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From the Rally Point *by Col Candy Lee Parr*
Wing Leader



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Happy New Year!

As I assume my new role as wing leader, I am grateful for our staff and members who have the vote of confidence and support for this ongoing transition.

In all my years of volunteering in other organizations (from sidelines to Board President) the CAF core mission to Educate Inspire & Honor covers all the reasons I was passionate about serving them, so it seems CAF is a natural progression & fit. And to be elected the first female Wisconsin wing leader is an honor. So, thank you kindly.

I like the definition of RALLYING POINT: someone or something that makes people join together to support a person, cause, a mission etc. What is a military rally point? A rally point is a place designated by the leader where the unit moves to reassemble and reorganize...Soldiers must know which rally point to move to at each phase of the mission should they become separated from the unit.

The pandemic years seem to take us back a bit, so as we move thru "new phases" to meet our rewarding mission goals, we can evaluate what works best to complete our mission here in Wisconsin with best practices without reinventing the wheel, yet open to new ideas while following our CAF Headquarters regulations & guidelines.

This is a united effort of all members and future members to use their "talents" to volunteer to engage our community and/or donate resources to support our mission. To volunteer alongside like-minded people who can provide education and memories by sharing their passion & experiences is both fun & rewarding.

We keep these historic warbirds flying to carry out our mission, so next month we will take a look at the cost of flying and maintaining these "time machines" and the following month in March we will highlight ways you can volunteer at an event, on a specific committee, an ongoing or occasional task. If we spread the workload through many, we stay stronger as a wing and have less burnout. We can reach out to regain members that have drifted away and recruit other like-minded members.

"Tomorrow looks different and so will we" Admiral Linda L Fagan USCG 2022

Let's find a home base hangar for our two aircrafts, increase our wing membership & volunteers, meet interesting new people, while having fun carrying out our rewarding mission!

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COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE
Our Mission: To Educate, Inspire and Honor!!



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WI Wing Membership Meeting

You are invited to the CAF WI Wing meeting on Sat., Jan. 13th, 2024

10:30 AM Central Time → Waukesha Airport Terminal Conf. Room
(Airport Drive, Waukesha)

Speaker: Andrew T. Groth, Air Traffic Manager, Waukesha FCT (UES)

Andy will discuss highlights of the **Runway Safety Action Team (RSAT)** meeting held late last year with an emphasis on Runway Safety (i.e. Hot Spots, best practices, etc.). Time permitting, we will also discuss best practices in general areas to include Radio Procedures, Pattern Operations, Runway Exiting, etc...

Lunch → Please RSVP for Cousins Sub lunch option!!! → candyleecafwiwing@gmail.com

On-deck for next month: **Will "Psycho" Ward** is slated for our February meeting with a PowerPoint presentation on **MiG-23/25 myths!** Mark your calendars!

2022-24 NEW MEMBERS!!!

Donn Droegkamp (Pewaukee) *** Gold Lifetime Member ***	Al Pavik (TX-Coyote Squadron Member)	Eric Ruediger (Racine)
Jackson LaManna (Mequon) *** Cadet ***	Laura Stants (Indiana Wing)	John Reed
Scott Slay	Mitch Saltzberg	Candy Parr
George Bacik	Jeff Karsten	Cadet Francis Anderer (Noel Skerven's Nephew!)
Joe Van Wie	Glenn Leidel	Brian Liddle *** Life Member ***
Mary Berg	Eric Chappelear	Evan Bauer
Dan Butler	Tony Madonia	Mike Heileman
Steve Janke	Larry McClellan	Jarrett Tessar
Kristian Anderson	John Ricchio	Corey Grape
Mal Gross	Linda Becket (TX-Coyote Squadron Member)	



Friendly Reminder!!!

Please remember to renew your CAF WI Wing dues. This is separate from CAF National dues. Wing dues are \$50 (adult), \$25 (active military & member of other wing), and \$0 (cadets). Please see the application/renewal form at the end of this newsletter for additional information.



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Maintenance Report - January 2024: *by Col Scott Twesme – WI Wing Maintenance Officer*

- SNJ:** SNJ annual is complete, with a few parts that were replaced due to wear. We also got a new prop seal, so maybe it will throw a little less oil all over the airplane. Gary says it's flying great
- T-34:** T-34 has no new issues, and we moved the annual up to late February to avoid having it down for Mx during good weather in April. There are a few outstanding Mx issues to fix at annual, the most important being the landing gear up indicator and the ALEC cable tightening.

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Membership Update – January 2024: *by Col Michael Guslick– WI Wing Membership Officer*

It's Wing membership renewal time!

As the year increments by a digit, everyone's Wing membership is up for renewal. Unlike your national CAF membership (which runs on a 12-month cycle), WI Wing memberships are for January-December of each year (a 'calendar year' for those of you who speak FAA-ese). Remember, you must be a current member of CAF national at the full 'Colonel' level in order to be a member of any CAF Wing – if you're unsure of your CAF national or Wing membership status, please reach out to me!

WI Wing memberships are always due by Jan. 31 of each year, and in hopes of getting everyone renewed on time, I'm offering a unique gift. I've made a batch of CAF logo dog tags, laser engraved by yours truly – to get one, just make sure you've renewed your Wing dues by the deadline, and I will give you one at the Jan. or Feb. meeting, or mail you one.



You can either mail in your renewal with the form included in this newsletter, or renew online with the link below:

- Renew your CAF WI Wing membership online: https://www.cafwi.org/store/p34/Membership_Dues.html
- Renew your CAF national membership online: <https://commemorativeairforce.org/pages/renew-membership>



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Operations Report – January 2024 by Col Mike Woods – WI Wing Operations Officer

Our SNJ flew once in December by Col Gary Otto to take the plane back to Oshkosh after its annual at East Troy. For now, the plane will stay in OSH until either the hangar owner brings his plane back from California or the PT gets airworthy enough for a ferry permit for HQ to fly it back to Dallas. As of now, we do not have a date for the PT to fly away. Thank goodness that HQ is paying for the hangar for the PT at Waukesha, but that means we do not have a hangar for the SNJ until the PT leaves. Our T-34 had 4 currency flights in December by three of our pilots. The engine in the T-34 is now running great since the fuel pump was overhauled a second time. We are currently trying to get a quote to install a high noise environment built in intercom, which should clear up our issues there.

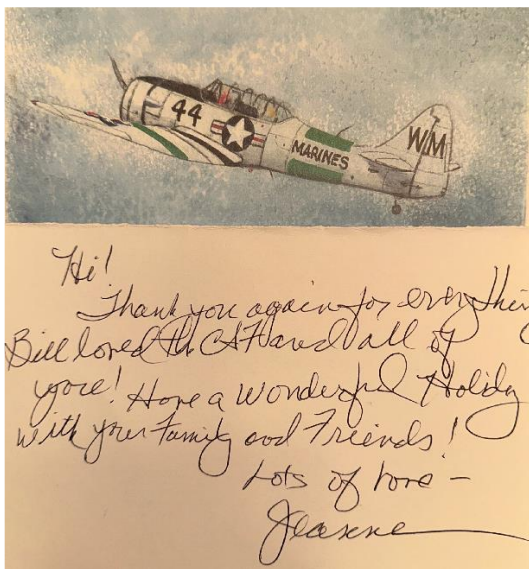
Our SNJ flew 42 hours in 2023, and the T-34 flew 48 hours, which is about normal for both planes.

Both planes are flying, and the annual was just done on the SNJ and the annual for the T-34 is scheduled for February. Unfortunately, we just received a rate increase from Plane Safe as his operating costs have gone up, just like everyone else, and we somewhat expect that they will go up for our SNJ mechanics too, so we will be looking to increase our maintenance reserves for the coming year. I am hoping we can keep it around \$10 to \$20/hr but will need to review it more before making a final decision.

As of now we have two active and one supporting pilot for the SNJ, and another pilot sponsor that is in the process of signing on. The T-34 has 5 active pilots and one monthly contributor for supporting the T-34. We all need to work together to get more active pilots and supporters for our planes. This should be our push over the winter.

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Thank You!



Thank you, Jeanne for your holiday greetings and your continued financial support of our mission to Educate, Inspire and Honor!



John Leidel has updated the detailed SNJ model displayed at the Waukesha Airport Terminal to include the Bill Paul name and "44"!





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Warbirds In Scale / Heavy Iron In Plastic. Article 4 in a series: "T-28 Gal"

by Col John Leidel – WI Wing Adjutant Officer

If you've been to the taxi-way at Oshkosh where all of the T-28s are parked, likely you've seen Kathy Laabs marshaling the planes and patrolling the area. Recently I have had the honor of becoming friends with this wonderful lady through Warbirds and the CAF. It turns out Kathy's addiction to T-28s came from a ride in a T-28, 28 years ago! One evening at the Warbird Campground at Oshkosh I ran in to Kathy and we got on the subject of my modeling hobby. She had a model kit of a T-28 that was given to her by her husband Mike and asked if I would be interested in building it for her. A funny side note, I was already plotting to build a T-28 for her and surprise her with it, but she beat me to the punch! Needless to say, my answer was YES!

My plan was to build an exact replica of the T-28C she had her first ride in! It is the very basic 1/48 scale Monogram "B" variant that I modified into a "C". Because she plans to display it on a shelf, I needed to add lots of ballast in the nose to get it sit on the nose gear as this kit is tail sitter by nature. I bought aftermarket resin wheels as the wheels in the kit are too skinny. The cockpit lacks any detail so I also bought an aftermarket resin cockpit set. The last major conversion was lopping off a chunk of the lower tail and grafting in some sheet plastic and stealing an arrestor hook from an unsuspecting Corsair. I used the star and bar decals from the kit. The rest of the decals I created using Microsoft Word and Publisher, and actual photographs to make the tail markings. Paint was a combination of Tamiya Acrylics and ScaleColors paint applied by both brush and air-brush. I was very excited to do this for Kathy, as I remember seeing her out there with the T-28s long before I had the privilege of meeting her!



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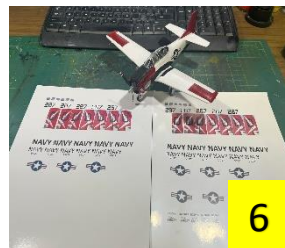
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- Photo 1: The actual T-28 C Kathy had her first flight in!
- Photo 2: The very basic like Monogram 1/48 scale T-28B Trojan kit that included a toy like retractable landing gear.
- Photo 3: A out of box built "B" on the left with my converted "C" on the right.
- Photos 4/5: The finished model
- Photo 6: The custom decals I created and printed with an inkjet printer on decal paper
- Photo 7: A comparison of the kit cockpit versus the aftermarket cockpit.
- Photo 8: Why I do what I do, the happiness and the smiles!



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Meet your Commemorative Air Force Wisconsin Wing Adjutant Officer: Col John Leidel



My name is John Leidel. My wife is Yvonne and I have two daughters: Erin and Lizzy.

My Brother Glenn took me to my first Air Shows in 1973. First was Burlington where I remember seeing the Red Devils perform, a C-97 doing touch and goes, and then a tornado came through and destroyed the EAA's Ford Tri-motor! Next of course was Oshkosh. We have not missed a year since, at least as part of the general public. Because we always lived a short distance from Oshkosh, we would go up, see the planes and go home. It wasn't until 2015 we realized what we had been missing, the PEOPLE component of Warbirds! For the past 5 years I've been living at the Warbird Campground with my Brother Glenn for the entire week and volunteering driving the Warbird Tram Tour and serving as the Volunteer Coordinator at Training Command. My full-time jobs over the years included Camp Whitcomb where I've served in different capacities, I also served with the Merton Fire Department for 35 years, 22 of those as Chief of Fire and EMS. I finally decided it was time to step back from the FD in 2015. Glenn and I went to see Chris Henry's B-17 presentation at the EAA Speaker Series. Our Dad served as an Aircraft Armorer with the 390th Bomb Group, 570th Squadron so B-17's hold a special place in our hearts. After the

presentation, I introduced myself to Chris and told him I was looking to fill my new-found free time getting involved in Warbirds. Up until this time my only related hobby was collecting and building models. Chris and I became friends on Facebook where I shared my modeling hobby. A short time later after seeing my work on Facebook, I was asked to participate in the EAA Family Flight Fest to share my passion! Never did I imagine I would be sharing my work AT the EAA Museum! Due to connections I made there, one day I received an e-mail about a new Warbird Chapter starting in Oshkosh! My ship had come in! A short time later I became the Squadron Adjutant and for brief time the Financial Officer. It was at Squadron 32 I met Gary Otto! I always admired the CAF from afar. My family has a very special history with Texas Raiders, but that is another story! One of the barriers was always the cost. But after I learned more about the CAF from Gary, I decided it was the place for me! As always, I never get partially involved, I always dive in 110% to help out where I can. A need arose for an Adjutant for the Wisconsin Wing. Although I was still extremely new to the organization, I offered my services if they needed someone. Well, the rest is history! It is truly an honor and privilege to serve in this capacity.

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Executive Officer Report *by Col Gary Otto*

While the XO position has often been similar to a VP position, where the VP is just standing by waiting for the President to croak or resign, I do not intend to operate in that fashion. I see the XO as the right hand man (person) to the Wing Leader, offering assistance and leadership wherever needed or requested by the WL. I will continue to assist with meetings and operations. Of course I will continue to be a pilot sponsor for both the SNJ and T-34 so I can keep carrying out our mission with regards to flying and events.

I am leading the efforts to get the PT-26 returned to HQ for reassignment as well as turn our PT spare parts inventory into cash funds for our aircraft. I am performing an audit of the 2023 finances so we can start the year with a good understanding of where we stand financially across the board. There were big changes in 2023. I thank Candy for stepping up to take on the WL role here at the WI Wing. I will do everything I can to support her in that role and support the WI Wing's mission to Educate, Inspire and Honor!!

Gary Otto

XO (not kisses and hugs.....)



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Wing Photos / Recent Events

by Col Gary Otto



Dec. 2023
Holiday
Party

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Wing Photos / Recent Events

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Breakfast at Denny's! (most Saturdays @ 8am!)



"SNJ Flight to TabAir for Annual" → TO Oshkosh



"SNJ Flight to TabAir for Annual" → FROM Oshkosh





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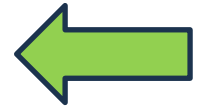


Education Update by Col Tom Leunig – WI Wing Education Officer

WHY WE FLY



ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST READ THIS!!!!



CAF Youth Protection and Interaction Training

The CAF requires all volunteers who will be working within an arm's reach of a youth to complete the CAF Youth Protection and Interaction Training, plus agree to a Criminal History Background Check before you may work with youth at CAF units or CAF events. This is online training that will take approximately fifteen minutes to complete. You will watch a short video, take a quiz, and then apply for the background check. There is no cost to you or the wing for this certification. Once you have completed the training and passed the background check, the wing will be notified that you are eligible to work with youth. The background check is handled by a secure third-party vendor and no confidential information is shared with the CAF.

To complete the training, go to the CAF website under Education and click on the Youth Interaction and Protection box or simply follow this link:

<https://www.cafeducation.org/youth-interaction-and-protection>

Thank you for doing your part to keep our young people safe as we Educate, Inspire, and Honor a new generation of aviation enthusiasts!

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Military Birthdays, Holidays, & Observances

How can you help? Let us educate others and remind ourselves of our military history in 2024! Each month we will feature that month's Military Birthdays, Holidays and Observances.*

We will give you the heads up the month before on which we are featuring.

Do you have photos (with a caption), a tribute or stories you like to add to the newsletter? Share your own personal experience or family members. Submit your own article and photos or suggest a story. February newsletter deadline is Feb. 3rd (It's Saturday 1 week before our Wing Meeting)

Next Month: Two for February:

Coast Guard Reserve Birthday 2/19 (Did you or a family member serve?)

Note: US Coast Guard Auxiliary is in June.

National Salute to Veteran Patients

This is an observation on the **week of February 14** for anyone with a Veteran member receiving medical treatment. It is a day to pay tribute to the patients in VA medical facilities and Veterans who receive care. It is also a day to raise community awareness of the VA medical center.



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Education Update (cont'd from previous page)

Look at the months ahead below and have time to gather your photos, stories or tribute.

Year in review of the 2024 calendar year*

Important Military Anniversaries in 2024:

January 27: 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp by Soviet forces in 1945
 June 6: 80th anniversary of D-Day, the Allied invasion of Normandy during World War II
 August 15: 79th anniversary of V-J Day, the day Japan announced its surrender to the Allies, effectively ending WWII
 September 2: 79th anniversary of the signing of the Japanese Instrument of Surrender aboard the USS Missouri, marking the end of WWII

Military Birthdays

(If you served in one the branches – submit a photo(s) & your military background - we can feature it the month of the branch birthday!)

Coast Guard Reserve = February 19	Air Force = September 18
Navy Reserve = March 3	Air National Guard = September 18
Air Force Reserve = April 14	Office of the Secretary of Defense
Army Reserve = April 23	Navy = October 13
Army = June 14	Marine Corps = November 10
Coast Guard Auxiliary = June 23	Civil Air Patrol Birthday = December 1
Department of Defense = August 10	National Guard = December 13
Marine Corps Reserve = August 29	

* Military Holidays and Observances – Military Calendar (Oct 1, 2023 Written by Everett Bledsoe / Fact checked by Brain Bartell)

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History:

January 27, 2024: 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp by Soviet forces in 1945

Auschwitz concentration camp → <https://www.wikipedia.org/>

Known as:	The Holocaust
Location:	German-Occupied Poland
Operational:	May 1940- January 1945
Inmates:	Mainly Jews, Poles, Romani, Soviet prisoners of war
# of inmates:	At least 1.3 million
Killed:	At least 1.1 million
Liberated by:	Soviet Union, 27 January 1945



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Come on out and see the movie "Devotion" on Jan. 27th showing at 6 PM at KUES

Watch as a pair of U.S. Navy fighter pilots in their Corsairs risk their lives during the Korean War and become some of the Navy's most celebrated wingmen.

The MOVIE is FREE, the POPCORN is FREE, and parking is FREE. Showing will be in a heated hangar and large screen will be flanked by planes to add to the experience. **BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS OR BLANKET (chairs will not be provided) and wear your aviator gear!**

See details @ "Fly In Cinema" in this newsletter.

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Waukesha County Airport will be hosting two FREE events on Saturday, January 27th as part of the Waukesha JanBoree:

FLY IN CINEMA
WAUKESHA COUNTY AIRPORT
IN ATLANTIC AVIATION'S HEATED HANGAR
PART OF WAUKESHA JANBOREE
PRESENTED BY
the FREE POPCORN is SPONSORED BY
DROEGKAMP **SCA** **SPRING CITY AVIATION**
ATLANTIC AVIATION 🛩️ GIFT OF WINGS 🛩️ WAUKESHA COUNTY AIRPORT

FREE MOVIE & POPCORN
HOT FOOD AND DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE
FEATURE MOVIE
DEVOTION
JANUARY 27TH 6PM



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Jan. 27th: JanBoree

FLANNEL FLY-IN: 10 AM - 2 PM (By car or aircraft)

Wear your favorite flannel and come out to the airport to learn about all thing's aviation. Multiple aeronautical organizations will be participating. Enjoy snacks, a chili cook-off, and more.

DEVOTION MOVIE SHOWING: 6 PM

Waukesha County Airport, Gift of Wings, Spring City Aviation, and Atlantic Aviation are proud to present the movie Devotion Saturday, January 27th at 6 PM as part of the Waukesha County JanBoree.

Watch as a pair of U.S. Navy fighter pilots risk their lives during the Korean War and become some of the Navy's most celebrated wingmen. PG-13.

The MOVIE is FREE, the POPCORN is FREE, and parking is FREE. Hot food will be available for purchase. Showing will be in a heated hangar and large screen will be flanked by planes to add to the experience. **BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS OR BLANKET (chairs will not be provided) and wear your aviator gear.**

Registration not required. Hangar will be heated but we recommend you dress warm. Please Park in terminal parking lot located at 2525 Aviation Drive and follow directions through terminal to the hangar. For pilots that fly in for the event, ramp parking fees will be waived.

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Sat., 1/27: Waukesha JanBoree at Crites Field
10am-2pm (Terminal) with Devotion Movie Showing @ 6pm in the
Atlantic Aviation Hangar

Our Wing will have a table again - NEED Volunteers

Contact Candy Parr for details!!!

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A BIG Thank you!

by Candy Lee Parr – WI Wing Leader

*I want to thank **Michael Guslick** for donating a laptop (& updating it) with a case, power cord, wireless mouse & pad to the WI Wing Leader Position to use!*

*And many thanks to thank **Gary Otto** who spent hours and hours moving over documents etc. to the laptop and reviewing it for 3 hours. And more to learn! One day at a time!*

*Also want to thank **Steve Lark & Brad Ohde** for their technical support!*

It takes a SQUAD to raise a new Wing Leader!



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OUR HISTORY & MISSION

OUR MISSION IS TO EDUCATE, INSPIRE, AND HONOR THROUGH FLIGHT AND LIVING HISTORY EXPERIENCES.

We carry out our mission with over 75 units in the USA and other countries that that maintain & flies over 180 historical aircrafts.

It began with a single plane.

Lloyd Nolen and a small group of ex-service pilots from the Rio Grande Valley in Texas pooled their money to purchase a P-51 Mustang in 1957. They formed a loosely defined organization to share the pleasure and expense of maintaining the Mustang.

A short while later, the group added a pair of F8F Bearcats to the P-51 Mustang. At this point, the mission of the CAF became clear: save an example of every aircraft that flew during World War II ~ a mission no one else was undertaking.

What started as a hobby became an urgent objective to preserve history.

By 1960, the group began to search seriously for other World War II aircraft but it quickly became apparent that few remained in flying condition. By the end of the war, America had produced nearly 300,000 aircraft. Just 15 years later, almost all the warbirds were gone.

Decommissioned and stripped of armament and instruments, most of these proud warriors were scrapped or abandoned. No one, not even the Air Force or Navy, was attempting to preserve the historic aircraft that changed the world forever.

On September 6, 1961, the CAF was chartered as a nonprofit Texas corporation in order to restore and preserve World War II-era combat aircraft. By the end of the year, there were nine aircraft in the CAF fleet.

In 1965, the first museum building consisting of 26,000 square feet was completed at old Rebel Field, Mercedes, Texas. The CAF created a new Rebel Field at Harlingen, Texas, when they moved there in 1968, occupying three large buildings. The CAF fleet continued to grow and included medium and heavy bombers such as the B-29, B-25, B-17 and B-24.



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The organization was originally known as the Confederate Air Force. Following a membership vote in 2001 and made effective on January 1, 2002, the organization is now called the Commemorative Air Force. The name was changed to better reflect the mission of the organization.

Collecting aircraft for nearly a half a century, the CAF now ranks as one of the largest air forces in the world. Today the CAF has approximately 13,000 members and a fleet of more than 175 aircraft representing more than 60 different types—including planes from several foreign countries and other military conflicts since World War II.

The Headquarters of the CAF is located in Dallas. CAF members live in every state and 28 foreign countries. In 26 states and four foreign countries, our members have joined together and formed units to foster camaraderie and, in many cases, actively support one or more of the classic military aircraft operated by the CAF.

The CAF was founded to acquire, restore and preserve in flying condition a complete collection of combat aircraft which were flown by all military services of the United States, and selected aircraft of other nations, for the education and enjoyment of present and future generations of Americans.

More than just a collection of airworthy warplanes from the past, the CAF's fleet of historic aircraft, known as the CAF Ghost Squadron, recreate, remind and reinforce the lessons learned from the defining moments in American military aviation history.

CAF OBJECTIVES

1. To acquire, restore and preserve in flying condition a complete collection of combat aircraft which were flown by all military services of the United States and selected aircraft of other nations for the education and enjoyment of present and future generations of Americans.
2. To provide museum buildings for the permanent protection and display of these aircraft as a tribute to the thousands of men and women who built, serviced and flew them.
3. To perpetuate in the memory and in the hearts of all Americans the spirit in which these great planes were flown in the defense of our nation.
4. To establish an organization having the dedication, enthusiasm and esprit de corps necessary to operate, maintain and preserve these aircraft as symbols of our American military aviation heritage.

Who do you know that wants to be a part of this great mission?



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The Midwest Military Vehicle Association (MMVA), a local affiliate of the International Military Vehicle Preservation Association-Historical Archives (MVPA-HA) is pleased to announce that we will host our 49th Annual International Convention in Oshkosh in September 2024. This military vehicle show, vintage warbird fly-in, vendor trade show and seminar will be held at the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) grounds in Oshkosh. Public dates for the show are September 12th to the 14th.

The MVPA-HA, a 501(c)3, is comprised of nearly 4,000 members in 83 affiliate chapters worldwide and provides an organization for military vehicle enthusiasts, historians, preservationists, and collectors interested in the acquisition, restoration, preservation, safe operation, public education, and display of historic military transportation. Our members maintain "history in motion" with a wide assortment of vehicles from horse drawn wagons, bicycles, scooters, motorcycles, jeeps and light vehicles to heavy trucks, trailers, and tracked armored vehicles. These veteran vehicles support local parades, veteran organization events, school programs, public displays, and many members of the MVPA and the MMVA are also in Commemorative Air Force Wings and the EAA Warbird Chapters. More information about the MVPA can be found at www.mvpa.org.

Our goal in bringing this convention to Wisconsin is, first and foremost, to honor the armed forces service members who risked their lives to ensure our freedoms. Another goal is to inform and inspire the next generation of vehicle enthusiasts to get involved in the purchase, restoration, maintenance, and operation of historic military vehicles. By beginning the planning for this event over a year out we hope to get over 1,000 attendees per day to our three-day show.

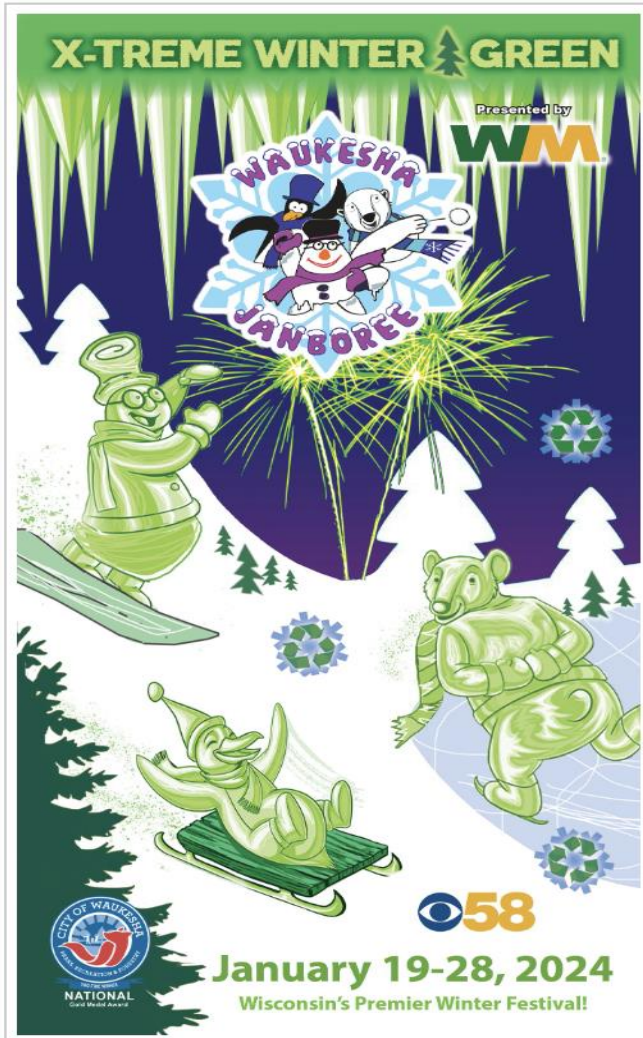
Specifically, we now seek vintage warbirds to fly-in to Oshkosh and be on display 12-14 September. Our goal is to fill up Celebration Way in front of Hangars A and Hangar C with trainers, observation aircraft, fighters, transports, liaison, and bombers for the public to see. We are researching whether Wittman Field will allow us to offer the rides program in conjunction with the show as a fundraising event for CAF Wings and EAA Warbird Chapters. We are also looking for volunteers to help manage the airfield and the tarmac during the times aircraft are flying-in, on display, and returning home. If you are interested in volunteering, please let me know.

We look forward to bringing this event to the Wisconsin in 2024 and hope the Wisconsin Wing of the CAF will have a strong showing.

John Schroeder, Volunteer Convention Planner, MMVA
CAF Colonel, Wisconsin Wing Member
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2024 www.commemorativeairforce.org

Join the "Flight Crew" at the CAF WI Wing
 You can join the Flight Crew for our historic warbird aircraft and get a piece of the action! Aircraft Sponsor support is limited to aircraft improvements and major repairs, but does not support the every day "fixed costs" like hangar rent and insurances. Flight Crew support goes directly to current fixed costs and helps keep our WI Wing aircraft ready to carry out the CAF mission to Educate, Inspire and Honor!

"Flight Crew" members can donate as little as \$20/month with a 12 month commitment to qualify as a "Flight Crew" member for each aircraft. Being a "Flight Crew" member entitles you to a T-34 or SNJ-5 special cap with "Flight Crew" notation on the backside. Wear your "flight Crew" gear with pride as you show your support for our WI Wing CAF aircraft. Flight Crew donations are fully tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Your donation indicates your strong interest in playing an active role in our Wing aircraft operations. The WI Wing needs "Flight Crew" members **now** to keep these historical aircraft flying. If you can help in any way, let Gary Otto know. Call with any questions:
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Wisconsin Wing
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SNJ-5/AT-6 600 HP

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COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE



T-34 Mentor 300HP

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Preserving America's Legacy of Freedom

Flight Crew Support...

Flight Crew Support is a great way to help keep our warbirds flying! This is one way for members and non-members to get some "skin in the game" with much needed financial support for the huge fixed costs of keeping our planes assigned to the WI Wing. Insurance, hangar, and annual inspections are our

major expenses, and Flight Crew monthly support is directly applied to these costs.

Sponsorships are also welcomed and needed, but those funds are not allowed to be applied to monthly fixed costs. Sponsor funds are dedicated to upgrades and major repairs. Please consider adding some dollars from your monthly budget to become a Flight Crew member and support your WI Wing Warbirds.

FLIGHT CREW Support of On-Going Fixed Expenses (Hangar, insurance, CAF Fees, Etc.)

- () I will support the fixed expenses of the T-34: ()\$20/mo ()\$30/mo ()\$40/mo ()\$50/mo ()\$100/mo ()\$
 () I will support the fixed expenses of the SNJ-5: ()\$20/mo ()\$30/mo ()\$40/mo ()\$50/mo ()\$100/mo ()\$
 () I will volunteer time / talent / equipment in support of the aircraft: () SNJ-5 () T-34

Comments/Additional Support: _____

SIGN ME UP! (Indicate your pledged level of support)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone/Cell: _____

Signature: _____

I understand that this pledge is not legally binding.
 I will maintain my pledge of support to the best of my ability.

() Please keep my pledge confidential/anonymous.

Make checks payable to: "Commemorative Air Force"

Return ASAP to:
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 CAF Wisconsin Wing
 P. O. Box 1998
 Waukesha, WI 53187-1998

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Wisconsin Wing News



WISCONSIN WING - CAF 2024 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(This section for official use only)

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____ DATE PAID: _____ MEMBERSHIP YEAR: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FOLLOWING WITH YOUR DUES:
(YOU MUST BE A CAF NATIONAL MEMBER TO BE A WISCONSIN WING MEMBER)

CAF National MEMBERSHIP No: _____ NEW _____ RENEWAL _____

NAME: _____ BIRTHDATE (optional) _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: (HOME) _____ (CELL) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ DATE: _____

[] ANNUAL (Jan-Dec) WISCONSIN WING MEMBERSHIP - \$50.00 (ADULT) / \$FREE (CADET)
\$25 (ACTIVE MILITARY)
(SNOWBIRD OPTION) \$25 (MEMBERS OF OTHER WINGS)

Extra Donation +\$ _____

Total Cash/Check Enclosed = \$ _____

YOU CAN SEND MORE THAN \$50 !! EXTRA DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!!!
ALL YOUR DONATIONS TO THE CAF ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: WISCONSIN WING - CAF.
MAIL TO: WISCONSIN WING - CAF, P.O. BOX 1998, WAUKESHA, WI 53187-1998.

VOLUNTEER INTERESTS – PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

_____ Education (Rise Above Program, WASP's, Youth groups, Boy Scout hangar visits, etc.)

_____ Event Planning (Planning/prep for local CAF events/lunches/dinners/special events)

_____ Gathering of Warbirds (GOW) (Wisconsin Wing airshow at Waukesha Airport)

_____ PX (Fundraising through sales at local airshows and events)

_____ Fundraising (Fundraising efforts/assist development officer)

_____ Social Media/Web Development (Maintaining Wisconsin Wing social media outlets)

_____ Photography (At local events for social media, community outreach, etc.)

_____ Pilot/Flying Hours/Certificates held: _____

_____ Other Skills/Interests: _____

Calendar – Upcoming Events

Please go to cafwi.org for more details on all the Commemorative Air Force Wisconsin 2024 Wing activities.

Notes: CAF WI Wing activity always subject to weather and aircraft availability

- WI Wing Staff meetings are always 10 days prior to each wing meeting and open to all members to attend.

Date	Event Name	Location	Time	PX Booth	Educational Table	T-34A	SNJ-5
1-13-24	WI Wing Meeting	Waukesha Airport – Terminal	10:30am				
1-27-24	Waukesha JanBoree	Crites Field (Terminal)	10am-2pm (6pm Movie in Atlantic Aviation Hangar)	X			
2-10-24	WI Wing Meeting	Waukesha Airport – Terminal	10:30am				
3-9-24	WI Wing Meeting	Waukesha Airport – Terminal	10:30am				
4-13-24	WI Wing Meeting	Waukesha Airport – Terminal	10:30am				
4-20-24	Honor Flight Escort	MKE					
5-11-24	WI Wing Meeting	Waukesha Airport – Terminal	10:30am				
5-18-24	Honor Flight Escort	MKE					
6-8-24	WI Wing Meeting	Waukesha Airport – Terminal	10:30am				
6-15-24	Honor Flight Escort	MKE					
7-13-24	WI Wing Meeting	Waukesha Airport – Terminal	10:30am				
7-20-24	Janesville Warbird Show	Janesville Airport	All Day	X		X	X
7-21 to 7-28-24	AirVenture 2024	Oshkosh Airport	All Week			X	X
7-27 to 7-28-24	MKE Air & Mater Show	MKE – Lakefront	~10am-4pm				
8-10-24	WI Wing Meeting	Waukesha Airport – Terminal	10:30am				
8-15 to 8-17-24	Warbirds & Classics over the Midwest (RC Model Airplane Show)	Fond du Lac	All Day	X (Sat/Sun)			
9-14-24	WI Wing Meeting	Waukesha Airport – Terminal	10:30am				
9-12 to 9-14-24	Military Vehicle Preservation Association (MVPA) Annual Convention	EAA Grounds – Oshkosh	8am-5pm (Thr/Fri) 8am-4pm (Sat)				
9-21-24	Oconto Elks Flyin	Oconto Airport	All Day			X	X
10-12-24	WI Wing Meeting	Waukesha Airport – Terminal	10:30am				
11-9-24	WI Wing Meeting	Waukesha Airport – Terminal	10:30am				
12-14-24	WI Wing Meeting	Waukesha Airport – Terminal	10:30am				

* Updates as of Jan. 8th, 2024.

Contact Cand Lee Par at 262-490-0330 or candyleecaafwiwing@gmail.com with questions or information to share.

Newsletter submissions:

- Articles & submission are due 1st Saturday of every month (ie: 1 week before our wing meetings).
- Pictures can be sent as .JPG or .PNG in email attachments or via MMS text (remember to provide short descriptions!).
- Articles can be submitted in PLAIN TEXT either in a WORD document or embedded in an email. .PDF's are OK for reprints, flyers, etc...
- When in doubt, just call or email Brad Ohde – editor: (brad.ohde@outlook.com or 262-309-8600 cell)

For the latest EAA AirVenture news & info go to: <https://www.eaa.org/airventure>

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