WWW.VINTAGEFLYINGMUSEUM.ORG



ADMISSION
ADULT: \$10
TEENS & SENIOR CITIZENS: \$8
CHILDREN (6-12): \$5
CHILDREN UNDER 6: FREE



Meacham Field (FTW) 505 Northwest 38th Street Fort Worth Texas 76106

For Additional Information Call 817-624-1935 Or Email vfm@VintageFlyingMuseum.org Visit www.VintageFlyingMuseum.org

Volunteers needed! Contact Toni Rabroker rabroker@hotmail.com



AirPower History Tour

Media Team

By Jacques Robitaille



In January of this year, a new media team was pulled together to manage the way our tour stops are promoted and publicized, with the goal of providing the B-29/B-24 Squadron with exceptional media coverage at all of our tour stops and other events.

The media team is planning to be pro-active in researching media options for each stop before the tour begins, then identifying stops that require particular actions to best serve the unit and increase attendance.

Media to be reviewed for each stop will include TV, radio, and local print news. When possible the team will take advantage of free media by arranging interviews with crew members, squadron members, and when available appropriate veterans. We will also pursue advertising in conjunction with offering complete article packages including graphics to local print media for publication.

Internet marketing will take place via Facebook, both on our own page as well as through ad buys when appropriate. We will also look at the feasibility of developing a presence on Twitter and Instagram as additional avenues to promote events. Press releases and posting will be made to appropriate aviation related sites as well, ie Social Flight.

Partner outfits available at each tour stop will be contacted as appropriate, to include CAF units, museums, EAA chapters, EAA warbird chapters, USAF clubs, etc. We will work together to develop a joint marketing effort. Both a digital and hard copy press kit will be developed for distribution to appropriate media outlets. Tour leaders would be provided hard copy press kits for distribution in the field.



And finally a Media Tour Stop Checklist is being developed to cover all the possibilities that may exist at any given tour stop. Use of this checklist will provide a framework for a repeatable process that can enhance the effectiveness of the current media team as well as provide an outline for any new members to join the team and become effective members quickly.

The tour season will be upon us soon, and we are moving quickly to get the pieces in place to help us advance our publicity and promotional efforts.

The media team leader and *Media Tour Liaison* is Jacques Robitaille. Team members are Brad Pilgrim, Kon Kelley, Ross Martin, Steve Shapiro and Joe Reavis.

If you have experience in social media and marketing or just have a desire to help out and would like to join the team, we'd love to hear from you. I can be reached at jrobi1116@outlook.com

CAF AirPower History Tour



National Air Tour of Historic World War II Aircraft

COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE

Experience

DIAMOND LIL



plus other rare warbirds

One of the last flying B-24 Liberators



P-51
Mustang



C-45
Expeditor



T-6
Texan



Fairchild
PT-19



PT-13
Stearman

Location

Tulsa Air & Space Museum
3624 N. 74th East Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74115



Schedule

Friday, April 12	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 13	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 14	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Aircraft tours after 12:00 p.m.

Cost

Access to Ramp and Museum
Adults \$20
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Special Feature AirPower Couples of the CAF B-29/B-24 Squadron

Thanks to Toni Rabroker for this idea and special thanks to the couples who are a part of this feature. We know there are more of you out there. We celebrate all of you and your love for the Squadron. Happy Valentine's Day! – The Editor



Steve and Toni Rabroker

How did you meet? We met through mutual friends.

How long have you been married?

Almost 20 years

How long have you been CAF members?

8 years

What do you love about the CAF? We love all the great people we've been able to meet and associate with and the opportunity to share the warbirds and keep history alive.

What CAF activity do you enjoy the most as a couple? We love serving at Squadron meetings, but especially enjoy touring and doing ride flights together on *Diamond Lil!*



Brad and Kristine Pilgrim

How did you meet? We were Loadmasters in the same squadron on C-17s at Charleston SC. I gave her a no-notice checkride out of Incirlik, Turkey heading back to Ramstein, Germany. She thought I was really mean!

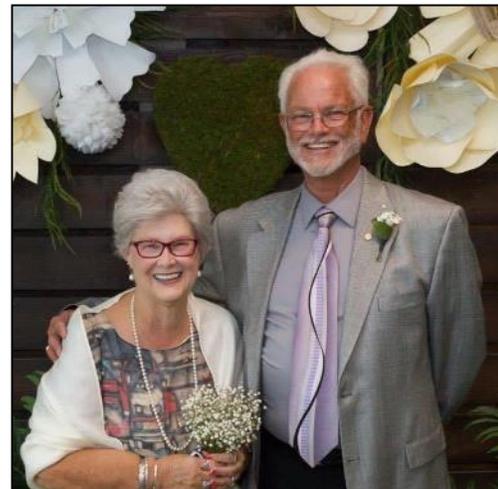
How long have you been married? Ten years

How long have you been CAF members?

Brad-a really long time! Kristine-about 10 years

What do you love about the CAF? The airplanes and the history behind them.

What CAF activity do you enjoy the most as a couple? We always enjoyed touring together and hanging out with the people the people that made this so fun.



Bill and Julia Williams

How did you meet? We met on a blind date 9/06/1963. Julia was 16 Billy was 21.

How long have you been married? 53 years

How long have you been CAF members?

Billy 2016, Julia 2017

What do you love about the CAF?

Learning about the other members. Being around the airplanes. Billy enjoys working on the planes and going to the ground school

What CAF activity do you enjoy the most as a couple? We like helping the refreshment committee and especially Wings over Dallas working with the hamburger, hot dog crew in the workers canteen. This year we were honored to present the missing man table at one of the meetings.



Dan and Mary Owens

How did you meet? Mary and I met in kindergarten. Although we knew each other all through school we didn't start dating until high school.

How long have you been married? I married my high school sweetheart July 3, 1970 and we will be married 49 years in July.

How long have you been CAF members? I have been a member of the CAF since 2008. Even though Mary has been very supportive of my involvement with the CAF she didn't join until 2017.

What do you love about the CAF? I have always had a love for the B-29, but we really enjoy the friendships we have made in the squadron.

What CAF activity do you enjoy most as a couple? We enjoy working and socializing with the other couples that are out on tour.

Air Power Couples



Burney and Michelle Baskett

How did you meet? 35 years ago, after a lazy Sunday at the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo, my friend was insistent on extending our evening at a local bar to meet her a "cowboy". I had zero interest in meeting a "cowboy". Little did we know that I would meet a firefighter, blonde curls peeking out from under his well-worn cowboy hat, with a spirit that stole my heart and changed my life forever. Lucky me!

How long have you been married? 30 years

How long have you been CAF members? Burney - 16 years; Michelle - 1 year

What do you love about the CAF? The "family" aspect of it. Burney started out going to CAF events with his Dad as a kid back in the 70's. Now the both of us enjoy spending time with like minded history/airplane geeks who have a passion to "keep 'em flying".

What CAF activity do you enjoy the most as a couple? Going out on the tour stops. Getting out and meeting the folks who love history and aircraft as much as us and having a chance to show off our beautiful airplanes!!



Glenn and Mary Mount

How did you meet? At work in 1977

How long have you been married? 28 years

How long have you been CAF members? Since 1993

What do you love about the CAF? The aircraft, the people, the friendships, the organization, the history, the experiences, the many opportunities to meet and talk to so many veterans and hear their stories.

What CAF activity do you enjoy the most as a couple? Touring with the AirPower History Tour. We love it! It's fun and relaxing for us because we are so busy at home with our local squadron. Plus we get to enjoy time and share laughs with other crew/CAF members who have become such good friends. And of course the wonderful people we meet across the USA at each tour stop, some have also become friends. More importantly to us, it is an honor and privilege to travel with FIFI and experience first hand the joy and memories she brings to others. We will forever treasure these incredible experiences.



Jacques and Patti Robitaille

How did you meet? We met in college after I came home from service in the Air Force in 1976.

How long have you been married? 38 years

How long have you been CAF members? 5 years

What do you love about the CAF?

I've always held a fascination with WW2 aviation, so upon retirement joining up with the CAF was a way for me to pursue that interest. I enjoy working on the airplanes, as well as going out on tour. But, as I'm sure you will hear from most folks, what gets us here is the airplanes, what keeps us here is the people. We've always found everyone to be welcoming and have made great friends.

What CAF activity do you enjoy the most as a couple?

I certainly enjoy touring and Patti has joined me a few times on the road. We'd like to do more of that in the future. We have also enjoyed volunteering together at events like the Wings over Dallas hospitality tent. And of course reconnecting with friends at the squadron meetings is always fun.



Patrick and Sheri Glynn

How did you meet? We met at work. Sheri was the purchasing agent, I was the maintenance supervisor.

How long have you been married? 11 years

How long have you been in the CAF?

We've been with the CAF about five years

What do you love about the CAF? We love the people and the friendships that we've established and the veterans.

What CAF activity do you enjoy the most as a couple? Would love to go on tour with the B-29 as a couple.

Air Power Couples



Rocky and Alma Smith

How did you meet? Blind date

How long have you been married? 24 years in April

How long have you been CAF members? Since 2011 (Alma); Since 2010 (Rocky)

What do you love about the CAF? The deep dedication and love for these aircraft and the respect for the history that dedication represents.

What CAF activity do you enjoy the most as a couple? Holding down the PX/Ride Desk tent in the driving rain (kidding...) The camaraderie of the working together on tour and talking with our guests who are excited to see the aircraft!



Phil and Pam Pedron

How did you meet? Pam and I met in 1981 at the Tico Airshow in Titusville, FL while I was attending College at Embry Riddle. While in College I worked for a gentleman named Harry Doan restoring warbirds. We had a B-25, F4U-1 and T-6 at the show. Pam was at the show with a girlfriend of Tom Reiley. Tom had helped with our B-25 restoration.

How long have you been married? We have been married since 1982.

How long have you been CAF members? We have been CAF members for about 3 years now.

What do you love about the CAF? As with many, the draw to the CAF is the airplanes, but once involved it is so much more than that. It's the combination of the machines, the history, and primarily the people who built them and took them to war for our freedom. It is an incredible honor to be involved with this organization.

What CAF activity do you enjoy the most as a couple? Pam and I love to tour together. What an opportunity we have traveling the country, bring these flying museums to the public and honoring their history and our veterans. Getting to do this with the one you love is just icing on the cake. It also makes being away from home a little more justifiable by the way.



Stu and Katy Watkins

How did you meet? Stu and I met in church in Canada in 1989. It was nothing short of a miracle...it was definitely a God thing and we were married 7 months later.

How long have you been married? We will be married 29 years on April 21.

How long have you been CAF members? We are both Life Members and we joined the CAF 10 years ago. Stuart was there for *FIFI's* first flight with her new engines on 5 August 2010 (6th August in Japan...ironic) and I returned from Iraq in time to attend the first AirSho after the refit.

What do you love about the CAF? Being a military family who have seen first hand the effects of war, we are passionate about honoring those veterans who have given so much to protect and keep our freedom. We love keeping their memories alive through education to inspire future generations to carry on the value and traditions of selfless service.

What CAF activity do you enjoy the most as a couple? We enjoy sharing FIF's and the other touring aircrafts' history with public and seeing the enthusiasm of those, both young and old, who are taken with their mystique. The grins, tears and awe of those who ride and tour on these WWII aircraft make it all worthwhile.



Guest Editorial

“I had no idea”

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by Whitney Kelley

My wife, Whitney, and I attended a screening of “German Concentration Camps Factual Survey” this week. She explains the history of this documentary in the article below. I have no words to describe what I saw. Whitney is an English teacher at Creekview High School in Carrollton, TX. This screening followed a summer conference she attended at the Dallas Holocaust Museum. With the 70th Anniversary of the end of WWII approaching, I asked her to reflect in her own words on the documentary and her experience at the conference. Lest we forget.

I had no idea

My dad is a student of all things WWII, particularly the military aspects of the war. My parents lived in Germany in the early 60s, as my dad was in the Army and stationed there for a few years. I had grown up looking at family slides, many of which included pictures of Dachau and Auschwitz and post-war Germany. The images of ovens have been seared into my brain, and I honestly thought I had a decent understanding of the atrocities of war. Then, in my adult life, living in Los Angeles and working at Paramount Pictures, I saw the initial screenings of *Schindler’s List* and visited the [Simon Wiesenthal Center](#). I figured I was ahead of the game in understanding how horrible these crimes against humanity were.

I had no idea what an atrocity was.

I’m not a history buff; I teach English. I signed up for a session with the [Holocaust Educators Network](#) (HEN) because I will be teaching a combined class of 10th grade English alongside an AP World History teacher. Since my husband is a walking encyclopedia about WWII aircraft, and I am about to embark on a new teaching journey, it seemed like a responsible thing to do to bone up on my understanding of this era, both for my marriage and my teaching career.

I had no idea what I had signed up for.

For an entire week, I sat with a dozen or so teachers as we walked through the timelines and images of the European theater of war. Our focus was mainly on the policies, occasions and conditions that allowed for the murder of more than 11 million individuals. We read personal accounts and historical documents describing the very real horror of what is now known as The Holocaust. We wrestled with the seemingly unanswerable question of “*How does a watching world allow a regime to systematically torture and murder 11 million souls?*”

I had no idea how to begin to answer that question.

Even though the HEN Summer Institute officially ended a couple of weeks ago, we were invited to attend a screening earlier this week of [German Concentration Camps Factual Survey](#) hosted by the Dallas Holocaust Museum. We were warned that it would be tough to watch. The footage was taken in 1944-1945 during the liberation of Bergen-Belsen (among other camps), intended to be shown to the German populous, forcing them to see what crimes were being committed all around them. However, many circumstances coalesced, and the project was shelved. More than 65 years later, the Imperial War Museum picked up the project and completed it, using the original script that had been written, the original footage and screen shot order and digitally restored the images. They wrestled with the inaccuracies of the information; being filmed and written even while the war was ending, there was so much the documentarians just didn’t know at the time, and some of the information was built on best-guesses of the moment.

This 75 minute film was terrifying, shocking, disgusting and heart-wrenching. The audience sat motionless, silent, as the camera panned to show body after body after body after body. We watched in disbelief as the male German

officers of the SS and the female guards, known as the *aufsererinnen*, showed up for the task of burying the concentration camp's dead with smiles on their faces, obviously in good health and amply nourished. They grabbed and wrestled with the non-compliant corpses, dragging them through the dirt and tossing them with less care than they'd give a rag doll onto a heap of humanity. Countless bodies stacked and dragged and heaved and crumpled and entangled. There are simply no words adequate to describe their callous approach to this sacred job, and it gives insight into the mindset that must have been in place in order to treat fellow humans with such disregard. We sat and gasped as we saw that the beds in one of the camps were made with barbed wire. Even in sleep, these holocaust victims were tortured with the violence of metal barbs tearing at what remained of their clothes and their thin flesh clinging to the silhouette of their skeletons. There was no running water. People were crammed into quarters designed for half as many. Food rations were far too few, and when they were distributed, the narrator explained that the inmates carrying the food back to the barracks were often attacked and beaten, having the rations stolen from them. The dead soon outnumbered the living.

Seventy-five *minutes*. I kept thinking that I wasn't even enduring the horrors onscreen, and I couldn't stomach for just a tad more than an hour. This catastrophic, human-engineered murderous rampage went on for *years*. From the invasion into Poland in 1939 to Victory in Europe in 1945, there were over 3 million minutes. That means the scenes that played out during the brief documentary happened more than 42,000 times and then multiplied by more than 300 locations.

During the entirety of WWII, more than 407,000 Americans gave their lives. According to *The War Chronicle*, the Allied Forces suffered more than 14 million casualties. Over the duration of this war, more than 3% of the world's population died.

I had no idea how to process those statistics.

Over dinner a few months ago, I told a friend about my plans to attend the HEN Summer Institute. He's an American citizen, but emigrated from Sri Lanka a few decades ago. As I explained the purpose of the Institute, he interrupted me and said, "The Holocaust? From World War II? Why are we even still talking about that – it was 70 years ago?"

I had no idea how to respond to him.

I have no doubt his question was sincere, but I don't know if it can be attributed to a different heritage or a different ideology. Either way, I simply didn't have an adequate response because I have never questioned why we study this war. I have always been of the understanding that we study it, lest we be condemned to repeat it. We study it so that no one ever has to ask *why* we study it.

During the course of my summer learning and subsequently the screening of this documentary, the common thread throughout is that it was through the efforts of the "upstanders" that this war ended the way it did. An upstander is *a person or people who are willing to stand up and take action in defense of others*. American soldiers were and are most definitely considered as upstanders, many giving their own life to fight on the side of right, to intervene on the behalf of the millions of innocents being slaughtered at the hands of insane, greedy, politically-driven leaders seeking personal gain and glory. It is the American soldier who marched boldly into a war he didn't start but was committed to ending. It is the American soldier who fought bravely in Europe and the Pacific for the noblest of causes, to preserve and restore humanity in places where inhumanity had proliferated and dominated.

In the IWM documentary, amidst the death, despair and depravity, there was an image of hope and honor. It was the Allied military who entered into those death camps and gave the victims their rations, set up running water within hours, provided them soap and hot showers. They cared for and comforted both the living and the dying, treating every soul with dignity. They honored all life – those who had the strength to rally, and those who wouldn't make it

through the day. What a sharp contrast to the horrors of the holocaust to see American GIs among those men of valor valuing *all* life.

We study the Holocaust and World War II so that we can see the patterns of oppression that lead to genocide; so that we can model ourselves after the American soldier and in small ways of our everyday lives stand up and speak up for those who cannot do it for themselves. We strive to learn from the past that we have the responsibility to stop evil where we see it and to use our privilege of free speech to call out evil where we see it and to uphold human decency.

As we approach the 70th anniversary of the ending of World War II, I am humbled to have been able to commit several days to the study and reflection of this dark period in human history. It is only by virtue of birth that I am an American, but it is a constant choice to embrace and celebrate the best of our values – freedom, opportunity, humanity and peace. I will continue to wrestle with the images and descriptions that I have studied these past few weeks and wonder how any person can devise such evil, enlist others into their vision and then perpetrate all manner of horror onto others – men, women, children, families, the disabled, the young, the old, the working, the poor, the educated.

A huge word of gratitude goes to the veteran who makes the constant choice to embrace, celebrate and *fight to uphold* the best of our values. There should be no comparison of the life lost in WWII versus the life lost in Korea, Vietnam or Desert Storm - the loss of any American soldier is incalculable and incomparable. The American soldier is the ultimate upstander, and it is this English teacher's desire to convey to my students the importance of communicating thoughts and ideas powerfully and persuasively. To be able to analyze the messages they are hearing on the news from world leaders and to critically think about the implications of events on the world's stage. It is this English teacher's desire to introduce students to the human side of history. And how to express gratitude to those who have played major roles in affecting the course of our human history for the side of right.

And I have no idea how to do that myself.





Editor's Corner

Modeling the Red Tails in 3D

This February marks Black History Month. The CAF and Red Tail Squadron are well-equipped to tell the inspiring story of the Tuskegee airmen. Here is a link to the Red Tail Squadron's newsletter if you have not seen it. https://www.redtail.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/02-RTMe.pdf?mc_cid=43a2544e22&mc_eid=2d6e744f1c

It makes me proud to have 3D art about 332nd pilot Lt. Roscoe Brown, Jr. on display in a middle school classroom in Carrollton, TX. The artwork features a B-24 Liberator and a depiction of Brown in his Mustang *Bunnie* famously downing a German ME-262 fighter.

I have had the pleasure of meeting Brown's wingman, Lt. Calvin Spann on several occasions including the celebration of his 90th birthday held at Frontiers of Flight. Many of us have attended events with Tuskegee airmen WWII veterans. Brave men all and heroes forever.



P-51D Mustang
"Tuskegee Airmen"

Lt. Roscoe Brown, Jr.
Flight Leader
100th Fighter Squadron
332nd Fighter Group



The Jan-Feb 2019 Flyer is late. Deadlines were missed. My wife, however, is very happy with our DIY project putting wood floors throughout the house. We have a way to go but they sure look pretty. Fair warning, more deadlines may be missed as we remodel our home before my daughter's wedding in July. Unfortunately, with the carpet gone, it is a lot harder for my model King Tiger to get lost in the carpet and hide from furry enemies.



THE FLYER WANTS YOU!

You are welcome to contribute a story, photographs and artwork for this decades-old newsletter. If you are a veteran, please tell us your story. Squadron members continually meet veterans at the hangar, on tour and in everyday life – let us know their stories. We're also looking for contributors for "This Month in History" and news spotlighting our aircraft and members.

Thank you and
"Keep 'Em Flying!"

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