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General Membership Meeting Scheduled for December 10, 2009

The December General Membership meeting of the Florida Wing, CAF will be held at the Halifax River Yacht Club on Beach Street in downtown Daytona Beach. A social hour will start at 1800hrs. with dinner served at 1900hrs. Our guest Speaker will be our own Cadet Jerrid Stottlemire who will tell us about his NROTC summer internship with the US Navy aboard the USS Cole. This will be an especially important meeting as we will elect our new staff of officers and officially award Wing Leader Peter Jacobs the Commemorative Air Force Distinguished Service Award. Since Peter and Linda will be leaving soon for their new home in Panama this will be our opportunity to thank them for all they have done for our CAF Wing and to wish them Bon Voyage.

Your attendance is sincerely requested.

menu choices are as follows:

Tomato Provolone Salad w/ white balsamic vinaigrette

Pork Tenderloin w/ cranberry chutney
Herb Stuffing
Green Beans

Or

Grilled Salmon w/cherry-maple glaze
Rice pilaf almondine
Squash Medley

Or

8oz Prime Rib a jus
Oven Roasted herb potatoes
Green Beans

Warm Peach bread pudding w/ southern comfort sauce

The cost is \$19 per person including tip and tax. Please call the Adjutant Ann Conway (386) 673-5742 with your reservation and menu choice.

OOPS

A letter from Colonel Peter Jacobs



A sincere and heartfelt “thanks” to all Wing Staff and Members who called, visited and/or sent cards during my recuperation from the fall in which I broke my neck last month. By the time this issue of the Eagle’s Scream is published, I will have resumed my visits to the hangar, and will hopefully soon after be back to normal.

My fall resulted in a 3-day hospital stay, plus almost two weeks in the Peninsula Rehab unit. My son, Steve, who is an orthopedic doctor in south Florida, drove up and was present when Dr. Venas set the fractured vertebra (#1 and #2 were fractured in 3 places). The past weeks have been spent recuperating and doing the exercises prescribed by my therapists. Not fun but necessary. The prognosis is excellent: a full recovery with no remaining damage.

This excellent result could not have been accomplished without the continued and excellent help and support of my #1 caregiver and loving wife, Linda. She has stepped up and assumed Head of Household duties and the day-to-day responsibilities of our future move to Panama, and I am very grateful for her presence and capabilities.

This picture which accompanies this article was taken shortly after I came home, about Oct. 20th. It shows the “HALO” device now common to keep the upper backbone and upper neck immobile during healing. It is a strange but very effective mixture of aluminum, steel, carbon fiber, plastic, leather straps and lambs’ wool. It is as uncomfortable as it looks, it’s heavy, and it makes sleeping difficult. While I have no pain, the device puts constant pressure on my neck muscles, which is probably the most uncomfortable aspect of the injury. I’m told that I’ll have to wear it for a total of between 8 and 12 weeks, so I still have a way to go.

My very best wishes to all, and again a big “thank you.”

Col. Pete Jacobs

We wish you well Peter with a full and speedy recovery

Finance Officer’s Report

Colonel Linda Jacobs



This is the last column from Linda as Finance Officer. I am delighted to report that Art Harriman has agreed to take over the position and has already received his first two training sessions, which covered what kind of bills we get and how to pay them, as well as an introduction on how I work hand in check with Maria Marcolina, the accountant who manages all of our quarterly

and annual reports and sends our tax statements off to the state of Florida. (We pay sales tax monthly on any sales we have made from the PX.) All we have to cover is dealing with INCOME. That is the fun part, particularly categorizing the money into the separate accounts where it can go (anything from donations to the TBM to the general fund)

The Staff voted to put into our budget the commitment to pay at least \$2000 a year (see the attached minutes) for eliminating our debt, and we can easily do more than that if we have the same number of successful fundraisers as we did this last year. This budget will be presented for 2010 at the November general meeting, and then will be sent to Midland, as is required by the Organization. On a very positive note, it is nice to report that our Saturday lunch program is completely self supporting, and monies raised there are also now covering our general costs for water for the workers, saving our general fund over \$100 a month.

We have been able to slash our monthly budget for the last three months of the year to less than one half what it was at the beginning of the year, through increased PX sales and elimination of the insurance costs we had formerly been carrying for Misty Blue. While we will miss her, we will not miss the more than \$2000 in expenditures she required to stay with us. We wish her well in her new home in Texas.

We have been working with Floyd Houdyshell, Treasurer and Secretary of the CAF to help us resolve our tax-free status with the Florida Dept. of Revenue, and hope to have good news for you in the next newsletter.

I thank you for the chance to have served as Finance Officer, and wish you the best in the future. I will be only an email away after our move to Panama, and promise to help in any way that I can from that distance. jacobs1221@yahoo.com.

Executive Officer's Report

Colonel Stan Mitchell

A hardy and heartfelt "Thank You" to **Cols. Peter and Linda Jacobs** for all they have done over the years for the CAF Florida Wing. The members wish Peter and Linda the best of everything as they embark on their new adventure. Peter and Linda, you know that you will always be welcome back.

Congratulations to the **Russell's** and the **Bannerman's** for their 50 years of marriage. Hats off to Eleanor and Jim and Wilma and Dick!

The Florida Wing was the benefactor of a **2010 Community Cultural Grant** from Volusia County. The funds were approved by the County Board and are designated for Wing operating expenses. Many thanks go to **Col. Peter Jacobs** who prepared the application for submission. Even though the monies will cover about 26% of that needed to keep the doors open, we still must remain focused on raising funds for the remaining portion and the restoration of the TBM.

When one walks around the hangar, **many parts of the TBM** can be seen: some of the cloth covered control surfaces, the "skin of the stub wings" being prepared for riveting, some parts of the cockpit canopy (and soon the turret). Congratulation goes to **Col. Alex Gardner's "team"** who has led the efforts with the TBM. With the refitted and restored landing gear parts, brakes and wheels, our historic aircraft will be ready to be let down on its wheels, to be moved around the hangar as needed, and outside the hangar for photo ops. All of these "riveting parties" have paid off. The rework and restoration of the wings are the next big project.

There are many interesting activities coming up. Of course, remember that work days are still Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 9-12, with **Cols. Lou Figliuolo, Earl Leone, and Ann Conway** preparing luncheons on Saturdays.

Please "**Save the Dates**" listed below. We need your participation to make our events a success.

November:

- 21st: The Wing Officers Business Meeting. Wing members are welcome to attend the meeting which begins at 9:30AM.

December:

- 4th & 5th: The Garage Sale. See **Col. Ann Conway's** comments for the theme and needs of the Sale.
- 10th: The Annual Members' Meeting at the Halifax Yacht Club. See the Announcement in another part of the *Eagle's Scream* about the meeting.
- The Christmas & Holiday Season: A time for joy and celebration for all of our friends and bountiful yields from our freedoms and a prayer for the men and women of the Armed Services for their vigilance in faraway and, frequently dangerous, lands.

2010 New Year Schedule of Airshows and other activities

- Please see **Col. Dick Russell's** comments about these events. As Wing members, all of us should plan to help other members assure the success of these events.

Over the next few weeks, we'll see changes in the arrangements of work areas in the hangar. **Col. Richard Finney**, Safety Officer, has pointed out several safety hazards that need to be addressed. As members, we should make every effort to make our work space as safe as possible. No one wants to be the one to inform our wives, children and/or relatives of any harm that may befall us as we work on Wing activities.

Finally, I must address our new member recruiting efforts. New members, whether Colonels, Cadets or Supporting, are needed to nurture the Wing so that it can grow and flourish. It can be difficult to approach people and strike up a conversation about the CAF Mission. But it is necessary for us to do that. Remember, a member can support the Wing by providing services to the organization other than aircraft restoration. Special thanks go to Cols. Jim Bannerman and Ward Gidick for bringing in new members this month and developing contacts for future recruits.

HOLIDAY "YARD" SALE

Colonel Ann Conway



The Wing is having another fund raising yard sale at Colonel Red Lewis' place of business at 1410 E. International Speedway Boulevard, DeLand on Friday, December 4th and Saturday, December 5th. We need saleable household goods, furniture, working appliances, tools, collectables, books and especially holiday decorations, lights, artificial trees... all the stuff you have not put up or out in years. We did very well with the August sale and hope to duplicate that feat next month. Help us keep the Wing flying straight and level and on course by donating items for this sale. All items may be brought to the hangar on Wednesday or Saturday mornings. If you need to have items picked up, we can arrange that also. Thank you in advance for your support and in helping make this Holiday Sale a huge success. Questions or need help?? Call Colonel Ann Conway at 386-673-5742 or email f32br@aol.com.





Happy Birthday Colonels

Nov. 2: Don Barhart

Nov. 10: Frank Purcell

Nov. 14: Dan Proctor

Nov. 20: J. Anthony Crawford

Dec. 3: Grace Barnhart

Dec. 6: Jerrid Stottlemeyer

Dec. 12: Pam Fonseca

Dec. 18: Earl Leone

Dec. 20: Stan Mitchell

Jan. 19: George Baker

Jan. 23: Gary Gidick

Jan. 26: Conrad Yelvington

Jan. 30: Steve Moddle



Jan. 30: John Nadon DeLand Cub Scout Pack 610 carried the CAF-Florida Wing banner in the 2009 DeLand Veterans Day Parade leading the Florida Wing's 1952 Jeep. Riding proudly in the Jeep were CAF Member Jerrid Stottlemeyer and Veterans Earl Leone, Lou Figliuolo, and James Autry.



Our New Entrance Sign

Thanks to Colonels

Mitchell, Figliuolo and Purcell and

Marc Russell, DeLand Sign & Design

Florida Wing Staff Meeting

Colonel Ann Conway, Adjutant

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Unit Staff of the Florida Wing, Commemorative Air Force, was called to order by Executive Officer Colonel Stan Mitchell at 0946 hours on Saturday, October 17, 2009 in the CAF Florida Wing hangar, 1570 Old NDB Road, at the DeLand Municipal Airport, DeLand, Florida. Colonels Linda Jacobs, Stan Mitchell, Ann Conway, Steve Moddle and Richard Finney were present constituting a quorum. The meeting was duly convened.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Staff Meeting held on Saturday, September 12, 2009 were approved as corrected.

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

Colonel Linda Jacobs, Finance Officer, distributed copies of her report for the period ending September 30, 2009. She reviewed the items in the report and answered questions. A copy of the report is attached to and made a part of these minutes. All financial records are available at the hangar for inspection by interested members. Colonel Jacobs recommended that one half of all funds coming in from fund raising events through 2009 now be applied to the HQ TBM matching grant. She reported that the county cultural grant funds will be paid on a quarterly basis with the first payment probably coming in November. Colonel Mitchell stated there was a pending motion on the floor from the September Staff Meeting to wit: Colonel Linda Jacobs moved, seconded by Colonel Moddle, that starting with the 2010 budget the Wing commence paying a minimum of \$2,000 per year toward the long term AAHF note. Motion passed unanimously

MEMBERSHIP

Colonel Conway, Adjutant, reported we have 54 Colonels and 3 Cadets.

OFFICER REPORTS

1. Colonel Stan Mitchell, Executive Officer, passed out blank "report" sheets to the Staff Officers. Officers are asked jot down notes on the report they will be giving at the meeting in order to facilitate typing of the minutes. (Only two officers complied...Colonel Moddle and Colonel Montague.)

Colonel Mitchell reported purchasing a pre-paid cell phone to be used at the hangar. It is on Verizon network and the number is 386-337-4499. The phone will be left on to take advantage of the voice mail system. He is also attempting to get notices in local publications that the library and museum will be open from 0900 – 1200 hours on Saturday. Someone will have to carry the phone on Saturdays so that we can open the gate if we have visitors call.

Colonel Mitchell informed the Staff that Marc Russell of DeLand Sign and Design is completing the 4'x8' CAF sign to be put on the fence at the gate at no charge to us. He would also like to put one on the double gate facing Old Daytona Road and is working with the airport manager on that. Colonel Linda Jacobs discussed the need for an advertising budget if more signs are in the plans.

2. Colonel Steve Moddle, Maintenance Officer, report-

ed that Al Brillaud will be at the hangar this morning to do the inspection on L-17 Allie Gator. Allie will need a bi-annual transponder check before November 1. Someone is coming from HQ on Monday, October 26th, to pick up L-17 Misty Blue.

3. Colonel Richard Finney, Safety Officer, was asked to submit an estimate for the budget for safety needs. After discussion it was determined that \$200.00 should suffice. The need for a large outdoor "container" in which to store flammables was again discussed. Colonel Linda will determine if anything has been finalized on this matter.

4. Colonel Stan Mitchell, Recruiting Officer, informed the Staff that the packets holding Wing brochures, with applications, are being put out at FBOs, veterans groups, etc., and at ERAU with Cadet applications. He asked members present to take packets to put out in their area.

5. Colonel Alexis Montague, PX Officer, stated she was reorganizing PX stock. She thanked Colonels Purcell and Figliuolo for remodeling the PX trailer. The PX is ready for the November 7th Veterans Day parade in DeLand. The PX is also going to the Stuart air show November 13-15 and Colonels Fortune, Conway and Figliuolo will man the PX.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Update on the TBM

Colonels Gardner and Russell were not present for this meeting. Colonel Linda Jacobs reported that total TBM restoration expenses to date were \$38,027 with \$14,045 of that total being spent in 2009. It was suggested that someone be appointed to regularly take pictures of all work accomplished on each work day.

2. Joint CAF/EAA Event November 7th

A representative from EAA spoke to the Staff prior to the meeting outlining their plans for November 6-8. The CAF will offer rides and cockpit pictures. Colonel Moddle has to renew his medical prior to November 1 in order to fly. Colonel Downey will give rides in his Meyer OTW biplane and Colonel Russell in his T-34. Colonel Ward and Gary Gidick will sell rides and Colonel Bannerman will handle cockpit pictures. It was suggested that we contact the pilot of the B-25 and the T-6 parked at the FBO and offer to sell rides in those aircraft in exchange for a percentage of the fee.

3. December Yard Sale

At the September meeting, the Staff voted to hold the December Yard Sale on December 11-12. Colonel Conway will be away that weekend and no one volunteered to take charge of the sale on those dates. Colonel Linda Jacobs moved, seconded by Colonel Moddle, that the dates of the December Yard Sale be changed from December 11-12 to December 4-5. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Report of the Nominating Committee

Colonel Russell, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, could not be present for this meeting. In his stead, Colonel Mitchell reported that the following members in good standing have been

nominated to fill the three vacancies occurring January 1, 2010:

Executive Officer – Colonel Stan Mitchell

Finance Officer – Colonel Art Harriman

Operations Officer – Colonel Jim Bannerman

The Annual Meeting and Election of Staff Officers will be held in conjunction with the December General Membership Dinner Meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 10, 2009 at the Halifax River Yacht Club, Daytona Beach, FL.

5. Resignation of Wing Leader and Finance Officer

At the September Staff meeting, Colonel Peter Jacobs tendered his resignation as Wing Leader and Colonel Linda Jacobs tendered her resignation as Finance Officer effective October 31, 2009. Colonel Ann Conway moved, motion seconded, that the resignations be accepted with deep regrets. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Library

Colonel Linda Jacobs informed the Staff that she had put all the information on the library in Excel and had sent copies to Colonel Conway and Colonel Mitchell. She reminded that someone must be appointed to continue her work in maintaining the library (essential for cultural grants) and that she will be here until February to help train that person.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Upcoming Air Shows for January – April 2010

It was determined that the PX and L-17 Allie Gator will plan to attend the following shows/aviation days:

- a. New Smyrna Beach Balloon Fest – January 8-10
- b. Vero Beach Aviation Day – February 13
- c. Valkaria Aviation Day – February 20 (undecided)
- d. Valiant Air Command Warbird Show – March 12-14
- e. Punta Gorda Air Show – April 10-11
- f. Sun 'n Fun – April 13-18

1. NEXT REGULAR STAFF MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2009 AT 0930 HOURS AT THE CAF HANGAR, 1570 OLD NDB ROAD, DELAND MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

2. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP AND ELECTION OF STAFF OFFICERS IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2009 AT 1800 HOURS AT THE HALIFAX RIVER YACHT CLUB, DAYTONA BEACH, FL

There being no other business to come before the Staff, the meeting was adjourned at 1105 hours.

Seen at the October General Membership dinner meeting at the Halifax River Yacht Club

Bob Gandt, the speaker at our October general membership dinner, signs autographs in his new book *Intrepid*.



Colonels Alexis and Tony Montague



Colonels Don Barnhart and Art Harriman



Colonel Dick Russell and wife Wilma



Cadet Jerrid Stottlemeyer and Colonel Ted Cary



Colonel Ken Brownell and his wife Edith

