



# Commemorative Air Force Wisconsin Wing Newsletter

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### From the Front Cockpit Col Gary Otto – Wing Leader



# Wisconsin Wing Newsletter

COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE

Spring has arrived, the flying weather is fast improving, and the CAF WI Wing is beginning an active and exciting season of flying, airshows, and events. Don't miss our **WI Wing Open House** on Saturday May 22nd from 10AM to 4PM. See the invite in this letter and we still need volunteers to make this all function smoothly. Call Kathy Laabs to find out how you can help. This is an opportunity for almost all of our members to get out to the airport and see lots of warbirds, honor our Gone West family and friends with a missing man fly-over, eat some Scrima's Pizza Food Truck goodies, and even volunteer to help with parking, membership table, PX tent, rides operations, and more. Many of our member-owned warbirds will be on display!



This is a sight never seen before May 8th 2021. Three (3) CAF WI Wing aircraft parked in a row and all in flying condition! Our first Rides Day, which was postponed 2 times by weather, finally took place at KUES, and a record tying 10 rides were sold and flown by our dedicated rides pilots, Steve Sorge in the SNJ and Paul Holdredge in the PT-26. There were 10 very excited and smiling warbird passengers and many more family and friends looking on at the

terminal ramp. The PX set up for its first outing of the year and Dennis Flancher, our PX Volunteer Coordinator, had a great day of sales and comradery with members and visitors. The ground crew, led by Mike Ziarniak, safely and efficiently handled all 3 aircraft as they came and went, as well as providing passenger briefings to riders. Mike Guslick, Bob Vajgrt and John Schroeder spent the full day with Mike, making it an adventurous and memorable day for so many. A great team effort and very supportive of our mission to Educate, Inspire and Honor!



Rides Day – May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Now is the time to volunteer and help us carry out our mission! Get involved! You will be glad you did.

Sincerely,  
Gary Otto - Wing Leader

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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.

[www.commemorativeairforce.org](http://www.commemorativeairforce.org)

[www.cafwi.org](http://www.cafwi.org)

#### INVITATION

### **CAF WI Wing 2021 OPEN HOUSE**

**Saturday May 22, 2021 10:00AM until 4:00 PM**  
**Waukesha County Airport (KUES) 505 Bluemound Rd.**  
**North Ramp Gold Hangar**

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.

**39 Year Wing Anniversary Celebration**  
**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. The gate at 505 Bluemound Rd 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](mailto:gary.arthur.otto@gmail.com)

Kathy Laabs - Events Officer  
 414-418-7222 cell  
[t28gal@att.net](mailto:t28gal@att.net)



PT-26 N9474H



SNJ-5 N3195G



T-34A N5347W



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## CAF WI Wing May Meeting Invitation

May 15th, 2021 10:30 AM **Lunch @ Noon!**

Gate #1 code: 2347#

In person option at the CAF hangar with COVID mitigation.  
2347A Aviation Drive, - Waukesha County Airport Gate 1

or **Join Zoom Meeting using this link:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88440842073>

Meeting ID: **88440842073**

Dial in option: 312-626-6799

## PX Volunteers Needed **NOW!!!**

If interested in joining the PX team and representing the CAF WI Wing at events throughout the season, please contact Dennis Flancher, PX Volunteer Coordinator, at 414-543-0160 or email [dennisf@att.net](mailto:dennisf@att.net)

Training provided and it's a great way to meet great people!



## 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](mailto:ziarniakm@gmail.com)



## CORNER

### SAFETY

**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.





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### Education Update

Our Mission: Educate, Inspire, and Honor

Col Jeanette Anderson, Education Officer – WI Wing

### Visit a WASP gravesite to honor a WASP: Carry out our mission!

Women in Aviation International will host their 4<sup>th</sup> annual Honor the WASP event to pay tribute the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) by visiting their graves and leaving an appropriate decoration in the form of flowers or other remembrances to honor the service and sacrifice of the formidable group of WASP who served so honorably during World War II. This is a great opportunity to show our gratitude to these women who answered the call to duty. There is a spreadsheet of all known gravesites of WASP on the Women in Aviation International website. I will be going to Forest Home Cemetery to leave a decoration at the gravesite of Margaret June “Peggy” Seip on Memorial Day morning. Please let me know if you would like to join me. <https://www.wai-crc.com/honor-the-wasp>



Margaret June “Peggy” Seip

WASP USAAF WWII

318 AAFFTD

Avenger Field Sweetwater TX

She was a graduate of Lawrence College in Appleton, WI. She entered AAF Flight training 6 April 1943 at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, TX. Along with her Instructor Pilot Calvin G Atwood and fellow WASP Helen Jo Severson, she was killed in UC-78 #42-39287 when it crashed on a routine training flight approximately 10.5 mi NE of Big Spring TX.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/70685745/margaret-june-seip>

# Reminder!!!

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**This summer we will have lots of fun volunteer opportunities available.**

Remember that the CAF requires all volunteers who will be working within an arm’s reach of a youth to take part in both Youth Protection and Interaction Training and Criminal History Background Check before you may work with youth at CAF units or CAF events. This is an online Youth Protection and Interaction Training that will take approximately fifteen minutes to complete. You will need to watch a short video, take a quiz, and 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, we 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 at:

<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 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!



# Wisconsin Wing News



## 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!

2021	
John Schroeder	Matt Phillips
Paul McAllister	Tom Leunig
Chuck Christburg	



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WISCONSIN WING

To: **New CAF Colonel** May 11, 2021

Welcome to the CAF and to the WI Wing. You should have received your new membership package from CAF headquarters in Dallas. Thank you for your support of CAF National and joining the WI Wing.

**The first thing you can do as a new or renewing WI Wing member is visit our website:**

[www.cafwi.org](http://www.cafwi.org) Member section password: [cafwi](#)

The website is loaded full of information about the wing, and the member section has even more good info for you! There is always an up to date directory there, as well as wing and airplane info. Find us on Facebook too.

**The second thing to do as a new member is watch the short and informative CAF welcome and orientation videos that HQ has provided this year.**

The new member welcome page at HQ has links to all 13 of the CAF welcome and orientation videos  
<https://commemorativeairforce.org/pages/welcome-colonel>

Please take time to watch the five (5) following minimum **recommended** new member orientation videos:  
<https://youtu.be/t8h4U2QRCZo> <https://youtu.be/aVZBOi4OVb0> <https://youtu.be/8d3jCVO2hVw>  
<https://youtu.be/MPJPOBq6L78> [https://youtu.be/f-pd\\_OWeu9w](https://youtu.be/f-pd_OWeu9w)

**The last thing I ask is if you plan to get within an arm's length of a youth, please complete the CAF YOUTH PROTECTION training by simply follow this link.**

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

We have a monthly wing meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, either in the Waukesha Airport terminal conference room or at our WI Wing Hangar at 2347A Aviation Drive. Our meetings are often followed with a lunch or special event. If you don't already have airport access to the CAF hangar area, you must go to the airport office in the terminal building during regular business hours, and apply for a gate access card. Just tell them you are a new CAF member and I sent you over. Make sure you get access to Gates 9-10-11-12 and 1. Gate 1 is next to the CAF Hangar. Best to call first to set up an appointment for the review of airport rules and a short (easy) test. Gate pass renewals are then done on line.

The CAF hangar has a pushbutton code deadbolt lock (call me for the code), so you can access the hangar at your convenience to see our beautiful PT-26. Just ask anyone for a briefing on lights and heat. Access to the SNJ and T-34 is in separate limited access hangars on the east side of the airport. I'll be glad to take you over for a tour, and we often bring the SNJ & T-34 over to the PT/CAF main hangar for events.

Many members also meet (when we are not off to a flying event) informally on Sat mornings around 7:30AM for breakfast at Denny's on Silvermail & Hy T just west of the airport, then we often go to the hangar around 8:45 or 9AM for some "hangar flying" or on nice days, some actual flying. We are currently having ZOOM breakfasts at 8AM until COVID restrictions allow us to get back to Denny's. (Soon!) If interested, just ask for the link to join in.

Our monthly newsletter is packed full of information about our mission to Educate, Inspire and honor, and has detailed information about our past and upcoming events. Past issues are always available on the Wing Website.

You can become heavily involved or just pick and choose the events you are interested in. We are glad to have your participation and support at any level. Look this over and call most anytime on my cell, or you can call any officers or members using the Wing Directory found in the members section of our website and in each newsletter.

I'm glad you decided to join the CAF and the WI Wing. If you like airplanes, especially WWII airplanes, we have them for you to touch and for many, to fly! There are many ways to become involved in carrying out our CAF mission to Educate, Inspire and Honor!

Best regards,  
 Gary Otto | (Col # 33567)  
 Wing Leader 2014-18, 2021-2



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## Gone West 2021



### Joseph J. Cottrell MD Col 33183

April 9, 1952 - October 29, 2020

CAF WI Wing member since 2007. A brilliant physician, pilot and friend. Most of all, he was very generous and giving of his time and talents.

### Loren Martin "Marty" Hintz

September 20, 2020

Producer of "Finding Loren" The search for his father, Lt. Loren Hintz WWII P-47 fighter pilot, shot down in Italy. Guest speaker at CAF WI Wing

### Col Robert G. Segel (#4286) Gone West April 29, 2021

Robert was a founding member of the 1982 CAF WI Squadron, and with his passion for WWII aviation history, was regarded by many as the "spark plug" of the unit, serving as their leader for over 20 years. He always stepped aside and let others have the accolades that he so often deserved. Robert was the driving force behind the WI Wing's acquisition of the PV-2D Harpoon bomber project, which reached nearly 90% completion before running out of funds, volunteers and time. Robert never saw the completion of his dream, but realized that the future of the WI Wing was in trading the PV-2D project for a flying PT-26. He witnessed the growth and expansion of the WI Wing to having 3 planes and over 100 members. He led the wing during the days of our hangar dances, busy PX seasons, numerous adventuresome outings and Navy Day celebrations. WI Wing members and friends will remember and honor Robert Segel with a missing man fly-over on May 22nd at noon, during the 2021 Wing Open House at the Waukesha Airport. He will be missed by so many and remembered as an icon of the CAF WI Wing.

Sincerely,

Gary Otto - Wing Leader - WI Wing

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## CORNER

PX

### 3" diameter WI Wing Decals!

Special member pricing:

\$2 each

or

set of 4 for \$5

Buy at meetings or PX events.





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### 1956 Canadair F-86E MK 6

*Owner: Paul Keppeler*

In 1944, North American Aviation submitted a design for a swept-wing day fighter which could also be used as a dive-bomber or escort fighter. Two prototype XP-86s were contracted in late 1944, but were not built until after WWII due to the incorporation of several design modifications which were prompted by German research data. The first XP-86 prototype flew on 1 October 1947, powered by a 3,750-pound thrust G.E. J35 engine. After it was re-engined with a more powerful G.E. J47 turbojet the following spring, it was re-designated the YP-86A, and exceeded the speed of sound in a shallow dive. The first production model was initially designated the P-86A, but became the F-86A in June 1948. By the time the new fighter entered US Air Force service in 1949, it had gained the name "Sabre."

Many variants were produced throughout the Sabre's life, the most numerous being the F-86D, an all-weather/night fighter, of which 2,054 were built. In addition to the Sabres built by North American, Canadair Ltd. in Montreal built 60 F-86Es for the US Air Force, plus at least 1,750 Sabre Mk 2/3/4/5/6s for the Royal Canadian Air Force and the Royal Air Force. The later Sabres were powered by various models of the Canadian Avro Orenda engine. Construction of the Sabre was also undertaken by Australia's Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation, which modified the aircraft design to accept two 30-mm Aden guns and a Rolls-Royce Avon 26 engine. Similarly, Fiat in Italy assembled at least 220 F-86Ks from component kits provided by North American, and Japan's Mitsubishi company assembled approximately 300 more.

The F-86 saw extensive action in the Korean war, where it was often pitted against the MiG-15. Despite the power advantage the MiGs had over early F-86s, Sabre pilots were able to gain air superiority over the MiGs due to better training and tactics. Later during the war, improvements in thrust allowed F-86s to match performance of the MiG-15s. F-86s were exported to many nations around the world, and several live on as target drones, test and research aircraft and, of course, privately-owned warbirds. The Waukesha based Canadair F-86E Mk 6 owned by Paul Keppeler was built in 1956, served briefly in the Royal Canadian Air Force, then the South African Air Force.





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**1949 Ryan Navion A model (Serial no. NAV-4-1798) N76E**  
*Owner: Stan Babicz*

The Navion was designed and initially built by North American Aviation in 1946-1947 before being sold to Ryan Aeronautical Company in 1948 so North American could devote its manufacturing resources to the F-86 Sabre. Stan's recently acquired Navion was manufactured on 11 Feb 1949 in San Diego, California by Ryan Aeronautical Company, during the time that Ryan was using significant number of parts acquired from

North American Aviation. For example, this aircraft has one Ryan wing, and one North American wing, and the right rudder pedals have the famous North American Aviation logo. Stan hangars at KUES on the north ramp.

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**DHC-1 Chipmunk**  
*Owner: Vic Stottlemeyer*

Developed just after World War II, the DHC-1 Chipmunk was the first aircraft designed by deHavilland of Canada to replace the deHavilland Tiger Moth as a single-engine basic trainer. The Chipmunk first flew on 22 May 1946. Initially, 218 Chipmunks were built for the Royal Canadian Air Force, followed, after a change to the Gipsy Major 8 engine, by 735 planes for the RAF's primary pilot training bases. These were designated as **T 10s**.

The British version also differed by being fully aerobatic and having a sliding, multi-paneled canopy rather than the 'bubble' typical in Canada. Another 217 of the versatile, easily-mastered Chipmunks were built for export sale, and 60 were built under license in Portugal. Not fully retired until 1996, many examples are still flying in private hands worldwide. The Waukesha based British Chipmunk is owned by Henning Henningsen was built in 1950 and served in Royal Danish Air Force.

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This beautiful T-34A is owned by Carl Schwerman and has been in his family for over 30 years!



# Wisconsin Wing News



## WI WING MEMBER OWNED AIRCRAFT 2021

In addition to the WI Wing CAF Pt-26, T-34A and SNJ-5, many of our members own their own warbirds, using them to help us carry out our mission to Educate, Inspire and Honor. Some say we have a small "air force" based here in SE Wisconsin! Here is a summary of the member owned birds, and we will feature a few of them in more detail in this and upcoming newsletters.



Mike Ziarniak is the proud owner of this 1948 Navion with Korean War markings.



Aaron Marshall owns this beautifully restored Stearman.



Steve Sorge recently acquired this 1945 TBM-3E also known as "Yogi Bear"



Carl Schwerman's T-34 has been owned by his family for over 30 years



This 1950 Royal Danish Air Force DCH-1 Chipmunk is owned by Henning Henningsen.



Vic Stottlemeyer owns this historic North American Harvard.



Wally Garlock owns this 1966 US Army TH-55A training helicopter. Built by Hughes Tool Company.



Paul Walter owns this powerful T-28C "13 Cat"



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## WI WING MEMBER OWNED AIRCRAFT 2021



Vanessa Jago's E75N1. Boeing. Built in 1943 for the US Army, but delivered to the US Navy.



Vanessa Jago owns this NAA T6G. Built in 1942, for US Army Air Corps



Vic Stottlemeyer owns this beautiful and fun to fly DHC Chipmunk



Steve Betzler is nearing completion of his DH Tiger Moth restoration.



Lisa Walter owns this remarkable US Air Force T-34A 55-155



Stan Babicz recently acquired this Historic 1949 Ryan Navion A model NAV-4-1798



Paul Keppeler acquired this 1957 Canadair T-33/CT-133 in 2002



Jim Allen owns this rare T-37C "Tweet" that was built in 1966



This 1956 Canadair F-86E MK 6 is owned by Paul Keppeler

Photo still to come:  
Stan Markus owns a NAA T-6



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### Beechcraft T-34A Mentor USAF # 55-155 N134HR

Owner: Lisa Walter

Mentor #55-155, spent its training life in the USAF in Texas. In 1961 it was transferred to the Texas CAP. Later Howard Ross, successful Chicago businessman and avid Warbird collector, bought it and had it restored by Charlie Nogle. Although he sold most of his warbirds, he kept the mentor, flying it well into his 80's. The Walter's bought it from the Ross estate in 2008.

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### Vietnam Moving Wall is Coming to Waukesha!

**THE MOVING WALL**  
**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



# Wisconsin Wing News



## 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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## 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 57<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing
  - o 319<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing
  - o 474<sup>th</sup> 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.



# Wisconsin Wing News



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## WI Wing Meeting Summary

**Date:** Apr 17, 2021      **Call to order @ 10:35 AM Saturday**

Pledge of Allegiance carried out      Welcome to all: Gary Otto

Name Tags: Members reminded to use.      Sign-in sheet passed around.

### **Opening comments:**

- Intro of GUESTS: Pete Kanikula and Mike Schmidt (guest of Bob Vajgrt)
- Paul McAllister, Chuck Christburg and Matt Phillips joined in March at the meeting
- Summary from previous meeting is available on our members only portion of the website and in the newsletter. Zoom recordings are also available!

**Short Business Meeting:** LUNCH- confirmed who is staying for lunch. Others welcomed to buy remaining lunches. Another great lunch from Mission BBQ!

**Wing Leader Col Gary Otto**      Also see Gary's newsletter article

- This month's theme: Our airplanes and our mission. Open house May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Last month we highlighted the need for many volunteers. Please volunteer!
- Breakfasts continue on Zoom. "Not at Denny's". Hope to get back in May.
- Thanks to Brad Ohde and all the contributors for the Apr Newsletter! Great job!
- This meeting focused on volunteers for our mission.
- Gary showed a slide on the aircraft fixed and operation cost summary. Appreciated pilot sponsors who shoulder most of the costs for the SNJ and T-34A.
- CAF WI wing supports EAA Air Camp at West Bend Airport.
- Thanks to Dennis Flancher and John Schroeder for sprucing up the cockpit knobs and levers in the SNJ.

**Safety Col Mike Ziarniak**

- Safety is #1 at CAF. See Safety Corner in Newsletter
- Gave a safety brief in the hangar, fire extinguishers all inspected and serviced.

**Adjutant Col A.G. Bharatkumar**

- Reminded members to wear nametags.
- Reminded members that they are all welcome to attend the Wednesday staff meetings.

**Finance Col Ryan Beard (Finished transition from Wally Garlock)**

- Acknowledged Wally and Steve's help.
- PayPal is working great.

**PX Col Kathy Laabs & Tracy Sorge**

- Welcome out NEW PX Volunteer Coordinator! Dennis Flancher! Need volunteers!

**Maintenance Col Steve Sorge**

- PT is flying! SNJ's prop is back. T-34 is getting a new gear motor.

**Rides and Ground Crew Program Col Mike Ziarniak**

- Rides' day postponed until May 1<sup>st</sup>. 5 riders signed up.
- Ground Crew volunteers needed!!

**Website Col Steve Lark**

- [www.cafwi.org](http://www.cafwi.org) member only section password: cafwi



## Wisconsin Wing News



### WI Wing Meeting Summary (cont'd from previous page)

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#### Public Information/Social Media

Andy Jaskie and Scott Twesme volunteered! Will be contacting Roberta to take on this assignment. Social Media is a vital part of our communication and our mission!

#### Newsletter Col Brad Ohde

- APR Newsletter is released! Thanks to all the contributors!
- Consider writing an article for the next newsletter. Mission reports/photos??
- Deadline for May content is the 7<sup>th</sup>

#### Membership Officer Col Tom McDermott

- Renew membership National renewal can be monthly auto-payment
- Join the CAF!!!

#### Education Col Jeanette Anderson

- Reminded Youth Interaction and Protection Policy for volunteers working with kids.
- Civil Air Patrol interface at KUES

#### Development Col Bob Vajgrt

- Opportunities for members to join development committee. Meeting is on Monday April 26<sup>th</sup>. Building relationships.

#### PX Col Kathy Laabs and Tracy Sorge

- Welcome to new PX volunteer coordinator Dennis Flancher! Need volunteers.

#### Events Col Kathy Laabs

- Women in Aviation event 3-27 at KUES. Weather was poor, but event was great!!
- May 15<sup>th</sup> TBM Reunion event IL. Lots of members heading down,
- MAY 22, Open house. Need lot of volunteers. Food trucks. Bagpipes. Missing man flyover. Static display of aircraft.
- Vietnam Wall in Waukesha
- B-25 from Arizona wing in August. Agenda/ logistics presented by George, coordinator from Arizona wing. \$75 ride discount for CAF members.
- Food truck Fridays.
- Many more!

#### Old business

- T-34 progress report: March 24<sup>th</sup> CAF Wed night Webinar: The WI Wing T-34!!! Was very well received.

#### Presentation

The business meeting was followed by a great presentation "The EAA's Corsair Story" (via zoom) by EAA's Chris Henry

**Next meeting** May 15<sup>th</sup> (Zoom and in the hangar) at 10:30 AM.

Adjourn Time 11:55 AM

## Calendar – Upcoming Events

Date	Event, Time, Location
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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