

"READY ROOM"

NEWSLETTER

Volume 14: Issue 4



Our Mission is to increase the awareness of aviation through the flight of historic aircraft while supporting the Anna Shaw Children's Institute.

Members and Friends,

It is a lovely day here in Paulding, with the sun shining, a small breeze, and just a few clouds in the sky.

We are always looking for volunteers willing to give a hand with projects, acting as a docent at the museum or helping with aircraft and vehicle maintenance. If you have an interest or need questions answered, please respond to this email, and we will get you in touch with the right people.

In this month's newsletter, we include more additions to the museum collection, celebrate Rosie the Riveters as they received the Congressional Gold Medal in April, the ribbon cutting at the Chattahoochee Tech Aviation Training Academy, and the post-maintenance flight of the C-45, preparing "Gorgeous" for the air shows and fly-ins.

This Saturday, the museum will be represented at the Calhoun Airshow in Calhoun, GA, so I hope some of our members can attend and show their support for the museum.

With the popularity of the email newsletter, this will probably be the last PDF newsletter to be sent out but watch for future articles posted on the website.

Until next time!

Becky McAllister

Communications, MOF

You can join or renew your Museum of Flight membership at the website.

Join or renew!



<https://mofts.org>



[Facebook](#)



[YouTube](#)

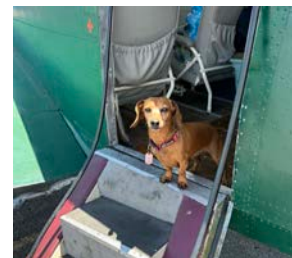
The inside aviation, military memorabilia and outdoor displays are open 10-4 (Tues-Sat) at the Paulding County Airport.

Paulding Co. Airport
730 Airport Parkway
Dallas, GA 30157

Tours of our flying aircraft in Rome (Richard B. Russell Airport) by appointment only. [\(423\) 228-2FLY](tel:4232282FLY).

Rome Hangar
304 Russell Field Rd NE,
Rome, GA 30165

New Office Address
1759 Thrasher Pike
Hixson, TN 37343



Mascot: Quimby

The Jacks

Our director, Christine Lewis, took to the road to retrieve the new hydraulic aircraft jacks to replace the worn-out military jacks required for the aircraft maintenance and gear swing tests during the aircraft's annual inspection.



This unexpected expenditure cost was \$4800; your financial assistance is greatly appreciated. We still need \$2500 to pay off this expense.

PLEASE! Donate Today!



Click the image to view the video of the gear swing test.

Gear swings are an essential part of an aircraft's annual inspection.

New Additions to the Museum

Some very special pieces were donated to the museum and have now been added to the Pacific Theater display, which includes many Pearl Harbor artifacts and images.

This Imperial Japanese jacket has the insignia of three stars, the rank of Superior Private. This type 3 (3 Shiki-Gun-i) jacket was introduced in 1943. Interestingly, this uniform for enlisted men only had three sizes.



WWII Pacific Theater Display

Below the uniform jacket is an Arisaka bolt-action rifle with a chrysanthemum with 16 petals (the symbol of the Japanese emperor). The rifle was manufactured for the Imperial Japanese Army, indicating that it belonged to the emperor. Many of these chrysanthemums were at least partially ground off the rifles that were surrendered after the war as a face-saving gesture.



Emperor's Chrysanthemum

Other items in the display include pictures before and after the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the airfield, artifacts found after the bombing, and Various papers from the period are framed, including the Honolulu newspaper about the bombing by Japanese planes, which is signed by the navigator of the Enola Gay, Theodore Van Kirk.



Rosie The Riveter: Congressional Gold Medal

On April 10, 2024, in Washington D.C., the legendary 'Rosie the Riveters' from WWII received a significant honor: the Congressional Gold Medal, one of the nation's highest civilian awards. In 2020, Congress passed bipartisan legislation to honor the American women who joined the workforce or volunteered in support of the war effort during WWII.



About twenty-seven of these fantastic women from across the United States, aged 89 to 106, participated in the ceremony at the United States Capitol, Emancipation Hall. Over 600 people attended the ceremony, many hoping to greet them and hear their stories. The Speaker of the House rolled out the red carpet, making it a day to remember as they were recognized for their incredible contributions to American history. The gold medal will be displayed at the Smithsonian Museum to honor the millions of women who stepped up and filled in for the men who had left to fight the war. [WATCH THE CEREMONY](#)

The next day, about eighteen of the Rosies and their "caregivers" received a special tour of the East Wing and central White House, browsing the different rooms, walking the halls, and viewing the gardens.

Rosie and museum member Barbara Esler is one of the younger Rosie the Riveters. She remembers hearing Franklin Roosevelt's "[A Day That Will Live in Infamy](#)" speech while home for lunch on December 8, 1941. At age 8, Barbara volunteered and helped the war effort by taking her little red wagon through the neighborhood, collecting what we now consider recyclables, such as tin cans, aluminum foil, newspapers, and scrap metal, and delivering them to her elementary school. Also, through her school, she sold war bonds to family members.

She purchased savings stamps with her allowance, which she pasted into a book. Once full, that book could be turned into a war bond. Eventually, those war bonds helped pay for her college tuition.

The museum has a display case of mementos and the history of the Rosies. More than six million female workers helped to build planes, bombs, tanks, and other weapons that would eventually win WWII. Then there are the Rosies who volunteered, collected scraps, sold war bonds, and so much more.



CREDIT Library of Congress



Rosies: Earline Gaither of Marietta, GA and museum member, Barbara Esler, Shannon, GA



Rosies attend the Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony

Ribbon Cutting at the Chattahoochee Tech Aviation Training Academy

The new Chattahoochee Technical College Aviation Training Academy is just across the "petting zoo" field from the museum. A few Museum of Flight representatives attended the event in April, along with state leaders and numerous people from the community.

The three-story, 55,000-plus square-foot facility located next to the Paulding Northwest Atlanta Airport provides space for students to prepare for careers in aviation mechanics and maintenance. The facility features a 12,000-square-foot hangar, instructional labs, classrooms, and a technical library.

We look forward to possibly working with the school and/or their students in the future.



At the Hangar

Quimby, Jim Brown, Dave Biloz, and Brenda Gratz fly down the C-45's post-maintenance flight! All systems are running perfectly, and "Gorgeous" is ready for the PDK Airshow.



2024 Calendar of Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
TBD	MOF Annual Gala	Rome Hangar
May 11	Good Neighbor Day Airshow 2024	DeKalb Peachtree Airport
May 11	Cherry Point Air Show	MCAS Cherry Point
May 25	Calhoun Fly-In	Calhoun, GA
August 15-20	American Legion World Series	Shelby, NC
October 5	Crossville Fly-In	Crossville, TN
<i>All dates are subject to change. Check future newsletters or Facebook for additional events.</i>		



LIFETIME MEMBERS

Fred Amicangioli
David Ball
Shawn Barber
Paul Barnett
George Barron
Jeanne & Tony Bass
Wain Bates
James Beaver
Jason Beaver
Brayden Becker
Ray Bell
Ernie & Nancy Betancourt
David Biloz & Family
Jason Bostic
Mark & Sam Brereton
James Brown
Andy Butler
Ed Callahan
Thomas Calvanelli
Danny Camp
Anthony Carson
Phil Cataldo
Dr. Donald H. Chamberlin
Keith Clingan
Nancy Coddington
Brendon Connor
Easy Cragg
Richard Dean
Erich DeHart
Logan DeHart
Peyton Dehart
Ron Dobbs
Scott Ducker
Thomas & Barbara Ducker
Mike Ellis

Vance Engle
Gil Espy
Jesse Evans
Rick Ferrin
Matt Fox
Frank Fry
Benjamin Gillam
Richard Gonzalez
James Greene
Richard Hafner
William Hall
Carson Hawkins
Evan Henley
Robert & Cindy Henninger
Tim Herren
Mark Homen
James Howard
Jarid Ison
Dave Johnston
Christopher Keefe
Jeremy Kwaterski
Carrol "Chip" Lamb
David Lawson
Greg and Jennifer Leach
Anne Lewinson
Christine M. Lewis
John Luttrell
Phillip, James & Jacob Martin
Arthur Matthews
Kent Matthews
Pamela McAllister
Rebecca & Sean McAllister
Joel Megginson
Russell & Leigh Ann Miller
Spencer Morgan
Scott Murray
Tony Neal

Jeffrey Newcomb
Susan, Hanna & Savannah O'Hare
John Osterhage
Julie Anne Owens
Clarence Greer Parramore
Edward Perman
Susan Reed
Ben Rees
Hollis Reese
Tim Rhyne
Gerad Riestler
Rob Riestler
Brant Robinson
Karl Schwelm
Dr. Daniel Serrato
Don Shepard
Harold Slempp
Woodrow Smith
Sol Snyder
Cooper Stewart
Tim Stoker
Trey Studstill
John Sullivan
Kenny Thomas
Kerry Tidmore
Stratton Tingle
Jorge Verdias
Wayne Vick
Alan Ware
Kim Watkins
Gary Watson
John Webb
David Wells
Brent Westfall
Doug & Terri Woodruff

Gone West

Voron Baughan
Darrell Baxter
Joan Beaver
Lloyd Blackwell
Dr. Gary Caldwell
Ronnie Cox
Dr. James Creel

Frank Davey
Jimmy Eskew
Deming Gray
Mark McAllister
Grady McDowell
Patricia O'Hare
Peter O'Hare
Lois and Richard Robinson

Conrad Schalk
Peter Serodino
Martha Shook
John Shook
Jasmine Sommer
Bill Wallace
Sylvia Wygoda
James Youngblood