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The Official Newsletter of the Valiant Air Command, Inc.
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4th Quarter Review - October, November & December 2020

The New Normal At The Valiant Air Command Warbird Museum



Your Health And Safety Is Important To Us

WHEN IN THE MUSEUM PLEASE
Wear your mask • Obey signs
Follow Social Distancing guidelines



MUSEUM AND GIFT SHOP - STARTING 10/16/2020 - OPEN FRI, SAT & SUN - 9AM TO 5PM

Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day

Adults \$20.00 - Senior 60+ or Military \$18.00 - Students 13 to 18 years old \$10.00

Children 5 to 12 years old \$5.00 - Children under 5 years old FREE - Special Group Tour Rates Available

Statement of Purpose

The Valiant Air Command Inc. was formed to perpetuate the history of aviation, to encourage gathering of men and women in camaraderie, research and Warbird restoration, to serve as an educational tool for young and old alike; and to assure that the memory of those who gave their lives in service to their country shall not perish.

501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization Museum Recognized by the Internal Revenue Service

Future Events • January, February & March • 2021

Jan 1 Museum closed for New Years Day
Jan 9 Warbird Air Museum Fly-In / Drive-In Breakfast 8-10:30
Jan 19 VAC BOD Meeting - 12 Noon
Feb 13 Warbird Air Museum Fly-In / Drive-In Breakfast 8-10:30
Feb 16 VAC BOD Meeting - 12 Noon

Mar 13 Warbird Air Museum Fly-In / Drive-In Breakfast 8-10:30
Mar 16 VAC BOD Meeting - 12 Noon

Please check the VAC website or with the event for last minute changes before going!!!! (www.valiantaircommand.com)



Commander's Report

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2020 has been a difficult year for everyone. Personal lifestyle adjustments have had to be made to keep safe. Businesses also had to make difficult adjustments. As you know we closed the museum and gift shop on March 15, 2020 and reopened for weekends only on October 15, 2020, with requirements that visitors wear masks or be denied entry and we took temperatures of everyone coming in the front door. Our gift shop employees were happy to get back to work even for a few days a week. During the time we were closed expenses continued and we did not receive any revenue from museum admissions or revenue from gift shop sales or special events.

During this time frame Tracy Bohrmann (Finance Officer) diligently orchestrated the managing of our funds to keep us current with various insurances, power, security, phone, internet, vendors, mortgage, and a host of other recurring expenses that could not be eliminated due to contractual agreements. Tracy also weaved her way around and through the process of applying for COVID-19 funds that were made available by local and the Federal Government. Thanks to Tracy's efforts we received applied for funds. One of the funds received will need to be repaid as it was granted on a loan basis. In short, we received \$150,000 from the Government at a low-interest rate, we have one year to begin paying the loan back.

For the first two months of 2020 events played a large part in generating income. Most events booked for the balance of the year were canceled due to COVID-19. Bob Boswell (XO) is working daily with our events coordinator scheduling events for 2021 and beyond. His efforts thus far have culminated in bookings for weddings, corporate events, and reunion events. Bob is also working on all the parts and pieces for airshows in 2021 and 2022. Look for an announcement from Bob about the rescheduling of the 2020 canceled Christmas Member Appreciation Dinner.

When visiting the VAC you will notice that all systems are working. Considering the age and adverse weather, Tom Etter (Facilities Officer) and crew manage to keep our aged tugs, forklifts, crane, air conditioning equipment, and life safety equipment in working order. Last week we passed our Annual Fire Inspection with no deficiencies noted. Our grounds also fall under the Facilities Officer's domain and we have received compliments on their condition. There is a requirement for some severe tree trimming, a necessity that will have to wait until we are open 9 to 5, seven days a week again.

We acquired 3 iconic aircraft in 2020. Dennis Jenkins (Procurement Officer) negotiated the agreements as follows: MiG-17, Dauntless SBD-5 and the RU-21A. Nothing is easy, yet Dennis was able to make it happen. Dennis is relinquishing his position due to his work schedule in writing and publishing more books (see last Unscramble for a list of his publications). Dennis has been a financial contributor to the museum. We are looking for an individual to fill this position since Dennis had to step down.

Our Personnel Officer, Richard Jones in addition to Personnel duties, scheduling and being on top of Federal rules regarding employees and volunteer workers, also has the responsibility for upgrading our computer systems and keeping them online. It has taken many months to "clean up" our systems to keep them current with growing reporting requirements. Of special interest is the just-completed corrections to our gift shop reporting problems. More from Richard in his report.

Our Maintenance Officer,

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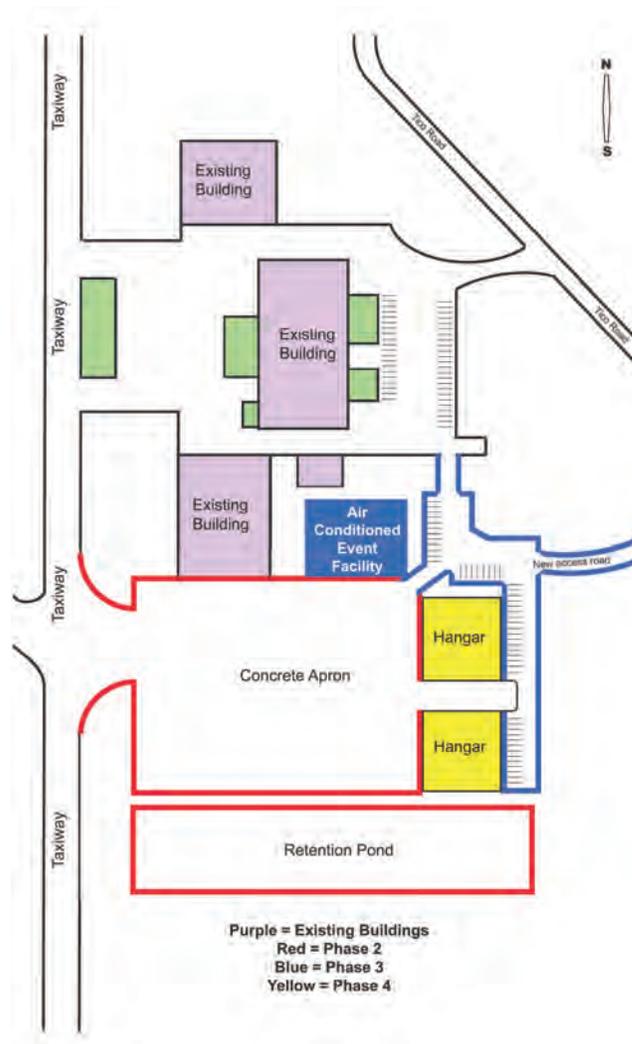
Marvin Juhl, has the daunting tasks of aircraft maintenance and the restoration processes. Marvin's background and experience have been invaluable to the museum's flying and static aircraft. Compliance with FAA requirements and interfacing with the FAA is his responsibility. We have had several visits by various members of the FAA this year and have received no complaints or corrective action notices. Marvin also has drawn on his knowledge and contacts and during the year has acquired hundreds of donated aircraft and aircraft-related parts. Many of the items are considered "trading material" or are marketable. Once COVID-19 is behind us we go forward turning some items into cash or properly storing hard-to-find parts for our flying aircraft.

Leigh Lewis (Flight Operations Officer) has the responsibility for the continuing certifications of our pilots including check rides, updated medical records, flight currency and training. His duties include booking the C-47 "Tico Belle" and our TBM aircraft for special appearances and events. During the period we were closed, Leigh booked several revenue events for the Tico Belle. Already, Leigh is working on bookings for 2021. Leigh's rule: we do send the aircraft anywhere unless there is a positive revenue. The only exception this year was to have our TBM Avenger fly over the burial ceremony at the new Veterans Cemetery for Joe Reus. The Board approved this flight; Joe had been a POW during WWII and a volunteer for many years working in the restoration hangar on special projects. Terry Rush our TBM Pilot and Mechanic has received his recertification as a Certified Flight Instructor/Multi-Engine Aircraft and Certified Instrument Instructor; there are not many who meet the rigid qualifications.

The Public Relations/Marketing function is the responsibility of David Shores. In the short time David has been on board he has made inroads in public relations relating to advertising and press releases. As a result of his approach to marketing and advertising providers, he has made inroads in the quality of ad material and frequency of advertising in the trade at reduced costs. This position becomes more important in 2021 once the COVID-19 issues are behind us.

Regarding the Expansion Project, architectural and engineering plans for Phase 2, the new connector, pad and the requirements covering environmental issues have been completed and are ready for bidding.

While talking about expansion, your Board of Directors is aggressively campaigning for funds to continue the expansion plans. We certainly would appreciate any leads you may have. We have been fortunate to have received donations from members, friends, foundations, businesses and sponsors. I want to acknowledge all donors (with their permission) in the next issue of the Unscramble. I find it incredible and humbling that so many consider us worthy to receive funding.



Curator, Jem Golden, along with Malcolm Cater and Jerimiah Turcot providing capable assistance, has enhanced our exhibits. As a result of their joint efforts, we have received many compliments. Visitors are spending more time viewing our exhibit areas. I was privileged to be allowed to read a pre-published book authored by Jem. When you get an opportunity to read this book soon, you will understand the impeccable research that brings to life a piece of our history not commonly found in publications.

Bill Teixeira who heads our

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STEM program for youth converted our classroom sessions to online virtual sessions. Keeping young people who are used to interactive skills learning has been a challenge. Joel McGinley has contributed his knowledge and skills to these sessions. Bill along with Ron Davis have written and applied for a Walmart grant to cover costs of classroom materials for the 2021 sessions. Everyone involved wants to get back to our classroom at the VAC. The STEM sessions are offered free to participating students.

Kenita Bushee, Louise Kleba and Phyllis Lilienthal are three special individuals that are the glue holding the parts and pieces together. Kenita manages most of the inquires received by voice mail or emails and following up with respective Officers to see that they are properly responded to. Louise Kleba apart from one of her functions as recording secretary also handles members and new members badging, correspondence

as well as the issuing of FAST (Formation And Safety Team) cards to pilots who have passed their training in formation flying. Phyllis Lilienthal apart from editing and the layout of the Unscramble has managed to help us upgrade our rack cards and handouts. Rack cards are distributed throughout Florida and our Hand Outs give visitors information that helps them navigate our hangars. Phyllis also aids Board members in the layout and execution of notices and informational posters.

Work accomplished by the restoration team continues to amaze me. This group works in crowded conditions, lots of dust and noise and still manages to turn rusty, corroded and ripped metal into the finished display aircraft you see in the hangars. Those individuals who flew or maintained these aircraft are amazed to see what appears to be a factory fresh warplane.

None of the above could happen without our Volunteer and Member base. We are privileged to have their support.

Looking forward to 2021



Finance Director's Report

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2020 has been quite a year. The pandemic of COVID-19 has had an incredible impact on the Valiant Air Command and all of our employees and volunteers. We closed the museum on March 16, 2020, and reopened in a limited capacity for three days a week on October 16, 2020. Over the course of the 7 months the museum was closed to visitors, the board members and a few volunteers kept the museum functioning and our large programs moving forward, especially the expansion program. Many of you have donated generously to this program and we expect to move forward with the start of this project in early 2021. Going forward, hope to open the museum on more days as soon as vaccinations are in wide use and tourism increases.

While we have been down in revenue from tourism reductions, we have been able to obtain several grants that have helped keep the museum on even footing until things get back to normal. We have been able to weather this year in remarkably good shape. In addition to being open for three days, the C-47 has been able to do some parachute drops and was able to go to the Stuart Airshow in early November.

* I would like to encourage all of you to protect yourself and your family members by getting the COVID-19 vaccine. As you read this, vaccination programs are starting around the country. The two vaccines approved for Emergency Use in the US are from Pfizer and Moderna and have 95% effective protection. Of course, social distancing and the use of masks continue to be very important until a large portion of the population has been vaccinated. This will help reduce the amount of virus in circulation and help everyone move forward as quickly as possible. Vaccine reactions for the most part have been fairly limited and only last for a day or two. Most of the time the reaction you feel is your immune system recognizing the invader and mobilizing against it, that is why you sometimes feel achy and tired and may run a fever. These are normal, expected reactions, and they go away in a day or two. *

Thank you to everyone that has supported the VAC this year! I would like to thank everyone in the PX: Maureen Larney, Lorrain Juhl, Rich Cariseo and Katelyn Hornesby for all their hard work during this difficult year. Special thanks to Richard Jones for his effort to bring the PX inventory up to date and streamlining the purchasing process.

Happy Holidays to everyone and here's hoping that 2021 will be a much better year!

*** Editor's note: Tracy is the VAC Finance Officer and is also a working Registered Nurse ***



Executive Director's Report

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COVID-19 has brought many changes to the lives of our members and to the way we operate the museum. Starting at the end of March and rolling forward each month, almost all our scheduled events had been canceled. In addition, the museum was closed to visitors until October when we opened nine to five on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. For the foreseeable future, we will remain on that schedule. This closure has placed a tremendous strain on both our financial wellness and future plans. The loss of our daily visitor admission and gift shop purchases coupled with the loss of the venue revenue left us without the income to pay for our monthly operational expense, which continued to march on. In Mid-March we had started our fund-raising program for our museum expansion plans that had just been completed. The onset and continuation of the pandemic have reduced donations and gifting to support our much-needed expansion to a trickle. We will re-start the funding request as we are now ready to start site construction. Tracy Bohrmann, our Finance Officer, has carried the heavy load of balancing our finances during this tumultuous period. Ron Davis has been a great help in assisting Tracy in completing requests for grant dollars and Coronavirus impact funding from government agencies.

Throughout the pandemic the museum staff, core members and volunteers have continued to remain strong in their support of the museum. Every reasonable opportunity to raise money for the museum has been taken. We have hosted multiple car rallies and aircraft picture sessions on our aircraft parking ramp. A group of 16 members drove to Sanford, FL at their own expense, to man the Lockheed Air Show concession stands, earning additional money for the museum.

Working in our second-floor offices, Kenita Bushee and Louise Kleba have been the steady hand that has kept the day-to-day operations in good shape. We would have not been able to accomplish as much as we did without their dedicated help. Lorraine Juhl, besides working in the Gift Shop, has

always been the first to volunteer to support outside activities held at the museum and to take our display table to outside events to help advertise for us.

If you have not visited the museum recently, you need to come and view all the new aircraft, restored aircraft, displays and memorabilia. Special thanks go to Jem Golden, with assistance from Malcolm Cater, Don Henry and Jeremiah who have been doing an outstanding job re-doing our library and most of our artifact collections in both the Main and Vietnam Hangars. Our Gift Shop has been remodeled with wide aisles, lower prices, and many items on clearance sale.

The museum hosted a three-day open house in November to honor our Veterans. Despite the virus threat, it was a great success. Several military support organizations participated, and we received a letter of appreciation from Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 4228 for our support of their 2020 Buddy Poppy Drive. The donations they collected will be used to help local Brevard County Veterans and their families.

David Shores stepped up to assume the open position of Public Relations and Marketing Director. He quickly started organizing a good advertising program to highlight the new museum hours of operation and promote the Gift Shop as the ideal Christmas shopping destination.

We have a new Events Coordinator, Jolene Clark. Jolene comes to us with a wealth of experience and has already started organizing 2021 events. We hope to re-schedule many of the events, including our Membership Appreciation Dinner, which was postponed in 2020.

The Valiant Air Command will be supporting the Air & Space Fly-By Air Show at Cocoa Beach on April 17 & 18, 2021. The Thunderbirds will be the headliner military team, along with the F-35 Lightning II and others. The active military aircraft will stage out of Patrick AFB (recently named Patrick Space Force Base) and other aircraft will fly out of our home field. Plans have been developed to return to Titusville and the Space Coast Regional Airport with a Space Coast Warbird AirShow in the Spring of 2022.

Best wishes for everyone to be safe and remain healthy during these trying times.



Facilities Director's Report

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Despite greatly scaled back activities, your Facility Crew has been busy. The highlight of this quarter for me was to fly as a witness of the Memorial Flight for a man we have all come to admire and regret his passing (especially to the Covid Virus). Terry Rush made a low pass over the Joe Reus ceremony with the TBM with me in the back seat. I wish I had heard all of Joe's stories.

We were able to finish installing the A-7 bomb release racks that Terry Nies started. That encouraged us to add bombs to the SBD. We added a release rack on the center position and then bombs to the wings and center position.

We had a new guy join the team. Hawk Moore has become a valued and knowledgeable team member. With Terry Nies and Charlie Meyer up North, David Shores and Roger Tonovitz have made the difference in getting things done. David is also on the BOD and handles our PR efforts. Roger does a great job of keeping the buildings uncluttered. David and Roger also crew our efforts to move aircraft for operations and events.

We greased all the hangar door rollers, cleaned the aircraft in the Main Hangar and the Vietnam Hangar and then cleaned the floors before reopening. Many hands joined in the effort. We also removed the unsightly ceiling insulation that was damaged.

We have added a list of tasks on the big screen TV in the break room for those wanting something to do and no one around to say 'start'. It is for self-starters. It was Marvin's idea, made possible by Richard Jones setting it up and tweaked by Hawk. The Donor of the TV can be proud of our use of it. It is now up on the wall of the break room.

We have added POS and PPE equipment and

signs throughout the VAC for the protection of the public and our staff. It pushes heavily on masks and distancing. It has allowed us to open slowly. Masks are required and I was present when Tracy protected the VAC and sent two visitors home for no masks. We have them available but they refused to wear them; good job Tracy. Bob Boswell helped get the signs up that define the policy we are following with Norm Daniels and Richard Jones being heavily involved in this effort.

As usual, we moved aircraft for events and kept putting air in the tires. The F-11 had to have a tube installed as the rims are corroded and leaked. We also supported C-47, B-25 and TBM run-ups and flights. Charlie Hammer did much work on bomb loaders, the MiG-17 and the MD3.

We have made several runs to the airport in Edgewater to bring back parts and equipment from an old hangar. This material is donated to the museum to use as needed and consisted of many pick-up loads and much effort by our crews.

The Facility Crew has mostly been made up of Joel McGinley, David Shores, Terry Nies, Charley Meyer, Roger Tonovitz, and Hawk Moore, but everyone in the VAC has supported our efforts. Marvin Juhl, Charlie Hammer, Terry Rush and others deserve Facility Merit Badges as they have been so much help. We are so lucky to have such volunteers. Of special note, it is Tom Wilke who keeps our grass mowed and trimmed which is a vital and major effort. Should some members wish to trim or run the new 5' wide mower, it would be much appreciated for some help. The appearance of our facility is vital.

Bob Boswell made a smooth move when he set up the VAC ramp for two car shows and photo sessions Saturday with an evening dinner and then using the same meal set-up in the Vietnam Hangar for another dinner Monday night. Three venues and two meals on one set-up. Super job!

(See photos on the last page)





Maintenance Director's Report

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In the beginning, there was Valiant Air Command, then there was Maintenance, now there is still Valiant Air Command and we still have Maintenance. So in the beginning, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The F-11 Tiger is a supersonic single-seat carrier-based U.S. Navy fighter aircraft that has been going through extensive restoration and showing improvement, our volunteers keep chipping away at her. The cockpit under the skillful hands of Peter Mascaras has accomplished an outstanding achievement in getting it to its final stage of installing the ejection seat and the canopy. Pete Jolly in the meantime, using his engineering skills, rigging the fuselage mounting brackets for installation on its new mobile stand. John Simpson with Dave Smart on the other hand have been working on the panels and the removal of fuel tanks along with the preparations of reinstalling the panels. David Werglikowski and Chuck Dilts also have dedicated hours working on many of the parts, and have additionally added to their workload to refurbish the 23mm cannon guns for the Mig 17. Jim Brinckerhoff is one of kind behind the sewing machine, those hard to find fabric parts needed such as the headliner, seat cover, exhaust plug, etc.

UH-1 Huey is now on static display next to the



B-52 for all to see and enjoy. Thanks to Greg Hale, Mark Miller, Roger Franklin and many more who played a

part. There is still work to be done, like painting the artwork on the nose and the required markings yet to be stenciled in their proper locations, the cyclic, collective and the gun mount installation as we attain them. All the work will be accomplished while it's on static display, for the present time it's there for viewing. Our UH-1 (to be made operational by Greg Hale plus others) currently had the rotor head transmission and the tail rotor gearbox inspected and is operationally satisfactory. Inspection and installation of the fuel system and fuel tanks are in progress. When the fuel system comes operationally satisfactory we will then need to have the engine changed. The existing engine is unserviceable due to corrosion, but we have on hand two serviceable engine replacements.

MiG-17 ejection seat has been cleaned and painted, ready to install (that seat is Heavy). The canopy had an amazing repair to its 3/4 inch plexiglass that had 2 three-inch holes (one on each side). Larry Mathis installed two plexiglass plugs and was able to polish them out on the outside and



inside (an unbelievable job). Then we have Charlie Hammer with help from Steve in assembling the two 23mm cannons on the refurbished gun mount which will be mounted back on the MiG -17 for static display in January. A couple more things need to be done before its total completion, fuel drop tanks need repair and installation, elevator repair and installation and intake/exhaust plugs to be made.

Currently, no maintenance

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was needed on Bell 47-G4. Except for cleaning and minor preventive maintenance, she is ready and able to fly when called upon. But the Bell 47-D (military H-13), lots of research was done and with this research it has been determined that the engine has to be replaced due to a thinner engine block. We have the original engine (heavier duty engine block) that at one time was installed on our helicopter, also with logbooks. It came as a spare when we acquired the helicopter. Work would involve inspection of the engine block and installing the overhauled cylinders from the currently installed engine. Roger Franklin will be heading up the back to flight maintenance for this helicopter.

Bob Filippi heads up the project of getting the F-101 Voodoo in preparation for painting with help from Larry Knoch and Doug Hunter working the most difficult job of sheet metal repair along

with the corrosion preventive work. They were responsible for getting the flaps and speed brakes, after the most difficult removal from the airframe by Tim Daugherty, for the needed repairs and corrosion work which is now in progress for painting.

On a side note for those who are not aware, Valiant Air Command has three of its aircraft that are in airworthy condition and can fly when called upon to serve. The contact individuals for these aircraft are John Makinson for the C-47 Skytrain, Terry Rush for the TBM Avenger and Melvin Juhl for the Bell 47 M*A*S*H* helicopter with helpers in maintaining the fleet to top operating condition. Work is in progress for next year in getting Bell-47 (H-13) model D-1 helicopter in condition to fly.

It's the VAC volunteers with their multiple skills that make the difference in the accomplishment of the most difficult tasks of putting these aircraft back in shape.

Warbird Museum's Three Airworthy Aircraft and One To Fly Soon



TBM Avenger flies...Contact person is Terry Rush



Bell 47 M*A*S*H* flies...Contact person is Melvin Juhl



C-47 Skytrain flies...Contact person is John Makinson



Bell-47 (H-13) model D-1...Does not fly yet



Personnel Director's Report

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Greetings Members,

Well, we are finally at the end of 2020, about in the books, gone, no longer to be discussed. I'd like to let our members know about some very important stuff I have working for me and the BOD in this organization. Let me introduce your staff members and some of what they do; they help Board Members keep this place working daily.

Here's my disclaimer: many of this staff does so much more than I can ever list in a column on this newsletter. I am eternally grateful for these fine folks and all their dedication to this organization as a whole.

Administrative Staff

1. Louise Kleba: many of you know or get emails from Louise. She is a tireless hand in this organization, from Membership and FAST related issues to volunteer issues and office issues. She acts as our BOD Secretary and recorder of our monthly BOD meetings and types many documents for and proofreads of all kinds of items for the BOD. She even volunteers to stand for hours to take funds at different events.

2. Kenita Bushee: Many of you have dealt with Kenita here for years. She's the executive support person here. Kenita adds another level of organization to the BOD and supports our Executive Officer as a right-hand person. Kenita is also a regular volunteer taking on LOTS-O-STUFF for events.

PX/Gift Shop Staff

1. Maureen Larney: Maureen has become Manager of our PX. She and her staff worked tirelessly for weeks before and since our reopening to corral and clean up a vastly un-organized and mostly incorrect inventory database for the POS system currently in use. The PX staff is comprised of Lorraine Juhl, Rich Cariseo, and our newest addition Katelyn Hornsby. Their contributions to our success are immeasurable. They all also spend many hours a month volunteering in events and where ever needed.

IT System Admins, Photography and Graphics design Staff

1. Bill Bentz, Randy Wheeler, Don Henry, Martin Pring, Peter Stetson and Phyllis Lilienthal are without question the best group of people I could ask for to administer our Volunteer and Member databases as well as Web and Social Media, PR photography and graphic design and layout.

Overall in this position of Personnel Officer for the VAC I've been blessed with these and many volunteers to count on whenever they are asked to step up, on a repeated basis. Through hardships and bad weather they stand at the ready to assist with this organization.

Please help me in recognizing these folks and all our volunteers. They actually care about the VAC and its future and well-being.

Here is wishing everyone the best of success in 2021. Let us strive to improve the organization through continued teamwork.



P R Director's Report

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- 1) Print ads for Veteran's Day were placed in Florida Today to run November 11, 13 and 15.
- 2) Digital ads for Veteran's Day ran with new ad that scrolls from page to page.
- 3) Met with Kelsey Baker our new rep for Florida Today.
- 4) Megan Happel from Florida Space Coast Office Of Tourism visited the museum on November 19.
- 5) QR codes are placed on the signs of almost all planes.

- 6) Telemundo filmed at the museum November 30 from 1-3.
- 7) Plans are starting for the PR activity for the Fly-in Drive in Breakfasts for whenever they are allowed.
- 8) Maria Sonneberg covered our Veterans Day Weekend Open House in the November 11 paper.
- 9) We are exchanging rack cards with Kissimee Muscle. They draw visitors from all states and 30 countries.
- 10) Several car clubs will be visiting the museum on 12/19.
- 11) Discovery UK has expressed an interest in filming the Avenger the last week of January 2021.



Operations Director's Report

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Greetings from Flight Operations.

We have been to a few events during these difficult times we are in. Mike McCann and Robert Varney met up with Tater (Jump master) in Dunellen and had a very successful weekend of Static Line Parachute Jumps. We are requested to repeat this event in February. Bob Mathews puts on a nice event although this year he lost his European participants due to travel restrictions.

Terry Rush and I took the C-47 to Stuart Air Show in November, but we had to come home early due to very bad weather. Two years in a row Stuart got hit with bad weather.

Mike McCann and Isaac Silver, with Tater in the back, went to Sebastian for our annual Santa Jump. Chuck Julian, the event organizer, was denied permits for jumping in Cocoa this year for Covid

reasons so he moved the event to Sebastian. We got off 4 high altitude loads full of Santa Jumpers. Thanks to John Makinson (Chief Maintenance Test Pilot) the plane performed flawlessly. Tico Belle has dropped close to 2000 pounds of unneeded weight so we are able to perform much better and much safer.

The TBM is ready to go for an event for Discovery Channel UK in January. Terry Rush will be flying this event if all goes as planned.

We have an event on the books for a Super Bowl party West of Orlando in the Bell 47 with Joe Priolo taking her there and landing for a tribute to first responders. We did this event last year with the C-47.

We are booked for late March to go to Palatka in the C-47 to support Round Canopy Parachute Team for 3 days. We work with Bill Markham often. He and Art Schaffer run great military reenactment events throughout the year.

Have a Happy New Year and keep SAFE.
Thanks for your support!!

Gift Shop News

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Hello all,

This year has been a difficult year for many businesses including our Gift Shop. We appreciate all your support in the last few months after reopening.

We have done a thorough inventory of our gift shop and have been working hard: lowering prices on a lot of items to clear inventory so we can bring in new, different items. Of course, we will still have a lot of the same items that are so popular; T-shirts, hats, lots of Rosie items, etc..

Please come and visit our Gift Shop, and welcome our new cashier, Katelyn. She is a welcome addition to the PX Staff with her positive attitude, enthusiasm and creativity!



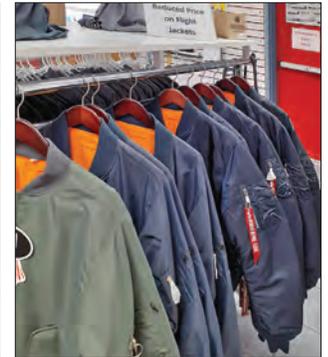
Finally, we would all like to give a BIG thank you to Richard Jones for his help and patience in guiding us through this long process.

Stay safe and best wishes to everyone for the New Year!

Maureen, Rich, Lorraine & Katelyn



Reduced Price on Wheeled Backpacks & Camo Wheeled Bag



Bags and flight jackets clearance priced



ALL CLOCKS REDUCED TO \$29.00

Large assortment of clocks sale priced

Veterans Day Weekend Open House November 13th, 14th & 15th, 2020

The crowds were smaller but Veterans Day Weekend Open House was a success



VAC visitors stepped up once again and donated blood



*Our M*A*S*H* helicopter executing various maneuvers*



The calendar pin-up ladies were on hand for photo ops



"Rockin Ricko" played and sang all the "Oldies"



Joe Reus' beautifully restored WWII half track is always a big hit



Get your authentic looking "Dog Tags"

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Dan Newlin, Prominent Orlando Attorney, flew in for the Veterans Day Weekend open house



Once again...The People Know Best



This must be a record for VAC events...Three venues and two meals all with one set-up.

Saturday: Two car shows with photo sessions and an evening dinner.

Monday: Using the same meal set-up for another dinner Monday night.



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