

Hangar Tales

Official Newsletter of the National Warplane Museum



Spring at the Museum
(photo by volunteer Hugh French)

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Commissioning Ceremony
Air Force ROTC
Detachment 538
Class of 2019



On May 11, 2019, The National Warplane Museum was honored to again be the host to the Commissioning Ceremony for 12 cadets of United States Air Force ROTC Detachment 538, at the Rochester Institute of Technology. These 12 Seniors recently graduated from their respective colleges and universities and will be moving on to their first billets in the USAF. With family and friends present, each cadet took their oath and received their commissions. A short reception followed the ceremony, with the newly commissioned Second Lieutenants receiving their first salutes just outside the hangar.



Matthew Brien	St. John Fisher
Aaron Chen	SUNY Brockport
Alden Davidson	RIT
Christopher Hart	RIT
Kimberly Hedger	RIT
Justin Law	RIT
Samuel Lindblom	RIT
Samuel Mauer	Roberts Wesleyan
Eric Murray	RIT
Alisa Reidel	RIT
Brandon Spadafora	RIT
Jennifer Suh	University of Rochester

This was the third time in recent years that the ceremony has been held at the National Warplane Museum. The cadets wanted to repeat the 2018 ceremony and be part of the history celebrated here. We were honored to be a small part of this memorable occasion, and wish them well in their Air Force careers!



“PETER PIPER PICKED A PACK OF PIEPERS”

During any month if you surveyed the active volunteers for family members quite a few doubles come to mind. However, three, and now four from the same family would have to be the Pieper clan: John, Jan, Jeff, and now Jeff's wife, Rebecca.



OK, throw one of John's Snoopy dogs into the mix, for good measure.

I recently asked Jeff how this came to be, and he said it all started with the 2004 air show that his dad brought him to when Jeff was 18.

They were curious about how such a great show was possible with

a few buildings in the middle of farm land with only a grass runway. So, they ventured to the hangar one weekend to see how, and who makes it all happen.

They were befriended by Ed Hopkins, Joe Kaminski, and Mike Lindsey who got them involved in the weekend maintenance of the aircraft. When a C-47 arrived in a DC-3 disguise, the plane we now know and love as Whiskey 7, Jeff and John jumped in to help bring it back to its original military look: Olive Drab, no frills, no peanuts. They



were hooked.

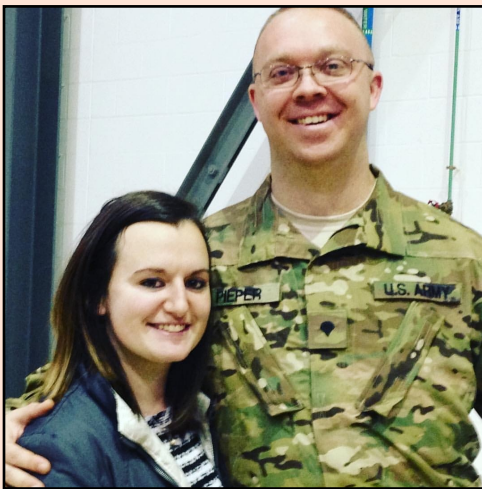


They became involved in many phases of the museum and air shows, and Jan began her role helping with membership, and air show store, as she still does. John became the main guy for oil trucks during air shows, and many other hangar roles. Totally hooked, both John and Jeff began flying lessons, and John be-

came a partner in the Aero Commander Dart 100 that you see in the hangar with all the Snoopy stuff, and the nose art done by our own Frank Schaufler, resident artist.

Ed Hopkins, Mike Lindsey and Loren Hoskyn lured the Piepers into going to away air events, and they became qualified crew members. John now helps coordinate the trips, and volunteers, while Jan often runs the away store sales. All the while John and Jan had full time careers with Wegman's. John was the one with the broom.

So, what about Jeff? When not here playing with our aircraft, he is a Sgt. in the US Army National Guard as a repair technician on CH 47 Chinook choppers, and has done two overseas tours. He also managed to have a private wedding to Rebecca in the Paratrooper Briefing room, and they are to have another, less private, ceremony very soon. Rebecca works at Strong Hospital as a lab technician. Not to be forgotten is Jeff's sister, Jen, a pharmacist, and lives in N. Dakota with her husband who is in the Air Force. Both Jan & John's dads served in WWII, as well.



Jeff Pieper with wife, Rebecca

My tales would not be complete without some kind of roast, and I asked Jeff for some dirt on his dad, who always finds a way to pick on me, as I am a fairly easy target. He never fails to note the old gas mask bag I use for small things on trips, calling it my purse, and my lack of modern phone to get me up, and to the van on trips in the AM. Well, all Jeff could offer was that about seven years ago, on the way back from a show, in some very bumpy clouds, John and Jeff had a mutual barf bag filling contest. Hey, it can happen to anyone, and in my 'purse' I always carry a baggie & towel, along with my lip gloss! John prefers the cinnamon flavor, just don't tell Jan.



So, we have quite the pack of Piepers, and we all owe them a huge thank you for all they have done, and continue to do, for the museum, aviation, and our country.

Jamieson R. Steele
Thumbnailer

A BoxCar Boys Update

By Kevin House

We're gearing up for the airshow and putting in a lot of time on the Boxcar.

The picture top left, shows the new power washer donated to the C119 and Museum by Andy Morris. It will come in handy for cleaning off bird droppings.

The center picture, left, shows Bob Cox and Larry Jones working on the lift. It's been cantankerous lately and needed for working on the Boxcar.

The picture bottom left, shows work being done in removing cockpit window haze. You can see the before and after difference.

Please stop by during the airshow. We promise to be hospitable and informative



Whiskey 7

and the Massachusetts Military History Expo

From May 17th to the 19th "Whiskey 7" went to Orange, MA, for the Massachusetts Military History Expo at the Orange Municipal Airport.

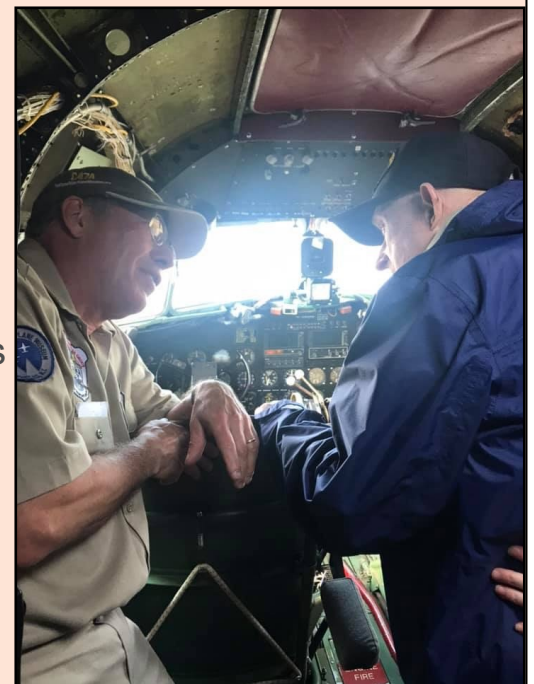


This is one of the largest gatherings of military vehicles and equipment in New England. It also hosts reenactors from the Revolutionary War

through WW II. There was a Media Flight on Friday, shortly after arrival. Whiskey 7 sold rides on Saturday and had two parachute drop flights. Sunday started in rain and there were a few flights in between thunderstorms. There were a lot of walk-ups and the store reportedly did well. There was lots of interest and people always seemed to appreciate that we were there.

One of the more heartwarming experiences of the trip was being able to take Earl Cooley (a 94 year old former C-47 Crew Chief) for a ride on Saturday morning. He and his family were very happy to experience Whiskey 7 and the team.

So all in all, it was a good trip!!



Mike Piampiano, Whiskey 7 Pilot, talking with Earl Cooley about his days as a C-47 Crew Chief.

The C-130A, “Saigon Lady” Project

“Saigon Lady”, a C-130A serial number 57-0460, is one of the last planes to leave Saigon at the end of the Vietnam War.

The Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum transferred ownership of this plane to the National Warplane Museum on April 27, 2017. Bob Doyle, Don Wilson, and Ray

Ingram, along with a host of others have been working to get it moved to Geneseo from the Smithsonian’s storage and restoration facility at Dulles International Airport. Attempts to get the Governor’s office to let the Air National Guard unit in Scotia temporarily return it to flyable condition fell short. Other attempts to ferry it to Geneseo also didn’t pan out. This left the Museum



with only one option. Disassemble it, truck it here, and reassemble it.



Don and Ray have been working diligently to prep it for transit. Fuel had to be off loaded and properly disposed of. Small parts were detached and trailered to Geneseo by Ray. The bulk of the heavy work has been undertaken by Worldwide Aircraft Recovery, Ltd., out of Omaha, Nebraska. (It should be noted that they lost their shop and suffered damage to their homes in the flooding out

in the Midwest the past few months!) Over the past few weeks, parts of our “new” C-130 have been making their way to Geneseo. This has been a tedious process, requiring the disassembly of the aircraft at Dulles, then using special permits for oversized loads, taking a circuitous route to Geneseo. Parts are then offloaded and stored around the circle at the museum. All that remains at Dulles is the fuselage, and that should be in Geneseo by the time you read this.



(The C-130A, "Saigon Lady" Project continued)

The National Warplane Museum plans to display it and tell the story of the pilot, Pham Quang Kheim (see separate story), that evacuated his family to Singapore. We want it to become a monument and pay homage to our veterans of the Vietnam War. We hope to display it in both U.S. and South Vietnamese color schemes. Our fund raising target is \$250,000. We plan to target major sponsors, government grants, corporate grants, membership donations and general donations. (See article elsewhere in the newsletter about our raffle idea.)



To Donate

Make checks payable to:
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P.O. Box 185
Geneseo, NY 14454

Write "Saigon Lady" or "C-130"
on the memo line

“The Greatest Show on Turf”, Geneseo Air Show 2019

Here are some of the expected performers for the 2019 Edition of “The Greatest Show on Turf”
(Follow us on Facebook for the latest info!)



R. T. Dickson and his P-51 "Swamp Fox"



“Skipper” Hyle’s Harvard Mk. IV “J’s Bird”



Greg Koontz and the Alabama Boys



Rick Volker and his SU26M



**Champaign Air Museum's
B-25J Mitchell Bomber, "Champaign Gal"**



Manfred Radius Glider Aerobatics



**The National Warplane Museum's
"Whiskey 7"**



**The National Warplane Museum's
"Movie Memphis Belle"**

**And don't forget, after the Air
Show, stay and enjoy:**

Chicken BBQ Friday Night - \$15

Swing Dance Saturday Night - \$20

Steak Roast Saturday Night - \$20

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2019 Air Show Volunteer Registration Form

It's not too early to start planning your participation – as always we need your help. The Geneseo Airshow will be held on July 13-15, 2018. To be more effective in our planning, we would like to know in advance if you are willing and able to join us. Please print out this page, complete it, and mail it to the address on the back of the newsletter.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ day

Address: _____

_____ evening

Email: _____

Hobbies/Skills: _____

Dates you are available to work: (please check all that apply)

____ Wednesday, July 11 ____ a.m. ____ p.m. ____ all day

____ Thursday, July 12 ____ a.m. ____ p.m. ____ all day

____ Friday, July 13 ____ a.m. ____ p.m. ____ all day

____ Saturday, July 14 ____ a.m. ____ p.m. ____ all day

____ Sunday, July 15 ____ a.m. ____ p.m. ____ all day

Preferred duty station (please indicate first and second choices)

____ Set Up (week before) ____ Garbage Pickup (during) ____ Clean Up (week after)

____ Main Gate Admission ____ HAG Huts (food service) ____ Membership

____ HAG Store ____ Tram Driver (std. shift) ____ Air Crew Shuttle Driver

____ Crew Tent ____ Veteran's Tent ____ Aircraft Tour Guide

____ Parking* ____ Pilot Accommodations ____ Supply Distribution

____ Dinner (Fri) ____ Dinner (Saturday) ____ Information/office help

____ RV Parking ____ Incoming Traffic*

____ Other: _____ ____ Flight Line * Age _____ **

*No Shelter, Rain or Shine, Be Prepared.

**Only trained personnel may work the Flight Line during the show. If you wish to volunteer your time for Flight Line Duty, you must attend one of the training classes that will be scheduled prior to the air show. Because Flight Line Duty can be physically demanding and the day is long and the weather could be hot, we will determine the assignment.

You Never Know What You Might See at the National Warplane Museum



On June 12th, Don Drake and Dennis Bukowski visited from Akron (NY) in Don's DeHavilland Tiger Moth. They were coming to see the replica of the Fokker D.VII that will be on display in the Big Hangar (Story in a future newsletter.)

Built in 1943, this Tiger Moth was used by the RAF to teach glider pilots. It remained with the RAF until 1954, when it was purchased and taken to Ireland, where it

remained until 1970 or so. Then it came to the US and was in Arizona until about 1976. At that time a man by the name of Tom Sumner bought it and took it to Seattle. It remained there for almost 40 years.



Last year Don bought the plane. Don and Dennis went



out to Seattle and flew it back. This took almost two and a half months to accomplish. They had to wait for good weather, but when they flew the weather was great. They figured a range of about 150 miles. Out in the mountains the airports aren't that close together.

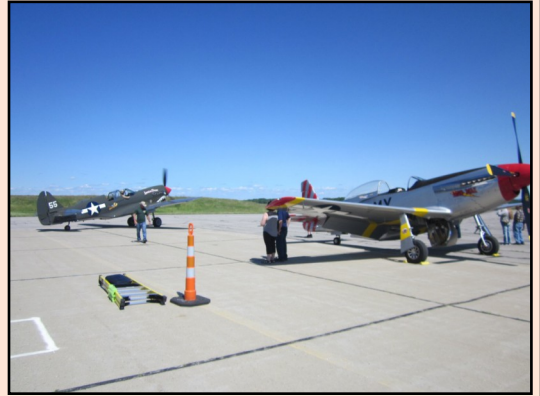
You needed a good reserve. And after about 2 hours you wanted to get out. The open cockpit just beats you up.

Dennis said it ran flawlessly, not a single squawk the whole trip! Not even a fouled spark plug. It was perfect. "It's still perfect. We haven't done a thing to it.", he said.



"The Movie Memphis Belle" in Jamestown

"The Movie Memphis Belle" (MMB) visited the Chautauqua County Airport in Jamestown, NY, Friday June 21st to Sunday, June 23rd. This was an experiment to test the waters of short visits to local markets. The plan was to book rides, open up the MMB for tours, and set up our Museum store. The decision to attempt this was to see what the market might be. (Thom Richard's P-40 "American Dream" was also there with us. Lou Horschel and his TP-51 "Mad Max" visited from Dunkirk, NY, both days.)



The weekend was an unqualified success. A short flight out over Lake Chautauqua and the City of Jamestown was made to announce our arrival on Friday and generate some interest. The airport FBO had already generated some publicity beforehand. And a front page story in the local Sunday paper added to the interest, The weather for both days would be near perfect. The people came and kept on coming. There were long lines of people waiting to tour the MMB (and they were generous with their donations!).

We were able to fill three full rides on the MMB (2 on Saturday, 1 on Sunday). Our store sold out of some items, so we were forced to send Don and Amy back to Geneseo to resupply on Saturday. Then we almost sold out again on Sunday! We returned with many empty bins! All in all, it was a VERY successful trip!

Jamestown Crew:

Austin Wadsworth, Thom Richards, Rob Gillman,
Pete Treichler - pilots

Tina Gillmeister, Larry Dangelo, Jamie Steele, Amy
Cifelli, Phil Hadlich, Don and Diane Nicholls, Brian
Trzaskos



**“Whiskey 7” and “The Movie Memphis Belle”
Help Commemorate the 75 Anniversary of D-Day
At the National D-Day Memorial, Bedford, VA**

Whiskey 7, unable to repeat the trip to Normandy she had made for the 70th anniversary of D-Day, travelled to the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, VA, to commemorate the 75 anniversary of that historic event. Being a D-Day veteran herself (lead plane, second wave), it was important to be a part of this important remembrance.

“Whiskey 7” (W7) travelled to Lynchburg, VA, where she would be based for this event. There she met up with “The Movie Memphis Belle” (MMB) which had made the trip the day before due to concerns about the weather. Also there as part of the flyover festivities, were Stearmans, T-6’s, a P-51, a Corsair, and a B-25J

Mitchell bomber, along with a German Focke Wulf 190.

The Commemorative flyover started with the trainers (T-6’s and Stearmans), followed by the fighters,

and then the “heavies” (W7, B-25J, and MMB). Each group circled the Memorial, then proceeded to a waiting position, before returning a second time. Modern day fighters and transports also took part. When we returned to the Lynchburg Regional Airport, we proceeded to set up to give rides. Because of regulations, only those persons booked on rides were allowed inside the fence. So, tours were not possible. Our tables and store were set up outside the fence.



W7 circling the Memorial during flyover



Stearmans and T-6's waiting to take off



The Movie Memphis Belle flying over the
“Overlord” Arch

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Up until this point, the weather had been cooperative. But Friday's forecast was bleak, with weather worsening through the weekend. MMB had two rides filled, then had to leave for Geneseo due to VFR (visual flight rules) restrictions. W7, able to fly IFR (instrument flight rules), would stay the night and leave in the morning. This allowed us to give rides to 97 persons, between 3 and 6 PM. Tina Gillmeister worked

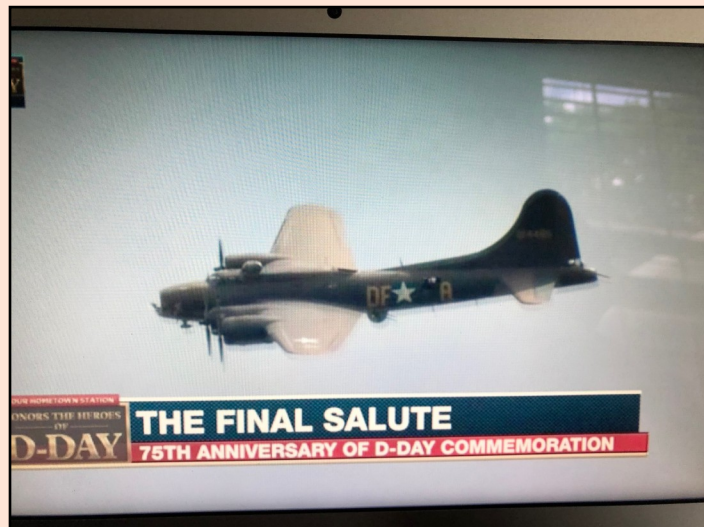


Honor Flight - P-51, F-32 & F35

the crowds, filling seats,

and making sure the proper paperwork was done! We "hot loaded" each group, to get in as many rides as possible!

Even weather shortened, the trip can be considered a success! Our D-Day veteran, "Whiskey 7", honored the 75th anniversary of its historic flight. We were able to complete our commitment to the organizer. Plus we were able to sell rides and store merchandise. The people appreciated us being there and many said we received some of the biggest ovations from the crowds during our flyovers.



"The Movie Memphis Belle" makes the news!

The Lynchburg Team:

Mike Piampiano, Rob Gillman, Pete Treichler, Ruben Alconero, and Chris Polhemus - Pilots

Larry Dangelo, John and Jan Pieper, Tina Gillmeister, Irene Bickford, Andy Swanson, and Zack Waters



The entire team, with the Lynchburg event organizers

AT MIDNIGHT THEY COME ALIVE, AND I DANCE WITH THEM



Many of our visitors ask the same question when they see the children's uniforms on display in our America At Home area; 'Why are there kid's uniforms?' The answer is because little ones, during the war, wanted to dress up like the big brother, sister, mommy or daddy in the service. I call that display the 'Women's and Children's Department', much like old style department stores named various areas in stores.

Featured are little boy army uniforms, little girl army, and navy uniforms, as well as grown up nurse, CAP (Civil Air Patrol), USMC, WAC, and Red Cross female uniforms. Also, in that area we feature some dresses and hats, along with picnic baskets, toys, and other items common to that era in America.

While doing tours I enjoy dialing the old rotary phone to let youngsters hear the sound, and then ask them what it is. Most have no idea, and some will poke at the numbers, rather than turn the dial. Many older visitors mention 'party lines' of old. I had one at my first house. Every one's grandmother had one of those metal kitchen tables, and porcelain sinks, as well.



Rarely a week goes by that someone, of certain ages, mentions having fingers caught in the ringer of the old washing machines. Few know what the Mangle is, that large machine that ironed sheets, table cloths, pillow cases, or any large items. Some ask what 'ironing' means. All common laundry day tools of the 40's and 50's.



Then there is the milk box, clearly labeled as such, but again, another opportunity for a quiz of younger visitors. Yes, they can read what it says, but few know what it was for. A milk man, home delivery,

Wringer washer (L) and Mangle (R)

reused bottles, mothers home all day? All quite strange concepts for our young visitors. No, I don't tell the innocent children any milk man jokes, but I sure have a few dillies!

Equally mesmerizing to youngsters (up to 40+ years old) are the wooden clothes pins with laundry on the line, wooden croquet set, floor radios the size of a furnace, and a furnace the size of a refrigerator. Add to the list the 'ice box' refrigerator with the condenser on the top, where the ice box used to be. Yes, ice box, and that is what we called it when I was a kid, back before there were trees. The top had a copper bin for the ice. Some were retrofitted with the condenser on top, with the cooling unit inside where the copper box used to be. The ice tongs also get quizzical looks, and they do look a bit scary to youngsters.

So, what about all those ladies standing motionless behind the glass? Well, what I tell visitors is that at midnight they all come alive, and I dance the night away with them. Just Steele being goofy again? You're not really sure, are you?



Jamieson R. Steele
Hangar Scribe

You Never Know What You Might See at the National Warplane Museum (continued)



A mother Killdeer has taken up residence outside the Big Hangar. Here she is stepping out to protect her eggs. Are those invasion stripes around her neck? Maybe she was attracted by the sight of "Whiskey-7"?!?



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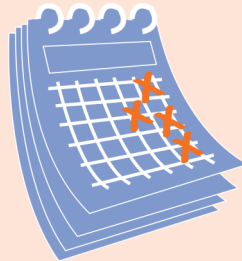
Available online or at the door
Snacks and Bar available at additional cost.

2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

A schedule of **Ride Days** has been set.

Please call the office to check dates, reserve a seat, or ask a question. The remaining dates are:

- during the Air Show
July 13th & 14th
- July 27th & 28th
- August 10th & 11th
- September 7th & 8th
- October 5th & 6th



Other dates to put on your Calendar:

**Livingston County Chamber of Commerce
After Hours (at NWM) - July 11th**

Wargames among the Warplanes - Sept. 7th

Other NWM events to put on your Calendar:

**The National Warplane Museum Airshow
"The Greatest Show on Turf"—July 13th-15th**

Cortland (NY) Air Fest - July 19th & 20th

C-47 at Conneaut (OH) - July 15th - 18th

Rochester Air Show - August 22nd - 25th

Living History Weekend—September 7th

Chicken BBQ - September 15th

C-47 at Zanesville (OH) - Sept 27th - 29th

B-47 at Stuart (FL) - Oct. 31st - Nov. 3rd

B-17 & C-47 at Monro (NC) - Nov. 7th - 10th

Veteran's Day Open House - November 11th

Christmas Party - December 14th



FROM THE EDITOR

Things are picking up here at the National Warplane Museum. We are coming off a busy winter maintenance season that saw lots of interesting work completed. We are building towards our Air Show (July 12 -14th) and Whiskey 7 and the Movie Memphis Belle are out on the road for shows and giving rides. We are also busy with events at the hangars, including an ROTC Commissioning Ceremony and several weddings. We hope to keep you informed of the happenings here, but we need help. I'm looking for people who would like to write and take photos for the newsletter. I'm also looking for story ideas, questions about the museum and its collections, personal interest stories, etc. If you would like to help out, contact me at:

newsletter@nationalwarplanemuseum.com

Together, we can have one heck of a newsletter. Thank you.

Brian Trzaskos
Editor

IN FUTURE ISSUES

- Recapping The Greatest Show on Turf
- Highlighting our volunteers
- The DUKW
- Our "new" C-130
- Updates on the C-119 Boxcar
- The Saturday Crew

Next Newsletter will be available Aug. 7th (Submission deadline July 31st)

Raffle To Support Our C-130 Project

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To help raise funds for our C-130 transportation and restoration project we will be holding a raffle with a grand prize of \$10,000! Second prize is \$5,000, third prize \$2,500, and two fourth prize of a flight for 2 on Whiskey 7! Tickets will be \$20 each or 6 for \$100. Tickets will be mailed out to each member with hopes that you will either purchase or sell your book of 6. We will also be selling tickets at our upcoming airshow. The drawing will be held at the museum on Veterans Day - Monday, November 11th, 2019! Please help support our exciting cause by promoting our raffle!



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7 Days a week 10 a.m.—4 p.m.

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