



Commemorative Air Force Wisconsin Wing Newsletter

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From the Front Cockpit Col Gary Otto – Wing Leader



Lots of good things are happening at the WI Wing! Membership is growing again, there is a renewed spirit of adventure, our T-34 is finally operational and 2021 is starting to look like it can be a great and memorable year for all of our members.

The January newsletter defined our mission to "Educate, Inspire and Honor" and highlighted all the ways we are motivated to carry out this noble mission. The February newsletter focused on support for the mission. To carry out our mission, it takes a lot of donated time and money that comes from a wide range of sources. We have to keep our aircraft in safe operational condition and our pilots proficient, so that these historic time machines can be the means we utilize to Educate, Inspire and Honor. Support for the mission is so very much appreciated, but is an ongoing need that requires our constant attention.

This month we are targeting our events and all the volunteerism needed to carry out our mission. Volunteering for interesting and inspirational events is the reason most of us joined the CAF, and what keeps us motivated to keep doing more and giving more of our time and financial support. In Paul Keppeler's words, "These events are providing the on-ramps for your engagement in carrying out our mission." It takes many volunteers to run the WI Wing and many more to go out and participate in the events and activities where we educate, inspire and honor. It is time for action! Please look over all of the events that have already surfaced for 2021, expect even more to be found, and seek out where your participation will teach someone about our military aviation history, inspire others to do good things or better their lives, or honor someone who has served our country. Our volunteerism often touches someone's life in ways we may never know. Take one of these "on-ramps" and see where it takes you. I am confident you will like where you are headed. I have been there many times.

It was such an honor to be the first T-34 sponsor-pilot to earn a CAF T-34 pilot rating and fly our fully restored Mentor. This airplane looks and flies like new, and I am so anxious to get the remaining sponsor-pilots rated as well as getting all of our T-34 supporters an opportunity to fly in the rear cockpit. I believe that these historic aircraft are time machines that take you back to the 40's and 50's when young men and women were being trained to go fight a war. I hope to share that feeling with as many as possible. That's my personal mission. I said up front that this year can be a great year for all our members. Let's collectively go out and make it great and memorable!

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CAF WI Wing March Meeting Invitation

March 20th, 2021 10:30 AM

Gate #1 code: 2347#

*** Lunch at noon.... RSVP ***

In person option at the CAF hangar with COVID mitigation

or **Join Zoom Meeting using this link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82021065121>

Meeting ID: 820 2106 5121

Dial in option: 312-626-6799

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How Can I Volunteer?

by Kathy Laabs

There are so many ways you can volunteer to help the WI Wing carry out our mission to Educate, Inspire and Honor. Here are just a few!

- PX and PX Team Captain volunteers
- Ground Crew (aircraft and auto parking)
- Rides Program coordinator OPEN position
- Flight Crew supporters for any or all of our aircraft
- Aircraft sponsors (PT & T-34: supporting up to \$750/restoration up to \$1499/Sponsor \$1500+)
- Pilot sponsors
- Wing Staff officers - Public Information Officer position is OPEN
- Banquet committee
- Holiday party committee
- Meeting lunch organizer (volunteer to do just one/year)
- Wash & Wax aircraft volunteers
- Hangar Cleanup volunteers
- Set up/cleanup for meeting volunteers
- Education committee member/Development committee member/Historian

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Did you know?

You can support our aircraft anytime using the links below for each airplane. Sometimes a one-time gift is just the thing to do! See these links:

PT-26 → <https://www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/pt-26-primary-trainer-n9474h>

SNJ-5 → <https://www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/snj-5-advanced-trainer-n3195g>

T-34 → <https://www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/t-34-mentor>



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February 20th Meeting Highlights

You can watch the whole Wing Meeting on this Zoom cloud link if you missed it!

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/_hxjL9Qt7Se--oSTcsFtZB4c3gBeJxhmXGHAKLB3WGDfRsWzGLnkOdK2gWzHcqlg.tH8J12xxuqeFb9eU

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Wing Leader Gary Otto called the meeting to order at 10:33 AM. Welcomed 24 attendees, including guests, Dr. Michael Holt and Steve Ward. New member John Schroeder, who could not attend was introduced. See separate attendance sheet showing details on attendees. 16 at the hangar and 8 on Zoom. Please get your 2021 wing membership dues paid and keep your national membership current. Pledge of Allegiance was carried out by the attendees. New members from 2020 and 2021 were recognized.

Short business meeting:

- Gary Otto started off with video that highlights VJ-day. Reiterated "Our Mission: Educate, Inspire and Honor". Our airplanes are the means of carrying out that mission, but not the mission itself. Reminded 'Breakfast at Denny's' via zoom at this time. Dixie Wing is now Georgia Airbase! Many thanks to Brad Ohde for another great newsletter issue. Please submit articles by the 10th of each month. February newsletter and meeting are dedicated to support for the Mission. In Jan we defined the mission, so how can we support it?

Safety: Mike Ziarniak reminded us that Safety is #1 at the CAF and we should be cautious in the hangar.

Membership: Tom McDermott unable to zoom in from frozen Texas. Will get an update at next meeting.

Events: Kathy Laabs: TBM Reunion May 15th 100% go, Hold the date for WI Wing Open House May 22nd.

Education:

- Jeanette Anderson unable to attend due to trip to sunny FL!!. Efforts at 'Operation D.R.E.A.M' ongoing. Aviation library at hangar. Big push for our youth protection and interaction policy next month. Upgraded our terminal display last month. Year of the WASPS at CAF!

Development:

- Bob Vajgrt: Importance of talking to people about the organization and why we are members. Flight crew support program was described, not as much commitment as sponsorship program, helps with fixed cost and for as little as \$10 a month. Request for support of CAF WI wing in 2021 was laid out. Focus on support.

PX:

Welcome to Dennis Flancher as our new PX Volunteer Coordinator. If you want to volunteer for PX, talk to Dennis. More on this at the next meeting. PX volunteerism results in direct financial benefit to the WI Wing and is a lot of fun too!

Old business:

- T-34 activity- invited by national headquarters to do a March 24th webinar. A team will be assembled to put together a power point presentation. Carl has one test flight to go before release for operations.
- Wing staff conference March 5-7th all virtual this year. All members welcome to attend.

New business:

- Dan and Sara Beams donated 11 Marine slightly used flight suits of different colors and sizes and a pair of size 11 and a half flying boots, to our wing. Mike Ziarniak will send Dan a thank you letter.
- EAA Aviation profile on Col Larry 'Lumpy' Lumpkin was then presented. Wonderful story of Larry from his start in aviation to where he is today flying the CAF 'Gunfighter'.
- Next Wing Meeting Mar 20th at (zoom and in the hangar). Business meeting with financial update. No outside presentation planned. March meeting emphasis on events and volunteerism with member input and discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 AM, Respectfully submitted, A.G. Bharatkumar, Adjutant, WI Wing CAF



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Maintenance Report – March 2021

Col Steven Sorge – Maintenance Officer – WI Wing

PT-26

- No Activity – Aircraft is airworthy
- On winter hold. Insurance changed to storage only

SNJ-5

- Prop removed and sent to Maxwell to correct seal leak; Maxwell update – expect completion of prop in week of 08March, delivery planned week of 15March
- intercom upgrade in progress - completion after prop delivered
- On winter hold. Insurance removed to storage only

T-34

- Annual completed
- Flight testing completed
- Acrobatic Maneuvers flown and documented in logs to remove operating limitations statement: “acrobatics prohibited”
- Pilot Training began 06March
- Still working to resolve gear door position in “gear Down” position



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Education Update

Jeanette Anderson - Education Officer WI Wing

We've got a lot of exciting things in the works for Education this year:

- We are still working on adding to our WI Wing display in the Waukesha Airport terminal. John Kmet has graciously loaned us a model of the PV2 bomber that was assigned to us back in our early days. We are building a display around that with other artifacts from that time period showcasing the history of our Wisconsin Wing. Gary Otto provided a computer for the display as well. There are a variety of exciting and inspirational videos loaded on it that I will be swapping out throughout the year. This will give our terminal display an audio-visual element and provide fresh new information for return visitors to the display. If you have any pictures, articles, or stories from the PV2 era that you would be willing to let us display, please let me know.
- The CAF Youth Protection Program is a vital part of our education program and volunteer efforts to carry out our mission. All CAF members are encouraged to complete the training. See the details in the article below.





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T-34 Memories

by Col Mike Woods



Here is a picture I took of my friend Pat Long in a T-34. We went to college together and were both stationed at WPAFB 1968-1972. We both flew these T-34s in the Wright Patt aero club. Pat's memory of rates is better than mine, but he thought we paid \$10/hr which was a wet rate. Notice the big radio boxes on the back shelf. In retrospect, the plane looks well worn even back then. But to me it was a shining rocket.

Those were really fun days. Looking forward to returning from Florida soon and getting checked out once again, but now in our beautiful T-34A!

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Arizona Airbase "Flying Legends of Victory Tour" coming to Waukesha



B-25J BOMBER "MAID IN THE SHADE" FACT SHEET

"Flying Legends of Victory Tour"

- We've toured throughout the U.S. and Canada for more than 30 years and currently fly to over 40 towns and cities each year.
- We're based out of the Arizona Airbase of the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) and are the largest unit in the world of the Commemorative Air Force.
- We provide a one-of-a-kind experience where people can get an up-close and personal look into how these planes were made and hear the stories of how crews braved extraordinary odds.
- People can smell the exhaust; feel the vibrations and hear the sound of these muscular engines coming to life. Seeing our warbirds fly over their hometown is an inspiring, memorable sight.

About the B-25 Bomber "Maid In The Shade"

- B-25J is named "*Maid in The Shade.*" Built in early 1944.
- She is very rare – one of 34 B-25J's still flying out of the nearly 10,000 B-25s produced.
- The B-25 aircraft was named in honor of General Billy Mitchell who is recognized as the father of strategic bombing.
- Used mainly as a low altitude strafe and skip bomber, it was used in America's first large-scale bombing offensive in the Philippines – sunk 8 ships and shot down 5 planes.
- Most remembered for the Doolittle Raid on Japan where Jimmy Doolittle led 16 B-25's across Japan bombing targets.
- Developed by North American Aviation.
- Combat History – based out of Serraggia Airbase, Corsica from November 1 – December 31, 1944. Assigned to:
 - o 57th Bomb Wing
 - o 319th Bomb Wing
 - o 474th Squadron
 - o Combat missions flown:
 - 13 over Italy
 - 2 over Yugoslavia



The AZ B-25 "Maid in the Shade" summer tour includes a visit to KUES Waukesha County Airport arriving Monday July 26th and departing Monday Aug 2. Our own George Crawford, who winters in AZ, is the tour coordinator, and was responsible for steering the tour to include a WI stopover. They will be selling rides Friday-Sat-Sun, July 30-31, and Aug.1st, and will be offering airplane tours only on Tuesday-Thursday, based at the Stein ramp. Costs for the rides on the B-25 are \$325.00 for the waist with 4 seats available and \$650.00 for the nose with 2 seats available. CAF members are eligible for a \$75.00 discount for the rides. This is the week of AirVenture in Oshkosh, but we are hoping to support their visit with local volunteers and the WI Wing PX. There may be an opportunity to sell rides on the days they are not, depending on plane and pilot availability.

This is an excellent opportunity to volunteer and hang around a B-25! More details will be included in upcoming WI Wing newsletters.



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Air Camp

starts on the Monday after Father's Day
at EAA Chapter 1158, West Bend Airport

- Ages 13-16
Limited Enrollment
- Individual Flight Experiences
- Hands-on Projects
- Aerospace Science
- Career Information
- Cap & T-shirt

Exciting Educational Activities Include:

- Individual discovery flight in a Cessna 152 trainer with an FAA licensed instructor
- Flight in a helicopter
- Flight in a glider
- Build an actual aircraft wing section and composite airfoil
- Classroom instruction in:
 - Wiring an aircraft electrical circuit
 - History of aviation pioneers
 - Science of flight, navigation, and meteorology
 - Airport facilities tour
 - Take home information packet
 - And much more.....




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Cost \$350.00

includes lunches & materials

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For Applications & Info, call: 262-338-8411

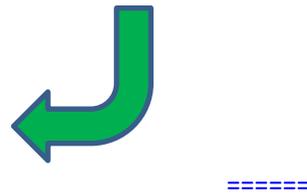
Applications available at West Bend Air or at www.eaa1158.org

Mail to: Mike Harrington, W68 N173 Evergreen Blvd
Cedarburg, WI 53012

CAF WI Wing Supports EAA 1156 2021 Air Camp

June 21 - 28th CAF members encouraged to volunteer to assist with this great program. Go to this link for all the details.

<https://chapters.eaa.org/ea1158/aircamp>



T-34 Released to Operations March 6th

Maintenance finished off the T-34 restoration and our Instructor Pilot, Carl Schwerman, completed the pilot training for our first pilot sponsor on March 6th. The first thing that Gary Otto did was to take Dennis Flancher for a ride on March 12th as the first wing member to fly in the co-pilot seat! Dennis is a huge supporter of the T-34 and this was a well deserved flight. Expect many more flights for our supporters and members.



Check out the events listing at the end of the newsletter for upcoming activities!





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TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP! (or simply JOIN the CAF for some)

WI Wing membership remains at \$50/year and covers Jan-Dec. Please renew your Wing membership ASAP and stay active with the CAF in Wisconsin. There is a wing membership form that can be downloaded from our www.cafwi.org website and be used as a renewal form, or just mail \$50 to our PO Box. Please also indicate your areas of interest for volunteering. There are many ways to help the Wing carry out its mission.

Your membership with the National CAF group in Dallas, TX is required to be a WI Wing member. National membership is renewed on the anniversary of the month you joined the CAF. HQ sends out renewal notices, but many members miss them and let their national membership lapse. Please make sure that your national membership is up to date. If it's not, or you want to join (rejoin) the CAF, go to <https://commemorativeairforce.org/pages/CAF%20membership> and follow the prompts for new members and renewals. It is quick and easy to do. National membership is \$200/year. Less for active military and cadets/youth.

2021 is going to be a very exciting and adventurous year to be involved with the CAF! Don't miss out!!

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PX Kicking Off a BIG Season!!



As your new PX volunteer coordinator (PXVC), I am sure that you will see, in this newsletter alone, that there is a huge need for PX volunteers for the 2021 airshow/fly-in season! My primary role will be to recruit and train volunteers on PX operations and identify several PX Team Captains who can lead an event outing and are able to tow the new PX trailer. Events usually require a PX captain and 2 or 3 additional volunteers. PX volunteer activity is limited to the event being attended. Inventory/cash management and event coordination is handled by other volunteers.

PX volunteering is a very rewarding and fun way to get involved with the WI Wing. It is a great way to get to know lots of like-minded folks and enjoy many aviation events. Just ask long time PX volunteer John Kmet! PX operations also provide the wing with much needed funds to keep us focused on our mission to Educate, Inspire and Honor.

I am hoping that the recruiting part of my new role at the WI Wing will be the easiest part of the job. Volunteers can choose to cover just one event or go to them all! Anything in between is great. Look over all the PX opportunities highlighted in this newsletter and see where you might fit into the picture. Please note that the weekly summer PX participation at Food Truck Friday is a "Mini-PX" event that can be managed by 1 or 2 volunteers since the trailer does not need to be towed.

Looks like our first PX outing will be March 27th at the WIA event here at Waukesha Airport. If you would like to volunteer for any PX activity please contact me directly:

Dennis Flancher, dennislf@att.net, 414-534-0160 cell and text



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We are going to Oconto again!

With a great 2020 fly-in, including SNJ rides and PX operations, we will be returning in 2021. Fun opportunity for PX, Rides, and Ground/Ramp volunteers!



CAF Tri-State Wing "Warbird Weekend" July 23-24-25 with B-29/B-24 Squadron

The Janesville based Tri-State Wing is hosting a huge event on the weekend just before AirVenture opens. We are planning to static display the T-34 and set up our PX operations. Another opportunity for PX volunteers to hang around lots of warbirds and super people!



CAF AirPower History Tour
National Air Tour of Historic World War II Aircraft
Coming to Janesville, WI
July 23 - 25, 2021
Hosted By Tri-State CAF Wing

Featuring "FIFI" B-24 Liberator

Plus other classic warbirds !!

- P-51 Mustang
- T-6 Texan
- PT-13 Stearman

LOCATION
Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport
1716 W. Airport Rd.
Janesville, WI 53546

SCHEDULE
Open To The Public for Rides and Tours
Friday July 23 through Sunday July 25
9:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. each day

COST
\$20 Family admission (Parents & kids under 18)
\$10 per individual Children 8 and younger are FREE
** Price includes FREE cockpit tours **

RIDES
Get more information at www.airpowertour.org and book your ride on "FIFI" and the other warbirds! Seats fill quickly! Book online TODAY and SAVE!

NOTE
Passengers are asked to wear masks at all times
Aircraft will be cleaned prior to and after each flight.

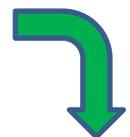
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OCONTO FLY-IN 2021
Car & Tractor Show
13th Annual
Sat. Sept. 18th - 9AM - 4PM
OCONTO MUNICIPAL AIRPORT KOCQ
Celebrating 75 Years!

Don't Miss It!

Wisconsin Military Show

Eagle Village Park, Eagle, WI
August 20-22 7am to 5pm (2pm Sun)
WI Wing aircraft fly-overs planned.
PX and member military vehicles on the ground!



MILITARY SWAPMEET
HISTORIC MILITARY VEHICLES
Reenactors
Reenactor Encampments
Military Surplus
EAGLE VILLAGE PARK
THE WISCONSIN MILITARY SHOW
Beer Brats/BBQ /Roasted Corn/Soda
Aug 20- 22 7 to 5pm 2021

401 Markham rd, Eagle, WI 53119
cross street Parkview dr

All U Can Eat Breakfast \$7.00 7am-to-11

Contact stigy44@gmail.com Daniel Stiglitz 414-305-1670



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2021 TBM Reunion in Peru, IL May 14 - May 15

The TBM Avenger Reunion and Salute to Veterans airshow is back for 2021 at the Illinois Valley Regional Airport (KVYS) in Peru, Illinois!

- Friday Night activities are 6:00 to 10:00 PM
- Saturday's event time is 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Friday night will feature a car show, beer garden, food, music, and the spectacular night airshow by the AeroShell Aerobatic Team.

Saturday's main event will feature many Warbirds including a B-25, F6F Hellcat, P-51 Mustang, Corsair, a gaggle of T6's, jets, a contingent of trainers from PT's to AT-6's, and, of course, as many TBM Avengers as can come. Right now we have 14 Avengers committed.

Phone: 815-223-8441
Website: tbmreunion.org

CAF WI Wing will be there with PX, Rides and other volunteer opportunities.



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Women In Aviation WIA "Wings In Spring" Sat. March 27th

- 11am to 2PM KUES north ramp KUES
- Food Trucks, activities for kids, live music plus more!
- Great way to start off the fly-in season.
- 4 or 5 Volunteers needed to marshall, work PX/Car parking/ Ground Crew/pilots to static display a/c. Please contact Kathy Laabs at 414-418-7222 or T28gal@att.net

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Ground Crew Volunteers Wanted!!!

If interested in joining this invaluable part of our operations team, please contact Mike Ziarniak at 414-380-9532 or email to ziarniakm@gmail.com

2021 Ground Crew training session planned for 3/20 at 1PM following the wing meeting and lunch.



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ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST READ THIS!!!!

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. If you have any questions about the policy or how it is implemented, you can view the CAF Youth Protection Policy by following this link:

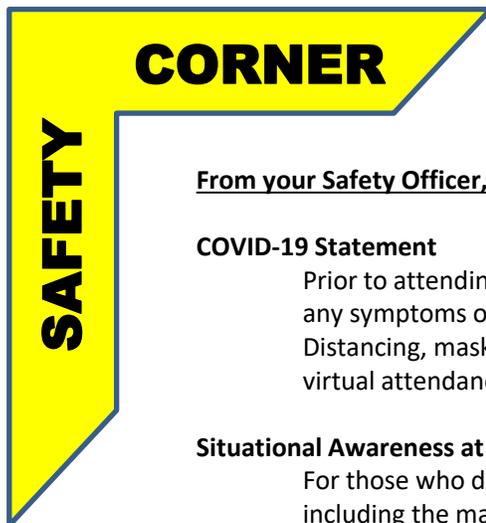
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/bx9k41p13n2nryy/CAF%20Youth%20Protection%20Policy%20General.pdf?dl=0>

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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From your Safety Officer, Col Mike Ziarniak

COVID-19 Statement

Prior to attending any in person meetings, please do a self-assessment of your health. If you have any symptoms of fever, cough, lack of taste or smell it would best to not attend the meeting. Distancing, masks and hand sanitizer use should be considered and are available. Consider Zoom virtual attendance.

Situational Awareness at CAF WI Wing Meetings

For those who desire to attend Wing meetings at the hangar, please become familiar with exits, including the main entry door, overhead service door, taxiway service door, and hangar overhead door. Entry and taxiway service doors make for your most efficient exit if the overhead doors are closed. Also note that in case of an emergency, windows can be used as an escape route should door exits be blocked or not accessible. Be aware that hangars can have slippery floors and aircraft wings to avoid walking into. Use caution at all times.



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CAF WI Wing Spring (delayed to Fall) Banquet (date to be confirmed)

The annual CAF Spring Banquet is being postponed until the Fall of 2021 due to the COVID mitigations still being recommended for May. If you want to volunteer to be on the banquet committee and help plan this enjoyable event, please contact Kathy Laabs - Events Officer.



CAF WI Wing Holiday Party Tentative date: Dec. 14th

If you want to volunteer to be on the party planning committee and help organize this memorable event, please contact Kathy Laabs - Events Officer.

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EAA 1365 Mauston-New Lisbon Fly-In Sept 3-4

We have been attending this event for many years with the SNJ, and this year we want to add the T-34 and maybe even the PT! If we can get a PX volunteer to travel this far with the trailer, it might be worthwhile to have the PX active too. These are great folks and it is an honor to support their annual event. It is a Saturday event, but arriving Friday evening assures you won't be delayed by morning fog and you get to attend their hangar party! Event coordinator is Tom McDermott.

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EAA AirVenture July 26 - Aug 1st

CAF sets up a hospitality area in Warbird Campground. Lots of fun. Volunteer activity includes campground set-up July 10th, 17th and 25th. If you want to volunteer for set-up on any of these dates contact Gary Otto. Lots of other volunteer opportunities available during AirVenture. See EAA resources for details or talk to Kathy Laabs.



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Food Truck Friday



Waukesha Airport "Food Truck Friday" at the terminal ramp every Friday from June 4th through Sept. 3rd 11am to 1:30PM. MINI-PX, static display, recruiting, possible rides for sale, free rides by member pilots, volunteers to help with set-up and take down needed on Sept. 3rd. Lots of volunteer opportunities!



Waukegan IL "Northern Illinois Airshow" Sept. 11, 2021. This airshow has always been a huge PX sales event and an overall great day. We usually attend with PX and may possibly sell Rides. Details to be confirmed. Need PX volunteers for sure!



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CAF WI Wing Open House Sat May 22 KUES Waukesha Airport 10AM to 4PM

Let's put the CAF WI Wing up front and center with our members, friends, and supporters.

This is a great way to begin the 2021 flying season and a huge volunteer opportunity. We will need volunteers for PX, static display of wing and member owned aircraft, Rides program operations, car parking crew, Ramp Crew, gate security, lots more. We plan to utilize food trucks for lunch, fly a missing man memorial fly-over at noon with Nick Stanich playing his bagpipes, invite WWII Military Vehicle ground forces, much more.

Open to public-will focus invitations to family/friends/supporters.



COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE

www.commemorativeairforce.org

www.cafwi.org

INVITATION

CAF WI Wing 2021 OPEN HOUSE

Saturday May 22, 2021 10:00AM until 4:00 PM
Waukesha County Airport (KUES) Gate 1
 Use "2347 Aviation Drive" on your GPS and navigate right to the gate!

You are invited to the CAF WI WING Open House (Hangar) on Saturday, May 22.

From **10:00 AM until 4PM**, you and any interested friends or family are invited to the CAF hangar and get "up close and personal" with our PT-26, SNJ/AT-6, and newly restored T-34A aircraft as well as meet our interesting and knowledgeable members. Photo ops and cockpit tours will be available, as well as some tasty food and beverages from several food trucks. Kids of all ages are welcome too, if accompanied by an adult.

Living History Rides (\$195 PT and \$395 SNJ)
Missing man memorial fly-over at noon
Static display of CAF and member owned warbird aircraft
WWII Military Vehicles and ground forces

Join us as we "Educate, Inspire and Honor"

Hope you can join us for the festivities, and enjoy some fellowship with CAF and warbird enthusiasts. Spread the word around and tell your friends about it. Gate #1 on Aviation Drive (the road off of Northview going to the terminal) will be open and a parking area set aside, so airport security will not be a problem for first time visitors.

Call with any questions or to volunteer to help:

Gary Otto - WI Wing Leader
 262-875-1640 cell
gary.arthur.otto@gmail.com

Kathy Laabs - Events Officer
 262-787-3132 cell
t28gal@att.net



PT-26 N9474H



SNJ-5 N3195G



T-34A N5347W



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Vietnam Moving Wall is Coming to Waukesha

Colonel Stan Babicz
Wisconsin Wing

In the fall of 2019, the Commemorative Air Force Wisconsin Wing was asked to support the efforts by the City of Waukesha Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department to bring the Vietnam *Moving Wall* to Waukesha over Memorial Day weekend in 2020. That event was canceled due to Covid, but the efforts have continued, and the *Moving Wall* will be here this Memorial Day weekend.

As a member of *The Moving Wall* Work Team, I am asking for your support to honor Vietnam Veterans and help bring *The Moving Wall* to Waukesha. *The Moving Wall* is a nationally traveling half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC and it will be on display in Frame Park and open for viewing around the clock from noon on May 27 through 7:00am on June 1, 2021. *The Moving Wall* includes the names of 67 Waukesha County natives who gave their lives in service during the Vietnam War.

The Wisconsin Wing will be performing a flyover at 1800 hours on Thursday, May 27 for the opening ceremonies.

We expect the experience of viewing *The Moving Wall* to be healing for many Veterans, as well as an occasion for the community to show respect, honor our Vietnam Veterans, and finally say "Welcome Home."

I am proud of my affiliation with the City of Waukesha Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department and *The Moving Wall* work team and hope you will join me in supporting this undertaking. As you can imagine, there is considerable expense and labor needed to make this a reality.

I hope you will consider supporting *The Moving Wall* in one or more of these ways:

- **Donate** to help bring *The Moving Wall* to Waukesha.
 - All donors will be recognized in *The Moving Wall* program and donations of all amounts are appreciated. Simply complete the commitment form in the enclosed brochure and mail with your check payable to WPRF.
- **Purchase and dedicate a flag** for the *Field of Honor* display adjacent to *The Moving Wall*. See enclosed flyer or purchase your flag here: www.healingfield.org/event/Waukesha21
- ***Purchase a limited-edition t-shirt** to commemorate *The Moving Wall* coming to Waukesha. T-shirts available December 1 at WPRF office. See our flyer.
- **Volunteer** during the event. We anticipate the need for more than 150 volunteers throughout the weekend. If you can give of your time, please see more information about volunteering in the enclosed brochure or register to volunteer here: <https://waukesha-wi.gov/581/Upcoming-Events>

*Note that the purchase of a Field of Honor flag must be made no later than April 30, 2021.

Thank you for considering supporting this event!





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May 27-31, 2021
Open 24 hours
Noon, May 27
through
6:00 am, June 1

Thursday, May 27
6:00 pm The Moving Wall Opening Ceremony
Recognition of our Brothers lost from Waukesha

Friday, May 28
9:00 pm Recognition of our Brothers lost from the communities of:

- Big Bend
- Brookfield
- Delafield

Saturday, May 29
9:00 pm Recognition of our Brothers lost from the communities of:

- Hartland
- Menomonee Falls
- Mukwonago

Sunday, May 30
9:00 pm Recognition of our Brothers lost from the communities of:

- North Prairie
- Oconomowoc
- Okauchee

Monday, May 31
9:00 am River Service – Barstow Plaza
10:15 am Memorial Day Parade – Downtown Waukesha
11:00 am Memorial Day Service – Frame Park and Closing Ceremony



For additional sponsorship opportunities, contact
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For volunteer information, contact
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Waukesha Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department
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waukesha-wi.gov | 262-524-3737

Honoring
HEROES OF THE NATION

May 27-31, 2021
Frame Park, Waukesha, WI



Field of Honor® 2021

Recognize a hero in your life!

Flags will be displayed near



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Purchase a Flag to Honor a Loved One

Flags will be proudly displayed in the Field of Honor® during the visit of the nationally-traveling exhibit, "The Moving Wall". Hundreds of U.S. flags will fly atop 7½ foot tall flagpoles creating a gorgeous scene of red, white & blue in Frame Park. The display will be open for public viewing 24 hours a day during the event.

Consider purchasing a flag to honor:

- Active duty Military
- Fallen Servicemen & Women
- Veterans
- First Responders
- Heroes in your life

Your flag will be tagged with a personalized message recognizing your honoree.

Dedicate your flag for \$50

Scan this QR Code or Visit :
www.healingfield.org/event/waukesha21



To order by phone, **Call** 866-375-3524

FIELD OF HONOR®

Honoring All Veterans

Waukesha, WI | **2021**

Important things to know:

- The Field of Honor® will be located in Frame Park, near the formal gardens and The Moving Wall.
- Flag orders accepted through April 30, 2021.
- After the event, you can continue the tribute by flying the flag at home. Flags may be picked up at Waukesha Parks, Recreation & Forestry office, 1900 Aviation Drive, on weekdays: Thursday, June 3 - Thursday, June 10, 8:00 am-4:30pm.
- Those picking up their flag will have the option of taking the pole on which the flag was displayed.
- For those who request that their flag be mailed, there is a shipping charge of \$10 that needs to be included with your order. The flags will be shipped by June 9, 2021. Poles will not be shipped.

Show Your Support!



Purchase a limited edition t-shirt

\$20, available at WRPF office:
1900 Aviation Drive, Waukesha, WI
after December 1, 2020.
(Only 200 available).





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COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE

THE CAF WI WING NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!!!!

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT OF THE CAF WI WING IN 2021

All membership fees and donations are **fully tax deductible** to the full extent of the law. CAF is a registered 501(c)3 organization.

CAF National and WI Wing Membership

() I am a CAF National Member () Col # _____ \$200/yr. () Cadet # _____ (\$45/yr)
 () I want to join CAF (\$200/yr) and the WI Wing (\$80/yr) to support the WI Wing (1/2 price for active military)
 () I want to join CAF as a Cadet (age 13-24) (\$45/yr) Note: WI Wing membership is free for cadets.

Aircraft Sponsorship Member sponsors have numerous benefits - ask for details

() I want to be an aircraft sponsor () PT-26 \$1500 () SNJ-5 \$3500 () T-34 \$1500**
 **T-34 Pilot Sponsors are requested to donate \$2500 additional for restoration costs

() \$ _____ Restoration Sponsor (\$750 to \$1499) (Any level of support is greatly appreciated)
 () \$ _____ Supporting Sponsor (\$10 to \$749)

Note: You can upgrade your sponsorship to a pilot sponsorship at any time by applying for pilot status.
 Refer to CAF Regulations 60-1 for details on how to apply for pilot-sponsorship
 Pilots will be asked to donate funds sufficient to cover all unfunded monthly fixed costs
 Pilots are also asked to donate funds for unfunded flight costs incl.fuel/oil/maint & engine reserves

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

() I will support the fixed expenses of the T-34: () \$10/mo () \$20/mo () \$30/mo () \$40/mo () \$50/mo () \$ _____
 () I will support the fixed expenses of the PT-26: () \$10/mo () \$20/mo () \$30/mo () \$40/mo () \$50/mo () \$ _____
 () I will support the fixed expenses of the SNJ-5: () \$10/mo () \$20/mo () \$30/mo () \$40/mo () \$50/mo () \$ _____
 () I will volunteer time / talent / equipment in support of the aircraft: _____ () PT-26 () SNJ-5 () T-34

Comments/Additional Support: _____

SIGN ME UP! (Indicate your pledged level of support) () Please keep my pledge confidential/anonymous.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Email: _____
 Phone/Cell: _____
 Signature: _____

Make checks payable to: "Commemorative Air Force"
 Return ASAP to:
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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 \$10/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 PT-26, T-34 or SNJ-5 special cap or T-shirt with "Flight Crew" notation. Wear your "flight Crew" gear with pride as you show your support 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: www.cafwi.org
 Col Gary Otto
 262-875-1640 cell

SNJ-5/AT-6 600 HP

 N3195G

T-34 Mentor 300HP

 N5347W

N9474H

 PT-26 200 HP

CAF WI Wing Logo


SNJ-5 CAP


PX Corner:

This month's feature: Wing aircraft patches!

Available by email request to Tracy Sorge at horseshowmomm@wi.rr.com





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VOICES FROM THE PAST...

GUNNERY SCHOOL - THEN

In a letter from Wing member Bill Ralston of Elmhurst, Illinois, he relates a bit of his experience in gunnery school "back then" as a PV-2 crew member with VPB-146. He says: "To receive my combat air crew wings and be accepted by an operational bomber squadron I had to complete a gunnery school course. I was sent to the U.S. Naval Air Gunners School located near Purcell, Oklahoma. Completed course and graduated. The school ran from 7 AM to 6 PM six days a week. We had Sunday off but no place to go. The town of Purcell had a population of about two hundred people. The school was quite a few miles distant. Some of the activities at the school were:

- School Room:
 - Enemy aircraft target cards
 - Model airplanes I.D.
 - Guns with photoelectric cell recording HITS
- Simulated aerial combat in a turret:
 - Coordination
 - Target LINE
 - Range
 - Deflection

I spent many hours in the Link Trainer firing at 130 MPH+ and 300 MPH+ targets. We had to maintain a certain score of HITS to complete course and move to Field Work.

Field Work:

- Skoot Shooting
- Aerial firing at towed target by plane - AIR to AIR.
- Ground firing at tanks, buildings, etc.

Final Test
Bore sight guns on a PV
Repair-assemble-maintenance.

GUNNERY SCHOOL - NOW

On Saturday, July 27, members of the Wisconsin Wing were treated to an arms training class at the Union Rod and Gun Club in West Bend hosted by Wing Leader Col. Robert Segel. Arms training included instruction in arms that were commonly used by our armed forces during World War II. This included the U.S. Browning M1917A1 water cooled heavy machine gun, U.S. M1 carbine, U.S. Colt M1911A1 .45 ACP and the British Sten Mk II submachine gun.

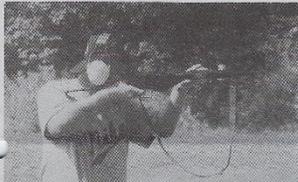


COL. CAROL KIEFER LETS LOOSE WITH A LONG BURST FROM THE BROWNING M1917A1 MACHINE GUN.



COL. BOB WICK TAKES AIM WITH THE M1 CARBINE.

The members were instructed in the proper use of these arms and then had ample opportunity to fire each of these guns at targets and exploding targets. Col. Bob Wick proved to be the sharpshooter of the group with four direct hits on a two inch bulls-eye exploding target at 75 feet with the carbine. In all, almost two thousand rounds of ammunition were fired with 1,500 being fired through the Browning machine gun alone at 100 yards. It was a perfect day at the range and all had a grand time.



COL. JOHN KMET HANDLES THE BRITISH STEN MK II LIKE A PRO.

THIS MONTH IN WWII HISTORY
Compiled by Col. John Hartmann

1939: Aug. 23 - Soviet-German Non-Aggression Pact signed.

1940: Aug. 27 - U.S. draft law enacted.

1941: Aug. 9 - Roosevelt and Churchill meet at the Atlantic Conference. Atlantic Charter proclaimed.

1942: Aug. 7 - U.S. Marines and Army land on Guadalcanal.

Aug. 17 - U.S. Eighth Air Force makes first attack on European target (Rouen-Sotteville). Also U. S. Marines conduct raid on Makin Island.

1943: Aug. 1 - U.S. B-24s bomb Ploesti oil fields in Romania (Operation Tidal Wave)

Aug. 17 - U.S. B-17s raid Schweinfurt and Regensburg.

Aug. 24 - Mountbatten appointed Supreme Allied Commander in Southeast Asia.

1944: Aug. 1 - U.S. 12th Army Group becomes operational in France. Also, Warsaw uprising begins.

Aug. 9 - Eisenhower establishes headquarters in France.

Aug. 15 - Allies land in Southern France (Operation Anvil-Dragoon).

Aug. 25 - Paris liberated.

1945: Aug. 6 - Atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

Aug. 9 - Atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki.

Aug. 14 - Japan surrenders ending World War II.

Aug. 30 - U.S. Forces begin landing in Japan.

Reprint of article about Wing gunnery school from the WI Wing Newsletter, Vol. 13, No. 8. - August 1996



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

New members are vital to the health and vitality of our WI Wing. In the past, we have had dedicated dinners to formally welcome and get to know our new members, but with the Covid restrictions, these events have been on hold. We do want to make sure that all members are aware of our newest members so we can encourage them to get involved with volunteer opportunities which will certainly be blossoming later this year as we pull out of this pandemic. Get involved and have some fun and adventure!

2020		2021	
Brian Audette	William Manly	Scott Twesme	John Schroeder
Randy Demmit	Steve Mueller - Cadet		
Dan Honzik	Larry Phillips		

Calendar – Upcoming Events

Date	Event, Time, Location
Sat., 3/20	Wing Meeting 10:30AM - In Hangar & Virtual
Sat., 3/27	Women In Aviation WIA "Wings In Spring" 11AM – 2PM – KUES North Ramp
Sat., 3/27	T-34 Ground School ZOOM 9AM
Sat., 4/17	Wing Meeting 10:30AM - In Hangar & Virtual
5/10 – 5/15	Milwaukee Armed Forces Week Possible fly-overs of 5/14 golf tournament and 5/15 Motorcycle ride
Sat., 5/15	Wing Meeting 10:30AM - In Hangar & Virtual
Sat., 5/15	TBM Reunion Peru, IL
Sat., 5/22	** Wing Open House **
5/27+	Vietnam Wall at Frame Park, Waukesha Noon TH May 27 through T 7AM June 1st. TH 6PM formation fly-over planned.
Sat., 6/19	Wing Meeting 10:30AM - In Hangar & Virtual
Sat., 7/17	Wing Meeting 10:30AM - In Hangar & Virtual
7/23 – 7/25	Tri-State Wing "Warbird Weekend" featuring the CAF B-29/B-24 CAF Airpower History Tour
7/26 – 8/1	EAA AirVenture!
7/26 – 8/1	AZ Airbase Flying Legends of Victory Tour B-25 at KUES
8/20 - 8/22	Wisconsin Military Show Eagle Village Park, Eagle, WI 7am to 5pm (2pm Sun) Flyovers planned.
Sat., 8/21	Wing Meeting 10:30AM - In Hangar & Virtual
Sat., 9/18	Wing Meeting 10:30AM - In Hangar & Virtual
Sat., 9/18	Oconto Fly-In 9AM – 4PM

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