

Hangar Tales

Official Newsletter of the National Warplane Museum



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Air Show News

By Dave Cooper

ICAS was a big success with multiple leads to attend various shows next year with more news coming as the away Airshow appearances are confirmed.



The F-16 Viper Demo will be the featured act for the Greatest Show on Turf the weekend of June 3-4, 2023, and will be joining Rob Holland, Manfred Radius, Class of 45, the Mustang Demo Team, Skipper Hyle, Jason Flood Pitts, and more for our Airshow.

The Airshow will continue with a combination drive-in and walk-in general admission format. In addition we are adding a reserved seating area close to the flight line and the Museum will supply the chair. Discounted tickets for all ticket levels are on sale now through January 15, 2023 at www.geneseoairshow.com. You can also purchase a combined ticket to both our Airshow and the A.P. Property Services Rochester Airshow featuring the USAF Thunderbirds scheduled for August 12-13, 2023 at the same web address or www.RocAirshow.com. Airshow meetings will begin in January.

Best Job Ever!

By Jay Jones, USAF Retired

I have the best job ever - being a volunteer at the National Warplane Museum. As a retired Air Force C-130 pilot it is my pleasure to come out as often as possible to share the museum's C-130A with visitors. What a story it is, from its beginning in 1957, when it rolled off the assembly line in Atlanta, Georgia, to how it ended up rolling down Big Tree Lane in 2018. And of course there is the amazing story of how the aircraft (and its crew and their families) made its way out of South Vietnam as Saigon was falling back in April of 1975.



My favorite visitor is the person, most often a child, who is seeing the inside of an airplane for the very first time. Being able to put them in the pilot's seat and watch as they joyfully grab the yoke and instinctively push the throttles forward, well, quite honestly it makes me feel young again. It takes me back all the way to my tenth birthday when I got to sit in a new Boeing 747's pilot seat and thus began my life long love of aviation. And all the questions that the first timers ask...yikes!

I've had to go back and pore over my old manuals to re-learn the C-130. For me it's like re-reading your favorite novel.

Often times the question of "what was your scariest moment?" is asked. Although losing an outboard engine at night, at max gross weight, on takeoff in a snow-storm or getting hit by lightning at night and going flash blind as your electrical systems shut down, can grab your attention, those are nothing on the "horror scale" as to seeing the Air Wing Chief of Standardization and Evaluations pull up to your plane, as you're about to pull chocks, for a no-notice checkride. Now that is truly a scary moment. Oddly no one ever asks what was the best time you ever had while flying the C-130, so let me share some of those with you now.

My favorite was as you climb through the clouds, in formation, you beat your lead above the clouds and get to watch his vertical tail slowly appear in front of you exactly like a shark's tail in the water. It only lasts for about five seconds before the whole aircraft appears, but oh boy, what a memorable five seconds it is.

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Or the sunrises and sunsets from 25,000 feet. Thankfully, over the many years of flying those memories are plentiful. Then there was the night I got to watch the New Year fireworks display while flying overhead Madrid, Spain. Or how about the low pass over the awesome Cairo, Egypt pyramids. And how about the joy of shooting an approach in the weather, to break out at minimums, for a smooth landing, wow, the feeling of accomplishment that you get from doing that. Those good memories far outweigh the bad.

Lastly, I just wanted to add that my favorite thing about volunteering here is all our fellow volunteers. It's like being on vacation, people on vacation are happy and enjoying themselves and from what i've observed that's what we're all doing here.

Whether it's flying planes, mowing the lawns, giving tours, maintaining planes, parking cars, planning events, or performing so many other unheralded jobs, everyone is

here because they WANT to be here. So yes, I have the best job I've ever had - being a volunteer at the National Warplane Museum.



NWM Treasurer Retires

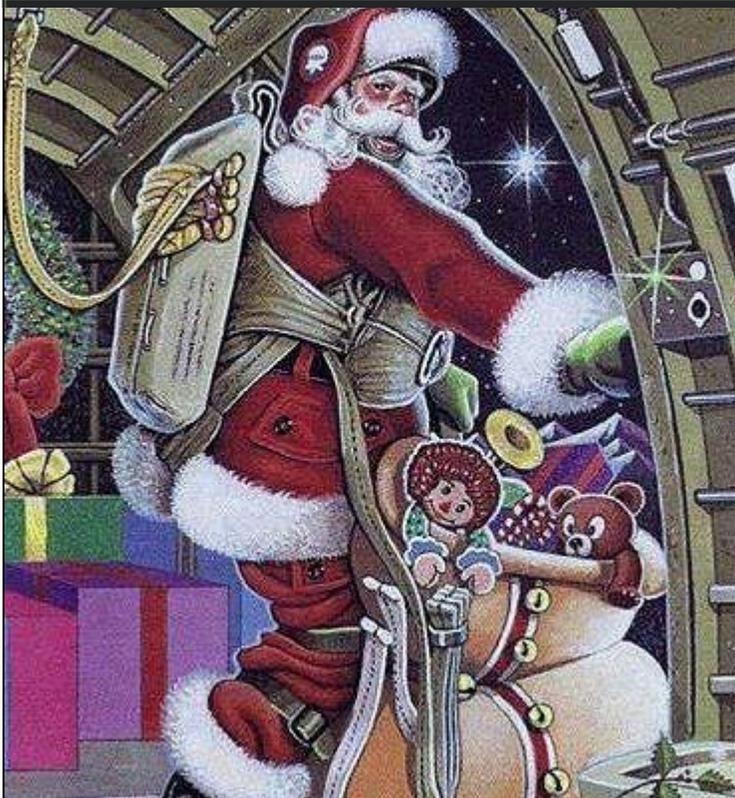
Don Wilson (L) recently retired as Treasurer for the National Warplane Museum. Don is one of the original founding members of the Museum and has served as treasurer since its inception. Here, Museum President Austin Wadsworth (R) is presenting Don with a print of the C-130A "Saigon Lady" in appreciation of his work for the Museum over the years. The print was signed by Pham Quang Kheim, the pilot who flew his family to freedom on her when Vietnam fell.

D-DAY VETERAN

"Whiskey 7"



1943 DOUGLAS C-47A SKYTRAIN



Merry Christmas!!

Season's Greetings!!

From the Volunteers at
The National Warplane Museum
and a

Happy New Year!!

The Boxcar Boys go to France

By Kevin House

Recently, three of the “Boxcar Boys” (Kevin House, Bob Cox, and Larry Jones)



traveled to Normandy and Paris, France. “Boxcar Boys” is the name the C-119 Flying Boxcar crew has given itself.

A little over a week was spent in Normandy exploring the D-Day invasion beaches and sites associated with the battle for Normandy. We saw the remains of the artificial harbor constructed at Arromanches; the beaches of Omaha, Utah and Juno; German defensive positions above Omaha Beach and at Pont-du-Hoc; the 9,000+ graves at the American Cemetery above Omaha and the 2,000+ graves at the German cemetery. Each of these locations had well done and informative museums.

The church steeple in Ste. Mere-Eglise with its salute to the 82nd Airborne trooper who landed on it the morning of D-Day

My uncle had been a part of the 82nd Airborne's 325th Glider Infantry Regiment during the invasion. One of the 82nd's most significant battles was the battle at the La Fiere causeway just west of Ste.- Mere Eglise. The 325th participated in this 3 day battle that was important for opening up the way for the Utah Beach invasion forces to reach the interior of the peninsula. The battle has been called the bloodiest battle per square foot of any battle during the European campaign.



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Bob arranged all of our accommodations. They were clean, quiet and inexpensive. During our time in Normandy we used a hotel located in a fishing town- great seafood and wine everyday. He also arranged a very nice stay at a hotel in Paris located near restaurants and sight-seeing.

While lollygagging behind Larry and Bob at Utah Beach, I came across three Frenchmen sharing a bottle of wine. They called me over as I passed by and poured me a nice big glass full. My French is nonexistent and their English was very rudimentary but I found the reason they wanted to share their wine was because they were very grateful to America for its participation in pushing the Germans out of France. France has not forgotten! Throughout our stay we were treated well by the local citizens.



Town of Port en Bessin, where we stayed



The Normandy adventures - from exploring bunkers to drinking Calvados brandy - were exciting and educational. After Normandy, we took a train to Paris. We passed through some beautiful rich farmland. Many centuries old farms are still in operation.

Don't even think about renting a car to drive around Paris. The traffic is a nightmare. Cars, buses, bicycles and thousands of tourists make Paris driving an endless series of near misses. The public

transportation is so good, a rental car is not really needed anyway.

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Napoleon's tomb

then saw the nearby WW1 American Cemetery. The WW1 and 2 cemeteries of France are paid for by the American Battlefield Monuments Commission and kept in beautiful shape by local French. During WW2 we stopped paying for the upkeep of the First World War cemeteries, but the French continued to maintain them, and the Germans did not destroy or desecrate them.

In Paris we visited Napoleon's tomb, the art of the d'Orsay museum, the extensive military collection of the Musee de l'Armee, and took a boat tour of the Seine.

We spent one day at the nearby town of Chateau Thierry. This was the site of several WW1 engagements. We toured the Belleau Wood battlefield where the USMC earned their nickname of Devil Dogs. We



Marines at Belleau Woods (1918)



France was a great trip. It gave life to the historic events that I've read about and forged a connection between me and an uncle I barely knew who, as I was told by my Father, suffered from PTSD after the war and died several years ago. The trip was a true once in a lifetime adventure.

Musee de Armee

C-119 Flying Boxcar Report

By David Kolchuk



The Boxcar Boys finished up their season by preparing masks for sealing up areas birds get into.



Larry added two straps to hold the clamshell braces to their storage post



("C-119 Flying Boxcar Report" continued)



The above photos show one of the three clamshell latches of which two need spring safety latch repairs. You can see one of the broken springs circled above. They help keep the clamshell doors from accidentally opening up.



Two of our latches have these springs broken. They should look like the one Above



Kevin took some time to spray weed killer to remove all weeds from under the aircraft.



We also spread granular material throughout the area. A visit a few weeks later showed the area completely weed free and looking good.



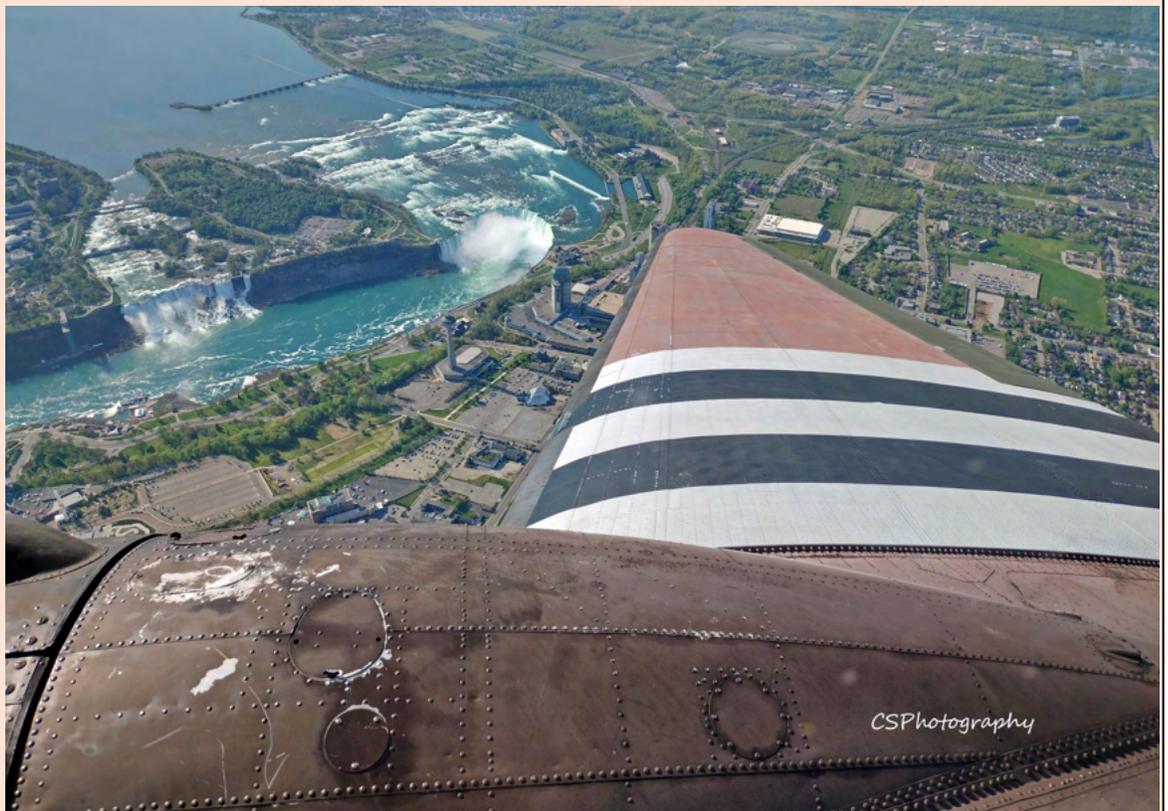
It was also good to know that the plane is being watched by our guardian when we are not around.



“Whiskey 7” Photos by volunteer Christina Swank



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Thanks, Christina!!!



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J-5 Wing Update

Pictures by Pete Bonneau and Craig Wadsworth



Now, the final color coats have been applied, and the wing is ready to be moved to the big hangar.



The wing will be stored in the big hangar until other work is completed.



Strut pieces have been prepped and primed for painting.



The first color coat has been applied to the strut parts.



Pete sanding the strut in between color coats.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
From the Boxcar Boys



PAUL



KEVIN



BOB



PETER



DAVE



GEORGE



LARRY

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November 1 through April 30
Wed, and Sat. 10 a.m.—3 p.m.
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Wed.—Sun. 10 a.m.—3 p.m.

The National Warplane Museum is a not-for-profit (501 (c) (3) public corporation with a Provisional Museum Charter issued by the New York State Board of Regents. We are dedicated to the restoration, preservation and operation of vintage and historical aircraft, particularly aircraft associated with World War II, the Korean War and the Golden Age of Aviation. The facilities and 5,000-foot grass runway are located adjacent to the picturesque village of Geneseo, NY. Founded in the 1980s, the Museum continues to promote and encourage the appreciation of military and civilian aviation, aeronautics and aviation history. It serves the community with flying events, museum displays, social functions and educational opportunities associated with these aircraft and their history. To date, we have twenty historic aircraft owned by or associated with the Museum. We are operating profitably and have increased the attendance to our annual Geneseo Airshow in each of the last five years. Plans for the future include expanded facilities and additional aircraft.

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Membership entitles you to free admission to the airshow and museum, a 10% discount at the museum store, one-year e-Mailed subscription to *Hangar Tales*, a window sticker for your car, and a membership card which is required for admissions and benefits.

Membership fees (Reflects changes as of January:

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