



Commemorative Air Force Wisconsin Wing Newsletter

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From the Front Cockpit Col Gary Otto – Wing Leader



COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE Wisconsin Wing Newsletter

Last month, I highlighted some of the challenges and obstacles we are facing at the WI Wing as we carry out our mission to Educate, Inspire and Honor. While these challenges still exist, there are positive signs that the WI Wing will indeed get through them while getting even stronger. We have a new and highly energized Education Officer, Candy Parr. Check out her introductory article in this newsletter. I see big things happening with Education.

The T-34 engine rebuild team heard some good news about the scope of work still needed and the costs. Check out the article by Mike Woods on the T-34.

The SNJ is about to get a new sponsor pilot, which will ensure solid SNJ operations for the foreseeable future. Several others are being talked to as well.

The PT remains on the critical condition list, but the 6 month audit of the Wing finances shows that the PT is well supported and funded for all the required work. In fact, Ryan's 6/30/22 report on the total wing finances, shows that we are in the black. We have a few receivables to clean up, but we are in pretty good shape to handle all the challenges ahead.

We do need volunteers to fill the nomination roster for the Dec. 10th election. Please consider volunteering to keep our wing vibrant and growing.

With the airshows and fly-ins wrapped up, we are getting back to our regular 7:30 Saturday breakfasts at Denny's. Unless it's a holiday or big event day, you can usually find a number of CAF folks at the back table in Denny's. Give it a try sometime and get to know some of your fellow CAF members a little better.

With continued growth demonstrated by a monthly influx of new members, we are on a positive path forward. Be a part of that positive path and get involved in our mission. You will be glad that you did!

Best to you all,
Gary Otto
Wing Leader
2021-22

Due to the election cycle deadlines, the November Meeting will be held on Sat., Nov. 5th (1st Saturday)!

******* NOTICE *******
WI Wing meetings will be on the 2nd Saturday of the month. The 3rd Saturday had too many conflicts throughout the year. Mark your calendars appropriately! Don't miss our meetings!!

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CAF WI Wing Election Plan 2022 by Col Gary Otto

1. Positions open for election are determined: Wing Leader, Adjutant, Finance, Maintenance and Development.
2. The voting staff agreed to make election day Dec. 10th.
3. Due to the 30 day minimum requirement for announcing the final ballot with any floor nominations to the membership, and the currently scheduled Nov. 12th meeting being only 28 days from election day, The voting staff approved changing the Nov. wing meeting to the 5th.
4. Due to the Nov Wing meeting change to the 5th, and the minimum 45 days prior to election to request HQ approval of the nomination Committee's recommended slate, the voting staff agreed to move the Nov staff meeting to Oct 26th.
5. The October, November and December Newsletters will confirm the election date, revised Nov. Wing meeting, and revised Nov. staff meeting.
6. The nominating committee will be appointed and approved by the staff to allow them time to get their recommendations submitted to the Wing Staff for review and candidates submitted to HQ for approval before the 45-day minimum requirement. 45 days prior to Dec. 10th election is Oct 16th.
 - The voting staff members agreed that each voting member is allowed to appoint one wing member to the nominating committee.
7. The nominating committee will submit its report on recommended candidates to the Wing Staff on or before the Oct 16th. 45 days prior to Dec. 10th election is Oct. 16th.
8. Nominations from the floor will be received at the Nov. 5th wing meeting and the final ballot with any floor nominations will then be sent by the nominating committee to the wing staff and the election committee. Candidates will also be offered the opportunity to speak about themselves at Nov. 5th meeting. The nomination committee will provide a brief bio of each candidate for the email and newsletter election notification. The election committee will announce the final slate to the membership more than 30 days prior to the election. 30 days prior to the Dec 10th election is Nov. 10th. The voting officers agree to have the wing leader send an email to the membership and place a notice in the Nov. and Dec. newsletters to announce the final slate of candidates for the Dec. 10th election.
9. The election committee must be appointed and approved by the voting staff to allow for the preparation of ballots, manage the absentee ballot request/supply process, and run the election at the Dec. 10th Wing meeting
 - "The staff appointed and approved the 2022 WI Wing election committee consisting of Michael Guslick, Chairman, Dave Cook, and (3rd optional position still open).
 - Ryan Beard will provide the election committee with a list of eligible voters for the election on or before 30 days from the Dec. 10th election (Nov. 10th).
10. Once all the committee recommended and floor nominees are finalized at the Nov. 5th meeting, the Wing Leader advises all members of the election and the absentee voting process on or before Nov. 10th. 30 days prior to the Dec 10th election is Nov. 10th.
11. The election will be held on Dec. 10th at the Wing meeting. All absentee ballots must have been received by Dec. 9th via the CAF WI Wing post office box or by hand delivery.
12. Once the nomination committee has completed their assigned tasks and has submitted their report to the Wing Staff with supporting documentation of candidate approvals by HQ and background info on the candidates, the staff will take this action. The voting officers agree to accept the nomination committee report and discharge the committee from any further responsibilities.

Summary of critical dates for the election process:

- Election date Dec. 10th
- 30 days prior to election day is Nov 10th
- 45 days prior to election day is Oct. 16th





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GOOD NEWS ABOUT BAD NEWS.....

by Col Mike Woods



As many already know, we are working on our 2nd overhaul of our T-34 engine since we have had the plane. Just a brief history for those that do not know the story. When our T-34 was donated to us, the engine only had 50 hours on it since it was overhauled. Unfortunately at that point the overhaul had been done 27 years ago and had not flown in the past 27 years. So, the whole engine was torn down and most parts had to be replaced.

Once we had the plane almost back to flying status, we obtained a ferry permit to fly it to GAMI in Oklahoma to get the spar and tail ADs done. Unfortunately for us, another CAF T-34 arrived at GAMI shortly before ours and needed extensive work since it was involved in an extremely hard landing. In the end, our plane was in Oklahoma for two years before the

mods were done and the annual signed off. The plane was flown back to Waukesha in 2021 and we flew it a fair amount the rest of the year.

Earlier this summer the plane was flown to Champaign, IL to have the engine installation reviewed and to get the STC (Supplemental Type Certificate) signed off for the bigger engine. A few things were noted so we took it to Plane Safe to get the noted things done. Unfortunately when they started to do some of the engine items they discovered severe internal corrosion in the engine, including some broken valve springs. Apparently with newer engines (ours now had about 75 hours on it), if they sit for a long time they are very susceptible to this internal corrosion. We had thought that we had taken adequate precautions to prevent this type of corrosion, but apparently not. The decision was made to pull the engine and have it disassembled and inspected at Poplar Grove.

The good news, if there is any in this situation, is that we have been told that they believe most parts can be cleaned up and used again. However, they said the crankshaft would need to be replaced. This is the most significant part that was affected and it will cost over \$10,000.

Several members have been asking about where the money will come from to get the T-34 back in the air, and how this is being addressed. First of all, I want to make it clear that the aircraft sponsors, pilot sponsors, and private donors have fully funded the restoration of the T-34 up to this point and they will continue to do so. We did receive \$10,000 from the last GOW event revenue, as did each Wing aircraft. Funds from the general WI Wing membership are not being used or being asked for and a detailed summary of all of the donations for the T-34 as received to date as well as the numbers referred to in this article are available upon request. So, this is where we are financially. We still have funds in our restoration reserve account for the T-34, and when we combine that with funds in our aircraft account at HQ that are available for us to use for this purpose, and then add in the pilot sponsor funds (\$2000/pilot) coming in for three and perhaps 4 new pilot sponsors for the plane, we believe that we will have sufficient funds to get the engine flying again. This is without making any appeal for funds to the existing pilot and non-pilot sponsors or private donors, who have been very supportive of the T-34 program from the start. Well, that sounds like Good News to me.

At this point we are anticipating having our T-34 back in the air sometime this November. So, look for our beautiful bird to be soaring through our skies soon. Remember, the T-34 has a great heater, and can fly all year long!

Mike Woods
Operations Officer



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Looking Back at the WI Wing.....

by Col Dave Cook

Here is a WI Wing newsletter clip from 1989. Did you know that the WI Wing actually had a parade marching unit? What ever happened to Loyalty Day???? Should we have a parade marching unit today???

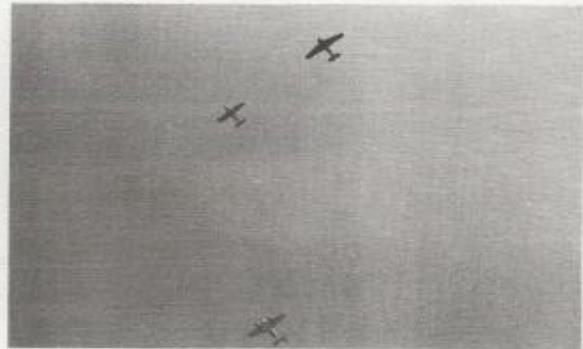
LOYALTY DAY PARADE

Sunday, April 30, turned out to be a beautiful day for the annual Loyalty Day Parade down Greenfield Avenue in West Allis. The parade route was from 70th and Greenfield to State Fair Park and got underway promptly at 1:30 pm. The long lines of marchers, flag bearers and marching bands always provides a thrill for the people lining the streets watching the procession go by.



THE WISCONSIN WING CAF MARCHING UNIT ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE.

The Wisconsin Wing participated in the parade in two ways. The Wing provided a marching unit consisting of Cols. Rodger Boogren as the cadence caller, Robert Wetter as the flag bearer, and Russ Anderson, Betty Anderson, John Kmet, Harvey Brueggemann and Bud Gage as marchers. Robert Segel had some surgery on his foot and could not march but instead drove the lead car in front of the marching unit with a Confederate Air Force sign on the side of the car. Our marchers stood tall and proud in their gray uniforms and looked and acted like pros.



BEAUTIFUL OVERFLIGHT OF THE PARADE ROUTE BY A T-34, T-6 AND UC-78.

At precisely 1:50 pm, just as our marching unit was about to pass before the reviewing stand, a three plane formation consisting of Marion Gregory in the T-34, "Doc" Barnes in his T-6 and Dick Hill in his UC-78 "Bamboo Bomber", flew overhead along the parade route in a missing man formation. The crowd was very appreciative and applauded the display of aircraft. It was a fitting tribute for the day's activities. Wing Members can be proud of the job we all did. Good Show and Well Done!

KEEP EM COMING - IT PAYS!

If you don't think that saving those aluminum cans is worth the effort - you're very wrong! Our last aluminum run to the recycler with 223 pounds of aluminum netted us \$127.11. Just think how much more we could have if YOU saved those soda and beer cans! Just throw them in a bag and bring them out to the hangar. We'll even crush them for you. You'll be helping the Wing and helping our ecology as well. Please help out!



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Meet our new Education Officer!!!



Col Candy Lee Parr
Education Officer 2022-23
CAF Wisconsin Wing

I always loved World War II history, war movies and our veterans. I believe it is important to remember and honor the sacrifices of those who fought to defend our freedom (& their families) and teach our community, especially our youth, on how military aviation played a role in our history. I wanted to join the Navy and become a nurse; my junior year in high school we had recruiters come in & the male Navy representative was not very welcoming to a girl with braces as he made a comment as such and turned me off to that career option. So, I know firsthand how important it is to educate & inspire our community and honor our veterans. Though I wished I would have served our country in that aspect, I know now I can give back and serve by volunteering for veteran events & CAF.

My new role to serve as the CAF Education Officer seems to be a perfect fit to Educate, Inspire & Honor as I have volunteered for veteran causes/fundraisers, an ambassador for Waukesha County Business Alliance -WCBA (one of our largest counties in our State), on the board for my local Harley Davidson HOG chapter-Oconomowoc (Hospitality/A lot of veteran fundraiser events) & founding board member (Outreach Chair) of the Women in Aviation Southeastern Wisconsin chapter. Volunteered 8 years with National Alliance on Mental Illness – Southeastern WI -NAMI where our mission was to educate and advocate

for more research and benefits for those with mental health challenges including PTSD for those who served their country or community. My mission is to serve God, Family, Community & Country to make it a better world. My fun passion/hobbies are being a Gigi, veteran causes, aviation, motorcycles, boating, RV-ing/Bonfires, photography & an actor on stage & films.

My nickname is Can-do or Candy Connections (as I help introduce people & businesses). Born & raised in WI with a B.S. degree in Business Administration (UW-Stout graduate), most of my career has been in sales & management and currently work fulltime in outside sales- at a family-owned technology business -nearly 11 years. My biggest role is a “Gigi” (My granddaughter is 3 years old, and my grandson is due in October) along with a few acting roles now & then in local theatre or independent films and my goal is to get my private pilot’s license, since only 6% of the pilots in the world are women.

I'm very excited to serve at CAF WI Wing as your Education Officer to contribute to its mission and continued success. And I do have my reservations in to attend the New Colonel’s Swearing-in Ceremony & reception during the Wings Over Dallas WWII Airshow on November 12, 2022. Thank you for taking the time to read my bio and I look forward to meeting & working with our wing members & community.

Have a great day! Live your best life! Live a great story!

All the best,
 Candy



SNJ 5 at EAA 2022!



*Fell in love with flying in private planes in 2016!
 We fly out of Capital Drive Airport 02C in a Cessna 182 - My happy place since 2017.*



My first Warbird flight was during EAA Airventure July 2022- SNJ 5!!!





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Mission Report

by Col Steve Sorge

3:30 AM WAKE UP CALL, 10 SEPTEMBER HONOR FLIGHT ESCORT

Not since my tcons with our European/Indian teams for GE HealthCare had I needed to get up at such a dreadful hour, well worth it however, to prepare to honor those service people that served and protected our country, by flying in to Mitchell field as the honor flight escort team, representing the Commemorative Air Force – and the Wisconsin Wing. A week earlier, I was asked by our wing leader if I could fly the wing's SNJ 5 to support the 2 honor flights departing Milwaukee on Saturday 10 September, one scheduled for gate push back at 6:30 am, the other at 7:30 am. Sunrise was estimated to be at 6:21am that day, assuming clear skies. It would certainly be tight to be airborne post sunrise from Waukesha, land at Mitchell field, taxi to the Allegiant airlines gate, all before 6:30 AM...but we have a job to do, and we'll do our best to fulfill it.

Other challenge: to identify and secure a rider for the event, one that has some sort of ties to the honor flight event....enter Diane Hein, mother of one of my pee wee soccer players that I coached a few decades back. Diane has served as the logistics lead for the past 6 years, for the Milwaukee honor flight events. After a call from me, another from Diane to her team, letting them know she would not be at the terminal that morning, and we were confirmed.

Saturday morning arrived....3:30 am wake up call, picked up Diane by 4:00, arrived Waukesha airport 4:45. Called faa wx brief for a preflight briefing, inspected the aircraft to confirm it was safe to fly for the mission, contacted Milwaukee tower manager in advance to get a squawk code and let them know we were ready to depart, post sunrise.5:55am, ready to go, but no sunrise (note: CAF prohibits flight of aircraft "at night").. by 6:05, we had some light, fired up the aircraft, listened to ATIS, called Waukesha tower (opened at 6:00 AM local) for taxi...all set. Taxi to runway 28, CIGARTIPS – FAST-BGUMPS, ready to go. Wheels off around 6:20, handed off to Milwaukee approach, texted the Honor flight ground crew that we were in bound and all "systems go".

We were barely out of Waukesha airspace, when MKE approach handed us off to MKE tower, and tower cleared us to land.... 19R. A minute later, I hear an airliner abort a take-off due to a medical emergency on board and requested to return to the gate... tower announces "airport closed" and instructs us to orbit over Milwaukee...what a sight!!!! Sun coming up over lake Michigan, cool, clear air, and we are over downtown at 1500 ft AGL....frickin awesome...who gets to do to this kind of stuff????...WE DO!, The CAF – what an honor. And what an experience for Diane, my passenger, who has never been in a small airplane.

10 minutes later we are cleared to land, handed off to ground, and instructed to taxi via K-E – E1 to B, then to gate D39, where the honor flight aircraft was waiting for push back. With the airport closure and associated delays, it all worked out perfectly, like a well-choreographed event, we did not even need to shut down. When the actual push back commenced, we once again contacted ground and let them know that warbird 3195G and Allegiant honor flight #1, were ready to taxi...we were "flying" lead in the whole deal. Taxied past the water cannon, and instructed to line up and wait on 19R. Once the Allegiant airliner was at the hold short line we were cleared for take-off, and instructed to notify tower when we begin our left tear drop return. Blast off! climb straight ahead to about 500 ft, left 180 and fly north off the airliner's left wing tip, all while rocking our wings as a salute to the veterans and crew on board. No sooner abeam the airliner it was cleared for departure and we were instructed to orbit north of the airport, and wait for further instructions. Once cleared to land, landed short and taxied back down the alley this time, to gate D36, where the second honor flight was being loaded. We shut down and waited about 45 minutes for the sequence of events to be repeated.



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by Col Steve Sorge

Following our climb out after saluting the second Allegiant honor flight, the tower chief radioed in and asked me to phone him after landing, he had something he wanted to discuss. CRAP!!!! A perfect day gone to hell, never a good thing when FAA or ATC wants you to call in for a conversation. I had been a bit "aggressive" on each of my salute fly-by's.... now perhaps I had to face the music?!

After securing the aircraft back at Waukesha, I made the dreaded call to the Tower chief. What do you know? He wanted to congratulate our wing on an outstanding performance and for our continued support of the honor flight. He was grateful for the support and professional operations our wing has conducted at each of the honor flights performed over the years.... a big sigh of relief.

A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!





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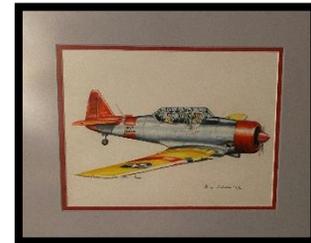
Mission Report: Warbird 32 Squadron Fly In Fond du Lac 10-1-22 *by Col Gary Otto*

Dennis Flancher and Tracy Hunter brought the WI Wing PX up to the fly-in and Gary Otto flew the SNJ in, after a short morning fog delay. The breakfast was super, Kristin Schaick and the WB32 crew were very welcoming, and over 60 kids received Young Eagle flights, including 2 flown by our own Michael Guslick in his beautiful C-152! Made some new warbird friends and we all had a great time. The next WB32 fly-in will be in June 2023 at the Oshkosh terminal and ramp.



Mission Report: Oconto Fly In and Car Show Sept. 17th, 2022 *by Col Gary Otto*

Steve Sorge flew our SNJ and Mike Ziarniak flew his Navion into Oconto on Friday evening for another enjoyable visit to northern Wisconsin. Steve flew 2 paid rides and did a few free rides for veterans and VIP's at the show. The PX did not attend this year, but Gary Otto drove in for the event! Michael Guslick also flew in on Saturday with his C-152! The Oconto folks really appreciate our participation and we are looking forward to 2023 now!!



Brian Liddle did this beautiful SNJ artwork for Gary Otto. Prints are available for \$20. Brian can custom draw your plane too!

Mission Report: CAF Supports the 128th ARW at the 128th Community Council Luncheon on 9-23-22



Candy Parr, Mike Woods and Gary Otto proudly represented the CAF WI Wing with a table top display. We are considering becoming a corporate sponsor to strengthen the ties between our 2 groups. If you want to support this sponsorship, respond to Candy Parr or Gary Otto. Col Dave Cook is the official liaison between the CAF WI Wing and both the 115th and 128th wings. Thank you Dave for your efforts to bring us closer together.



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Do you recognize these "CAF" aircraft?
(courtesy of John Kmet's photo library)



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Mission Report: First Young Eagle Flight

by Col Michael Guslick



I flew into FLD on Oct. 1 for the Warbirds Squadron 32 Fly-In to support the WI Wing presence and to expand my aviation experience. My first fly-in was to Oconto, only 2 weeks before. Once there, Gary Otto asked if I might be able to give some Young Eagle rides, as they had a shortage of pilots for the day and lots of kids waiting patiently for a flight. While I had never given a YE ride before (though had signed up for the program last year), the sight of numerous kids disappointed that they might not get an airplane ride spurred me on to accept the mission. On climb-out, my first utterly delighted YE companion asked me "Does this ever get old?" I'm not sure who had the bigger grin, as I was able to respond with complete honesty, "No. No, it does not." I was really impressed by the knowledge and insight of these young aviators and felt honored to give them a taste of the joy of flying that we so cherish. The pictures tell the rest of the story.





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Mission Report: Reno Air Races 2022

by Col Noel Skerven

Over the dates of September 14th through September 20th, 2022, my wife Teri and I attended the Reno Air Races, at Stead airport in Reno, NV. It was a total surprise trip for me as it was my birthday and what a memorable time it was!! With many vintage WWII aircraft beautifully restored, and the heart pounding races at speeds well over 400 MPH, it was truly a great event to experience.



While there, we met a delightful lady named Leigh Roberts, who is the Public Relations and Logistics Coordinator for the Tuskegee Airmen Heritage Chapter of Greater Sacramento CA. While meeting with Leigh at their booth, we were amazed at the many historical artifacts on display, and the knowledge shared. She expressed an extremely sincere desire to attend the 2023 EAA AirVenture to share the history of the Red Tails with the general public.

With that thought in our conversation, we learned that Leigh's father, George S "Spanky" Roberts was from Fairmount West Virginia and was raised by hard working parents. He graduated from high school in 1934, and then in 1938, graduated from West Virginia State College with a bachelor's degree in mechanical arts. In 1939, George had already earned a teaching certificate and was enrolled in the Civilian Pilot Training Program, earning his first set of wings and thus setting his sights on the military.

In July 1941, George Roberts became the first cadet accepted out of thirteen African-American trainees into the Tuskegee aviation cadet-training program. At that time, the program was an experiment by the government and was racially difficult to say the very least. It remains unfortunate that the wash out rate of trainees in the program was very high. However, George worked hard to overcome the many obstacles and graduated training on March 7th, 1942. He had become one of the first five African American U.S. military combat fighter pilots.



On the very same day, within minutes of graduation, he quickly married his sweetheart, Edith Norle McMillian, starting a beautiful 42-year marriage. Nonetheless, with attention to duty, he had become commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant, of the 99th Pursuit Squadron in the 332nd fighter group.

In the course of his early career, while commanding in WWII, he flew over 100 missions in the Middle East, Africa, and Europe. In 1945, George was then promoted commander of the 332nd Fighter Group. It was in 1950, when George made history becoming the first African-American Commander of a racially integrated Air Force unit at Langley AFB. As time went on, he became jet qualified assisting in the Korean War.

While he had a true love for flight, he also had a talent for getting the proper tools to give to the fighting man. He was thus appointed as the Director of Material for the 313th Air Division in 1963 in Okinawa. He later became Deputy Director of Logistics for fighter operations including ground radar during the Vietnam War, stationed in New York.

While the admirable information on George seems endless, he retired from the military in 1968 at the rank of Colonel. During his service to our country, his achievements include the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Force Commendation Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, and two Presidential Unit Citations.

Col. George "Spanky" Roberts has already been featured in the CAF Rise Above Tuskegee Airmen program and you can learn more about this great aviator at: <https://cafriseabove.org/george-s-spanky-roberts/>



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Mission Report: Reno Air Races 2022

by Col Noel Skerven



Spanky Roberts: W.Va.'s First African-American Aviation Legend

It is dearly hoped that in July 2023, that the Tuskegee Airmen Heritage Chapter of Greater Sacramento CA. will be able to attend the EAA AirVenture. This appearance is designed to help keep the history of the Red Tails alive to educate and inspire all. Perhaps the CAF could possibly assist? Food for Thought...



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Mission Report: Free Ride Raffle



Every meeting we hold a "Free Ride" raffle for all those in attendance. 2021 member John Leidel was a recent raffle winner and he was able to receive his "free ride" in the SNJ with pilot Gary Otto at the Aug 12 Food Truck Friday event. Needless to say, it was a flight to remember with enemy target runs and some loitering over John's hometown of Merton. If you have won a free ride and have not yet flown with one of our wing pilots, please let Mike Woods or Gary Otto know. We don't want to forget anybody!!

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Maintenance Report – October 2022 by Col Steven Sorge – Maintenance Officer – WI Wing

- T-34** • Down for engine repairs.
- SNJ-5** • 100% Operational!
- PT-26** • Down for annual & engine repairs.

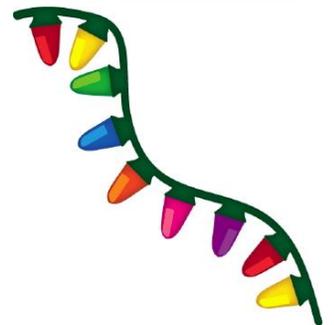


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Annual Holiday Party!!!

Friday Dec. 2nd, 2022 → Delafield Brewhaus

More details to follow. If you want to help with the event, contact Kathy Laabs.





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Upcoming Event

***** WINGS OVER DALLAS *****

Try to get down to Dallas in Nov. for the 2022 Wings Over Dallas weekend!!!

This is the best WWII themed airshow in the country. Features the annual CAF member meeting plus a new member swearing in ceremony! See the CAF website for more details.



PT Pilots Wanted!!!

We need new PT pilot sponsors to share in our mission to Educate, Inspire and Honor. Flying our historic "time machine" PT-26 is a real joy and honor. If you are, or if you know of someone who might be, excited about the CAF Mission and flying a piece of history, contact our operations officer, Mike Woods. CAF makes warbird flying accessible and affordable for the average pilot. Find out what it takes to fly in the Commemorative Air Force!



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WI Wing Membership Meeting

You are invited to the CAF WI Wing on Sat., Oct. 8th, 2022

10:30 AM Central Time → CAF (Betzler) hangar – Gate 1
(Airport Drive, Waukesha)

Program: Discussion on WINGS OVER DALLAS, Review of election process, and volunteerism.



| 2022 | | |
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| 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 |
| Mary Berg | Eric Chappelear | Evan Bauer |
| Dan Butler | | |

| 2021 | | |
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| John Schroeder | Matt Phillips | Gary Kozlowski |
| Paul McAllister | Tom Leunig | Herb Coussons |
| Chuck Christburg | Scott Meisenheimer | Tim Tyre |
| Steven Mueller | Jeff Otto | John Leidel |
| John Hartmann | Matt Phillips | Mike Pastore |
| Enzo Aita | Tracy Hunter | Ed Pleva |
| Michael Moynihan | Tonie Michaels | Karl Beckle |
| Noel Skerven | Chris Reeves | Austin Kornov |
| Bernie DeKok | | |

Calendar – Upcoming Events

Please go to cafwi.org for more details on all the Commemorative Air Force Wisconsin 2022 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.
- Waukesha Airport Food Truck Fridays Run June 3rd thru September 2nd, with WI Wing PX attending and Aircraft support.

| Date | Event Name | Location | Time | PX Booth | PT-26 | T-34A | SNJ-5 |
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| October 8 | Honor Flight Escort | KMKE Mitchell Airport | 6:00am | | | | x |
| October 8 | Wing Meeting | Waukesha Airport CAF Hangar Gate 1 | 10:30 - 11:45 am | | | | |
| October 7-8 | Corsicana Airshow | Corsicana, TX Coyote Sqdn | Sat. 10-8 all day | | | | |
| November 5 | Honor Flight Escort | KMKE Mitchell Airport | 6:00am | | | | x? |
| November 5 | Veterans Day Parade | Fly Overs | 11am??? | | | | |
| November 5 | Wing Meeting Election nominations | Waukesha Airport CAF Hangar Gate 1 | 10:30-11:30am | | | | |
| November 25 | Trip to EAA Museum | Oshkosh, WI | 9:00am | | | | |
| December 2 | WI WING Holiday Party | Brewhaus | Details to follow | | | | |
| December 10 | Wing Business Meeting Election for 2023-4 terms | Waukesha Airport CAF Hangar Gate 1 | 10:30-11:30am | | | | |
| TBA | N103JC return to flight | Tulsa OK Wing | TBA | | | | |

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 news & info
 go to.....



<https://www.eaa.org/airventure>

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