

CENTEX HIGHLIGHT



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**NO NORMAL TUESDAY NIGHT
MEETING THIS MONTH**
Next Wing meeting at Awards banquet
on Saturday, January 9, 2010

Awards Banquet

The CENTEX awards banquet will be held on the evening of January 9th at the same location as last year--The Embassy Suites San Marcos Hotel, Spa & Conference Center. The cost of the meal is \$37 per person. There will be a cash bar as last year.

If you want to go, you need to send or give a check/cash to me, made out to the CENTEX Wing, CAF for that amount times the number of people you are making reservations for. If you are mailing payment, send it to Grant Lannon, 1507 Palma Plaza, Austin, TX 78703-3434. There are about six seats left so if you are coming, please e-mail or call me (512-924-5406) before sending a check.

Hope to see you all there, Grant

Minutes of the Centex Wing Meeting

Meeting called to order by Col. Grant Lannon at 19:30

Pledge to the flag by Col. Grant Lannon

Prayer by Col. Ray Ender

Committee Reports.

CO: None

Finance :	Opening Balance	\$36,436.12
	Deposits	\$29,658.54
	Debits	\$19,692.35
	Ending Balance	\$46,820.95

Dinner Dance EST. \$24,398.82

Maintenance : All Air craft Except OLE YELLOW are up and running.

Col. Mike Renck read a letter from Pat Jopling. She is in the hospital at Lackland

Reminder of the wing award banquet January 9 ,2010 at the Convention Center in San Marcos.

Meeting Adjourned

Ed McCafferty had a minor heart attack over the Christmas Holidays and ended up in the hospital. They put a stint in one of his arteries and after getting well familiar with the layout of the hospital, he is now home and "rarin to go again." We're all glad that Ed is recovering nicely and look forward to seeing him at the Awards Banquet.

**Cobra Den Maintenance Report
from Ray Clausen Maintenance Officer**

The Cobra Den maintenance crew is currently blasting through the annual condition inspections of the 310 Kate and Billy Parker's Zero. We are way ahead of the schedule I had envisioned for these two aircraft and I expect that we'll be starting on the P-39 and the Yellow Rose right after the first of the year. I'll be checking with Operations and the pilots before bringing either of those birds down.

Around the hangar, there is activity everywhere. Repairs to the wing corrosion on Ol' Yeller are underway and I'm still confident that it will be back in the air before anyone really expected when it was grounded. Work continues on the Triple Nickel, though at a pace that is much slower than Grant would like. The P-63 is moving forward, too. I have already repaired the corrosion and am fabricating a couple of pieces for the radiator shroud. Mike Collier came out and, with a couple of Cobra mechanics assisting, got the engine ready to remove. We will be removing the landing rear in early January for overhaul. I have to get some canvas shrouds replicated and am hunting someone to do that right now. A couple of fuel system parts did not turn up when I looked for them, so we're working that issue, too. The Wing's U-3 and the P-39 stand ready for duty. Calvin's T-6 is also up and ready to go. We're cleaning the maintenance areas, mostly in bay 1 right now. Mark Blum has asked to do room 2 and Mike Marando requested room 3. I hope they'll both get started soon. The little yellow tug is down right now with problems in its differential. I have no doubt that Jim McKinley will have it scooting around again soon.

The Rose has been sitting idle since Fly Day, but she has not been neglected. We have been making some minor repairs when time permits and we are currently installing a new nosewheel tire. We have, in effect, already begun the B inspection. It is just progressing very slowly right now.

My thanks again to all those who have come out and volunteered their time and efforts to the aircraft in the hangar. I wish all the Squadron members and their families a very safe and happy New Year! Please remember the men and women serving our country around the world in your toasts and prayers.

Another Raider Lost

Dear Raider families and friends,

With deep regrets, I must inform you I received a phone call this morning from Herb Macia III, informing me his father, James H. Macia passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 20th.

Immediate plans for services are still pending, however the date of January 8th has been secured, and internment will take place at Sam Houston Memorial Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas...

I will advise all Raiders, Raider widows and families as soon as I receive the information on the services and funeral arrangements.

Tom Casey

The Yellow Rose will fly over the internment ceremony of James Macia on Friday 8 January. The ceremony will start at 11AM as far as we know now but an update will be e-blasted to the membership the Wednesday before the ceremony. James "Herb" Macia was the navigator-bombardier on aircraft #14 which bombed the military barracks surrounding Nagoya, an oil and gas storage area, an arsenal, and the Mitsubishi Aircraft Works. All five crewmembers successfully bailed out over China and were helped to Chuchow by friendly Chinese.

Mazie Hill

Dear Friends,

A quick note to let you know that my mother, Mazie, died peacefully this morning a little before seven. It has been a very long difficult battle with cancer and I am so relieved that she will be spending Christmas with Tex, little Mazie, David and Lola and without pain.

There are no words to express how grateful I am for each one of you who have been such

faithful friends. She genuinely loved each and every one of you.

Please, as you pass on the word to other friends, ask that no flowers be sent, as I will be leaving to go back to South Carolina to be with my family for the holidays. My mother has requested that in lieu of flowers a contribution be sent to any of the following, "in memory of Mazie Sale Hill":

1. "Tex Hill Scholarship" San Antonio Academy, 117 E. French Place, San Antonio, TX 78212
2. Admiral Nimitz Foundation, 328 E. Main St., Fredericksburg, TX 78624
3. "Tex Hill Wing" Commemorative Air Force, 203 N. Lee St., Fredericksburg, Tx 78624
4. David Lee "Tex" Hill Composite Sqdn, PO Box 2162, Wimberly, TX 78676
5. "Tex Hill" Cadet Flight Program, Daedalians Foundation, PO Box 249 Randolph AFB, TX 78148

A memorial service will be held after the first of the year and will be announced later.

I have been asked if this would make future Christmastimes more difficult. I must say that it has been more clear than ever before that, because of Christ, this season is a most welcome reminder of the very hope we have as believers and that my mother is indeed in a better place and that we can be together again some day.

May the words to "Joy to the World" have a richer meaning to you this Christmas as well.

Much love, Shannon

NEWS RELEASE December 2, 2009

DOOLITTLE TOKYO RAIDERS PLANNING AN AVIATION FIRST AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE U.S. AIR FORCE

Sarasota, Fla - The Doolittle Tokyo Raiders Association in cooperation with owners of North American B-25 Mitchell bombers from all over the U.S.A. and Canada, are planning to host 25 of these famous WWII war birds April 16 – 18 during their 68th reunion at the National Museum of the United States Air Force in Dayton, Ohio.

This will be the first time since WWII that this many B-25's have been assembled for public viewing. The event titled "A Tribute of Mitchell B-25's to the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders" is a major financial project, which will depend on raising funds to support the fuel, oil for the planes and housing for the crews participating.

The B-25 Mitchell became one of the most effective medium bombers of WWII and was made famous by the Doolittle Tokyo Raid on Japan, April 18th 1942. Today these Mitchells

are one of the most popular aircraft seen at museums and air shows.

The Doolittle Tokyo Raiders Association is seeking financial help for this important mission in the way of sponsorships and donations. Your contribution or sponsorship will be most welcome at this time.

Please contact: Tom Casey, Manager, Doolittle Tokyo Raiders Association Inc. (941) 921 7361 or Email tomcat911@comcast.net

Dinner Dance comments

I would like to once again thank everyone that participated in baking desserts. We had a great night. If I counted correctly we made around \$700 on desserts. We should have been doing this for years.

Also I would like to thank everyone that helped decorate the hangar. As a team we all did a super job for this fun fund raiser. See you around.

Linda Epley

CAF establishes Hall of Fame

Posted by Janice Wood · December 15, 2009

The Commemorative Air Force (CAF) has established the CAF Member Hall of Fame.

"We want to recognize those individuals responsible for setting the course that the Commemorative Air Force has taken," said CAF President Stephan Brown. "The CAF has grown over the years from a small band of pilots to a group of over 8,500 members from all walks of life. While we still have a great number of pilots in our ranks, the CAF now encompasses people of all different passions and interests."

The CAF will be honoring Hall of Fame inductees each year at its annual Wing Staff Conference, usually held in March. In 2010, the ceremony will be held March 19 at the Hilton Midland Plaza in Midland, Texas.

Each year the CAF will be taking a step back to honor two members posthumously and also look within the current ranks to honor two living members who continue to support the organization. These individuals will be nominated by active Colonels (full-members in the CAF) and ultimately selected by a Hall of Fame Committee consisting of current General Staff (board) Members, former Chiefs of Staff and members of the Hall of Fame.

As an exception, in the 2010 inaugural year the CAF will be honoring six individuals who exemplify the mission of the organization. The 2010 inductees are CAF Colonels Lloyd Nolen (posthumous), Marvin "Lefty" Gardner

(posthumous), Victor Agather (posthumous), Ollie Crawford, Van Skiles and Bill Godwin.

Hall of Fame candidates must be current Colonels or Life members with continuous membership for a minimum of 20 years. The inductees must have been proven to be dedicated to the CAF through their significant contributions to the CAF's mission, growth and continued strength. These individuals may have served the CAF as a paid staff, General Staff, unit officer, unit member or member-at-large.

Nominations should be submitted by an active CAF Colonel in the form of a nomination packet that includes evidence and testimony on how the person has impacted the CAF to the level worthy of inclusion in the Hall of Fame. Nominations must be received by the president no later than May 30 of each year. Packets will then be distributed to the committee for consideration. Inductees will be announced each year at the Annual CAF Membership Meeting at AIRSHO in Midland, Texas.

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