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Ms. Cindy Schneible
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Re: Promotional and Community Event Grant for the CAF AirPower Expo

Dear Ms. Schneible,

Greetings from the Commemorative Air Force. We have finally finished our report to you on the success of the first CAF AirPower Expo at the Collin County Regional Airport. By all measures it was a great success. We exceeded our attendance goal with 12,000 attendees. The media covered the event extensively with features in the Dallas Morning News, all four major Dallas TV stations, several radio stations and a live remote broadcast from WBAP. We paid for over \$25,000 in advertising and the free media was worth nearly \$100,000 (according to the report from our public relations consultant).

But most of all we were able to help educate some kids, honor our veterans and had lots of fun.

Attached is the Final Report and supporting documents. Please let me know what else we need to do. Please send the grant check for \$15,000 to my attention at the address listed in the upper left in Addison.

We really enjoyed working with all the various groups in McKinney. Thanks so much for your generous support. We hope we can work together again soon.

Best Regards,

Gerald Oliver, Jr.
Finance Officer
CAF B-29 / B-24 Squadron

Final Report to the McKinney Community Development Corporation

CAF AirPower Expo

Oct 3 – 6, 2013

Collin County Regional Airport

The inaugural CAF AirPower Expo was held at the Collin County Regional Airport on October 3 to 6, 2013. The event was a huge success by all measures. In the original application for promotional grant funds, we outlined the following metrics:

1. Number of attendees.
2. Number of school children who come out and attend the Youth Programs.
3. Quality of the programs for youth and veterans.
4. Impact of the event on the reputation of McKinney and Collin County Regional Airport.
5. The quality of the entertainment programs such as a Hangar Dance, Movie Night, etc.

Here are the results of each of those metrics, plus a few more:

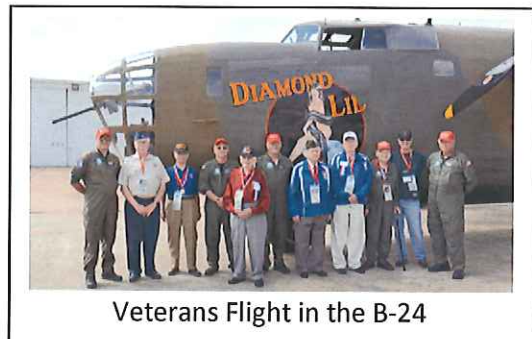
1. **Number of attendees:** 12,000 people attended the event over the course of four days. The number of original WWII aircraft in attendance was over 20. Two of the aircraft are so rare they are the only ones of their type still flying. Aircraft from around Texas, and as far away as Nebraska and Arizona flew in to participate. In addition, a number of attendees flew in on board their own aircraft.



The ramp was full of attendees

2. **Number of school children who come out and attend the Youth Programs:** Well over 500 school age children attended the event. The McKinney Aviation Program students all attended with their high school advisors. A private school brought their students for a field trip. A modelers club donated over 200 model airplanes that were assembled on site by youth and their parents. Frontiers of Flight Museum attended and brought their flight simulator encouraging youth to try their hand at flying.
3. **Quality of the programs for youth and veterans:** There were a number of programs for the youth. They included seminars by WWII veterans and pilots including 35 mission pilot Charles Chauncey. Sarah Wilson, pilot of the Jimmy Allen Flying Special (a 1932 Stearman Speedmail and the original aircraft featured in the Jimmy Allen Radio program) performed her youth program. The local modelers club brought and donated over 200 model planes that were assembled by youth and their parents.

Veterans programs included participation by the Daughters of WWII. This group, led by former first lady of Dallas, Laura Leppert, featured a special veteran's flight in the B-24 and B-29 bombers. They were accompanied aloft by a host of media to film their return to the skies. Immediately after the flight, the McKinney Kiwanis Club hosted a veterans luncheon featuring special music and a pipe and drum ensemble.



Veterans Flight in the B-24

All who attended were able to witness the rare feat of original WWII aircraft warming up and taking to the skies on a regular basis throughout the weekend.

4. **Impact of the event on the reputation of McKinney and Collin County Regional Airport.** We feel the event reflected positively on McKinney and the airport. Many attendees comments included: Great event... hope you come back... thanks for honoring our veterans... great to see these old planes still fly... etc. There were no incidents or injuries that we know of and all were able to get into the airport easily, park efficiently and exit when they wanted. The event was well covered by local media and McKinney was portrayed in a very positive light.



The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

5. **The quality of the entertainment programs such as a Hangar Dance, Movie Night, etc.** The McKinney Swing Band was featured at two different times during the event. They performed on Friday evening in the main hangar. The event featured the SMU Swing Dancers. The movie company unfortunately was not able to get their outdoor gear so had to cancel the outdoor movie. Instead, we invited the McKinney Swing Band to come back for another show on Saturday afternoon.



The Kiwanis Sponsored Luncheon

6. **Other programs included:**
- A media flight on Thursday
 - Veterans came and sold their books and autographed pictures and memorabilia.
 - A NYFD fire truck that was present at Ground Zero on Sept 11 came by for an appearance.
 - Cockpit tours were conducted to allow people to get in the airplanes.
 - Food trucks from the local area provided food for the attendees.
 - Living History ride flights were conducted by many of the attending aircraft.

7. **Sponsors:** The following provided cash support or gifts in kind:

- McKinney Community Development Corporation
- Volunteer McKinney
- McKinney Visitors and Convention Bureau
- McKinney Kiwanis Club
- McKinney Chamber of Commerce
- Town Square Buzz
- Progressive Waste Solutions
- Craig Ranch
- Encore Wire
- Metro Linen Supply



Kids building model airplanes

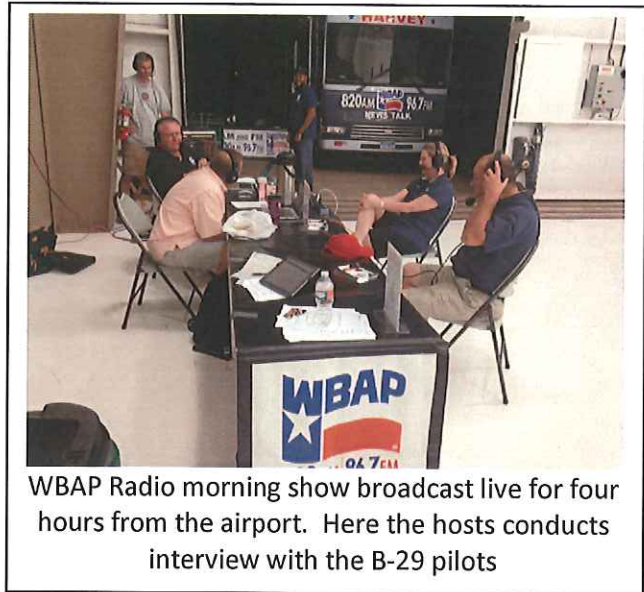
- k. Cutter Aviation
- l. Cavanaugh Flight Museum
- m. Collin County Regional Airport
- n. Daughters of WWII
- o. Ag-Power
- p. Commemorative Air Force

8. **Media:** The local media supported and covered the event extensively. Our Public Relations consultant values the total PR value at \$99,970. A summary of the media coverage, is attached. In addition, the CAF paid for the following paid media:

- a. Dallas Morning News advertising
\$ 20,691
- b. WBAP radio remote broadcast
\$ 4,750

All paid media and posters carried the addendum, "This event is partially funded by a grant from the McKinney Community Development Corporation."

9. **Financial Results:** The event made its budget and earned a modest profit. In addition, the CAF was able to make a donation to the Kiwanis Club of McKinney of \$2,500. All bills and vendors were paid in full.



Supporting Exhibits



CAF AirPower EXPO



Collin County Regional Airport, McKinney, TX

October 3-6, 2013



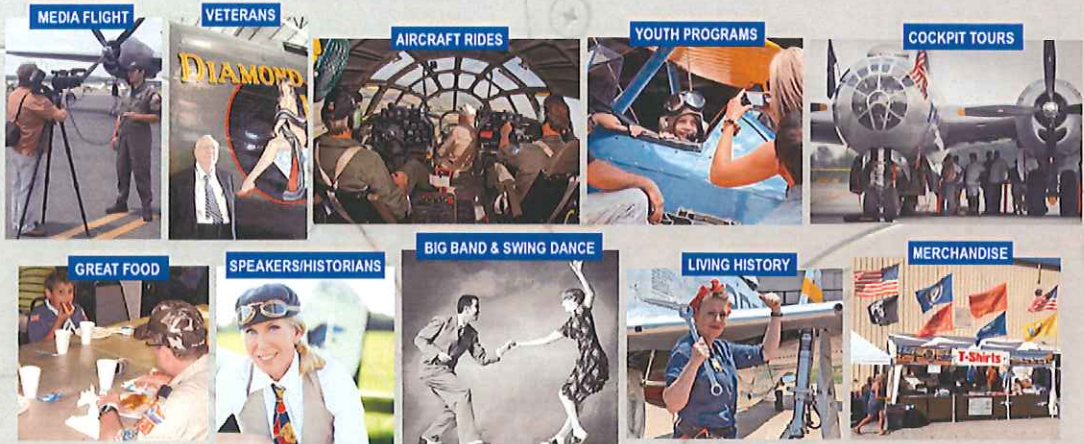
Aircraft Scheduled to attend: B-29 Superfortress, B-17 Flying Fortress, B-24 Liberator, SB2C Helldiver, C-45, B-25, Douglas R4D, BT-15, PT-17, P-51, Zero, Val, Kate, Travel Air, P-40, Skyraider, Bell Helicopter, C-47, T-6, SNJ, Stinson Reliant, Stearman Speedmail, J-3/L-4 Cub, and much more!

Thursday, October 3
Youth Program Day
 Gates 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Veterans Media Flight 11:00 a.m.

Friday, October 4
Veteran's Day
 Gates 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 All Veterans and active duty personnel admitted FREE

Saturday, October 5
Fly Day
 Gates 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Aircraft fly throughout the day

Sunday, October 6
Family Day
 Gates 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 \$5.00 off family admission



COST Individual daily pass \$15 per day
 Kids 10 and under FREE
 Veterans and Active Duty \$10 per day (FREE on Friday, Oct 4)
 Family Pass \$25 per day (Mom, Dad and all their kids 17 and under)
 Family Day, Sunday, Oct 6 \$20 per day (save \$5)

SITE Collin County Regional Airport
 1500 E. Industrial Blvd.
 McKinney, Texas 75069
 FREE PARKING



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McKinney Air Power Expo Recap 2013

Television/Radio							
Outlet	Program	Date	Circulation/ Viewers	Run Time	Ad Value	PR Value	
1	KTVT CBS	10/3/13	56,228	1:25	\$1,983.33	\$5,950.00	
2	KXAS-NBC	10/3/13	96,978	1:50	\$4,766.67	\$14,300.00	
3	WFAA-ABC	10/3/13	135,465	2:15	\$7,200.00	\$21,600.00	
4	KLIF-AM	10/3/13	139,000	:35	\$309.17	\$927.50	
5	KRLD-AM-CBS	10/4/13	166,000	2:15	\$1,332.00	\$3,996.00	
6	KRLD-AM-CBS	10/4/13	166,000	2:15	\$1,332.00	\$3,996.00	
7	WBAP-AM	10/3/13	182,000	:22	\$217.07	\$651.20	
8	KDFW FOX	10/5/13	61,914	3:04	\$3,373.33	\$10,120.00	
Total TV/Radio			1,003,585		\$20,514	\$61,541	
Print							
Outlet	Headline	Date	Circulation/ Viewers	Size	Ad Value	PR Value	
1	Dallas Morning News	10/4/13	409,265	18	\$11,250.00	\$33,750.00	
2	McKinney Courier Gazette	10/6/13	73,000	24	\$1,560.00	\$4,680.00	
Total Print			482,265	NA	\$12,810.00	\$38,430.00	
Online							
Outlet	Headline	Date	Circulation/ Viewers	Run Time	Ad Value	PR Value	
1	Star Community Newspapers	10/3/13	NA	NA	NA	NA	
2	CBS Local	10/3/13	NA	NA	NA	NA	
3	McKinney Online	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
4	Dallas Morning News	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
5	Your McKinney	9/3/13	NA	NA	NA	NA	
6	Pilots Of America	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
7	Get McKinney	10/7/13	NA	NA	NA	NA	
8	Pegasus News	10/6/13	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Total Online			NA	NA	NA	NA	
Grand Total			1,485,850	18	\$33,324	\$99,970.70	

Value of PR and Free Media

PIO Report

The CAF AirPower History Tour made it through its first season! We learned a lot along the way – mostly that managing a lot of stops and a lot of different aircraft is sometimes an overwhelming job. Last year at this time the AirPower Tour concept didn't exist. It was December before we even talked about it and January before we started planning. Needless to say, David and I both struggled to keep our heads above water on more than one occasion. But we had many, many great stops and great experiences along the way.



And, that knowledge and experience we gained last year gives us a lot of momentum going into our next season. McKinney taught us a lot about utilizing local resources – what a terrific Convention and Visitors Bureau they have there along with a great volunteer pool and other resources. A lot of my focus this year will be on developing those kinds of relationships with the communities we plan to visit. Even our smaller tour stops will benefit from this strategy.

The AirPower Expo at McKinney was a great way to wrap up the season. Check out some of the news and radio coverage for the event:

Channel 8: <http://www.wfaa.com/video?id=226389181&sec=553117&ref=articlevidmod>

Channel 11: <http://dfw.cbslocal.com/2013/10/03/world-war-ii-vets-fly-at-mckinney-air-show/>

Channel 5: <http://www.nbcdfw.com/video/#!/news/local/Greatest-Generation-Takes-Flight-Again/226380151>

Steve Brown and David Oliver also appeared on the Fox Saturday morning news. I remarked to Steve as we were driving from McKinney to the Fox studio in downtown Dallas at 6:15 a.m. – it is amazing (and sometimes embarrassing) what we will do, how hard we will work, how far we will go for just 3 minutes of television news coverage.



The payoff, however, is huge. Our event did well because of the coverage. Getting coverage in the Dallas Morning News, the four major news stations and multiple other online and local outlets is a difficult thing to do in a market as large as Dallas. I had great help from a number of sources.

Most fun was the WBAP Morning News live broadcast from the airport. I took one for the team and showed up at 5 a.m. for the first interview – then David and Debbie came through for the 6 a.m. Charles Chauncey, Larry Lumpkin and Ed Vesley also helped us out. We have a great MP3 file of Chauncey’s interview I will have on the website shortly.



WBAP Morning Team interviewing Charles Chauncey



WBAP Morning Sports Anchor, Steve Lamb, doing his remote in the cockpit of Gunfighter

Many of the CAF units who partner with us (and many who want to) are limited by their ability to keep a crew with their aircraft for all of these events. Seeing some of those units struggle with crew issues makes me grateful for all of the wonderful volunteers we have who are so committed to keeping our airplanes out on the road earning money so critical for their survival.

And how on earth could we do it without Chief? Thank you, Chief, for all you do for us!

Enjoying a little R & R
in Westwood, Kansas –

Kim Pardon
PIO



Chief taking a call on Diamond Lil

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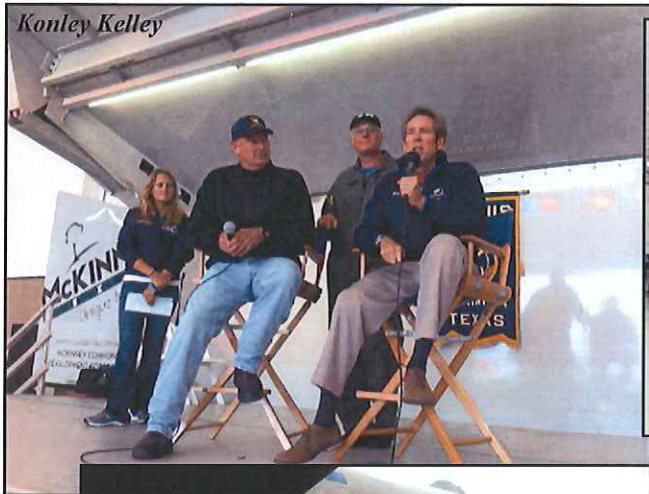


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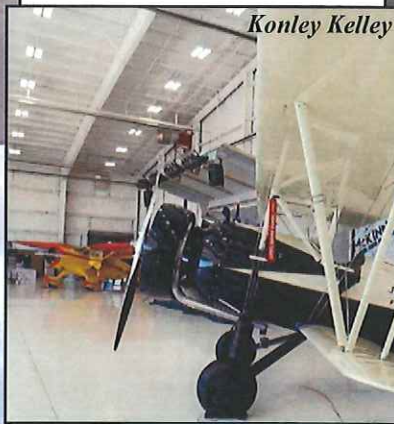
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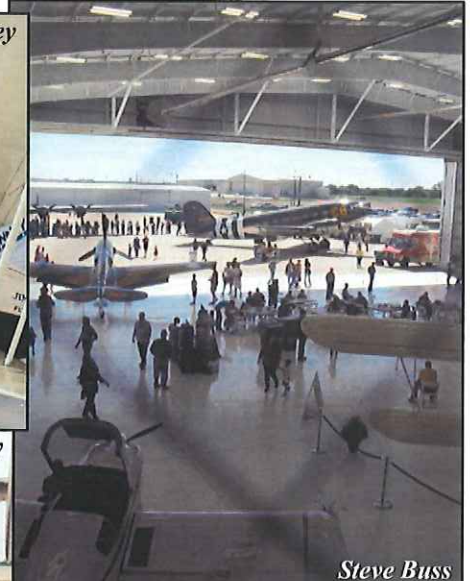
The first "home show" for the CAF B-29/B-24 Squadron was a huge success. On the next few pages are just a few of the many pictures that captured this event. Be sure and watch for some amazing stories from this event in future issues of The Flyer. Konley Kelley, Editor, The Flyer



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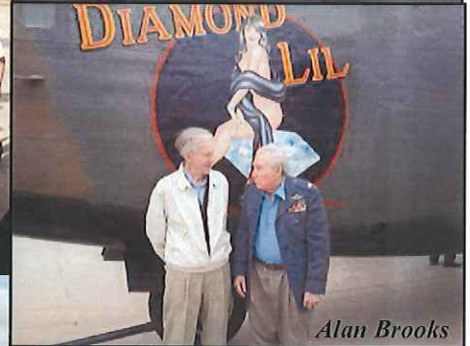
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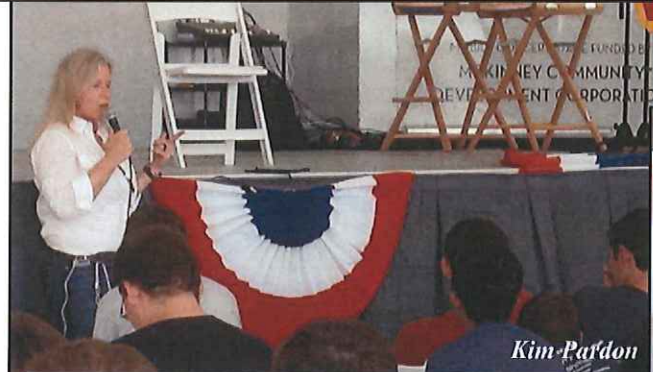
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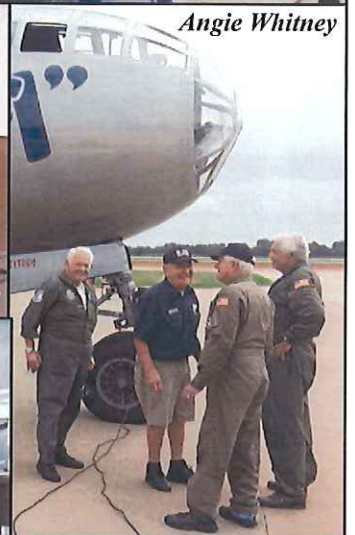


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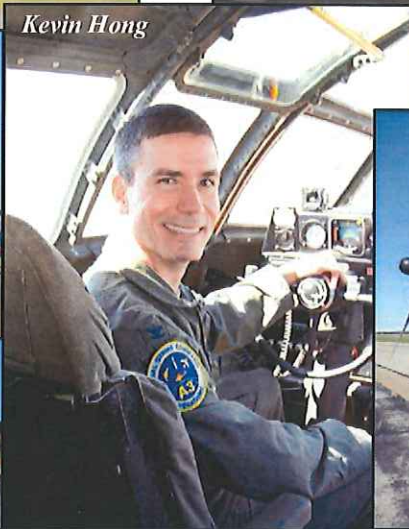
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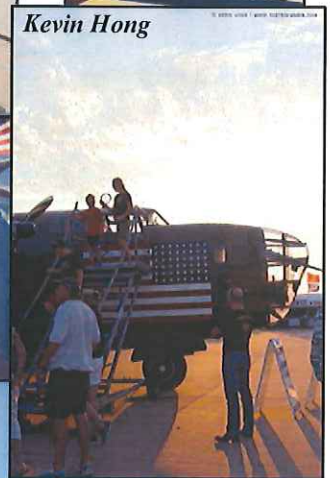
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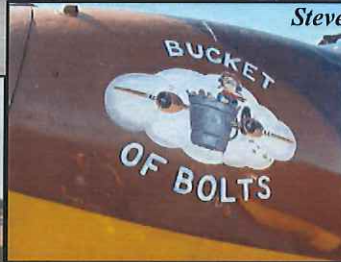
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CAF AIRPOWER EXPO

Collin County Regional Airport, McKinney, Texas

The World's Only Flying B-29 Superfortress

"FIFI"

OCT. 3 - 6

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**P-51 Mustang
GUNFIGHTER**

...ne Rides and More!!

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B-17 Flying Fortress



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Photo Kevin Hong



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Curtiss P-40 N Warhawk

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Beechcraft C-45 Expeditor

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YOUTH EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES — LIVE SWING MUSIC
FOOD AND FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!**

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Sat., Oct. 5 - 9 AM to 6 PM / Sun., Oct. 6th 9 AM to 5 PM**

**Collin County Regional Airport
1500 E. Industrial Blvd., McKinney, Texas 75069**

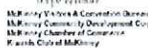
ADMISSION: \$15 PER PERSON / \$25 PER FAMILY*

**Mom, Dad, and their kids age 17 and under. Children age 10 and under FREE.*

**Thursday — Youth Program Day / Friday — A Day for Veterans
Saturday — Fly Day / Sunday — Family Day, \$5 Family Discount**



Thanks to our Sponsors
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More Information and advance ride reservations at www.AirPowerExpo.org or call (432) 413-4100

Opinion

Being Heard — By Rodney Williams

Warhawks, FiFi and Youth Revisited

I read a lot as a kid, which should come as no surprise, I guess, considering what I do for a living. I got started early, and one of the first things to grab me were historical books — fiction and non-fiction. I can remember sitting in my third grade class and reading about the Flying Tigers, the volunteer outfit of American flyers who took to the skies to protect China from the Japanese prior to our involvement in World War II.

I fell in love with the idea of those World War II aces back then, and I haven't lost the notion I have of them even today. Unlike their World War I counterparts these guys were on the cutting edge of aircraft fighter devel-



opment, engaging in true high-speed dogfights in the air. Today, missiles can be launched at another plane from miles away, marking the enemy as a bright spot on the electronic sight glass. It's just not the same, even though the pilots have that same sense of daring and bravado.

Back to those Flying Tigers. Those guys were my first heroes (well, them and Roger Staubach) and I read everything I could about them, continuing to do so today. Along the way I developed a true affinity for the aircraft used in that time frame and studied them with typical single-mindedness of the obsessed. For years I longed to see these fighter planes and bombers in

and I dragged the lovely Mrs. Williams along with me to the show. Finally, I was going to see and touch the planes I had been obsessing over since third grade.

Walking through the gates of the airport and seeing the planes on the hanger lot and runway, my skin tingled. I can't say that's happened often, but it made me feel like a little kid again, and I'm sure my wife wondered what was wrong with me. My attention wandered and so did I. It was amazing to touch the shark's mouth on the P-40 Warhawk, photos of which have adorned my wall or computer at some point for the past 30+ years, and know that this plane defended the skies against

Axis forces and the wall of my study against... something.

The bombers were particularly awesome. The scale of these — well, words can't do it justice. Line four or five UPS trucks back-to-back and six of them side-to-side and that's about the length and width of a B-29 bomber, of which the last remaining one of these that actually flies was on display. Her name is FiFi, and she was without a doubt the star of the show.

I knew the planes would be awesome. What I didn't expect was to get choked up seeing the World War II veterans gazing longingly at these planes and slowly, lovingly, running their hands

along their steel skin. These vets were showing up on walkers, canes and wheelchairs and seemed to regain just a bit of bounce in their step as they spent more time around the planes.

Those of us in attendance who weren't WWII veterans simply said "Thank you" over and over to these vet and the volunteers who ran the show and talked us through the inside of these bombers.

It was a great day and made me feel like a kid again.

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CAF Announces AirPower Expo in McKinney with Impressive Lineup of Historic WWII Airplanes



(August 10, 2013) – The City of McKinney, TX will be host to an unprecedented collection of historic World War II aircraft on October 3 – 6 when the iconic B-29 Superfortress *FIFI* – the only flying B-29 in the world – visits Collin County Regional Airport. She will be accompanied by an array of equally rare aircraft including the B-24 Liberator *Diamond Lil*, the B-17 Flying Fortress, *Sentimental Journey*, the only remaining Curtiss SB2C Helldiver in the world, C-45 Expeditor *Bucket of Bolts* and many other historic military aircraft. The show will include a P-51 Mustang, B-25 Mitchell, T-6 Texan, Stearman biplane and as many as a dozen additional airplanes. These aircraft will be on the ramp from October 3 through 6 for cockpit tours and rides.

This gathering of historic aircraft offers a once in a lifetime opportunity to see, touch and hear some of the most rare World War II artifacts in the world. The Commemorative Air Force is a flying museum bringing the sight, sound and smell of World War II aviation to the general public. In addition to aircraft from the CAF collection will be aircraft from the Cavanaugh Flight Museum and from private collectors and individuals.

The event will also feature Veteran oral histories, historic military vehicles, classic cars, live swing and patriotic music, activities for children, food and much more. It will be the only place in the world where one can see the three major heavy bombers from WWII still fly.

The event's sponsors include the Commemorative Air Force, the City of McKinney Visitors and Convention Bureau, the McKinney Kiwanis Club, Collin County Regional Airport, Cavanaugh Flight Museum, Cutter Aviation, Craig Ranch, the McKinney Chamber of Commerce and the Daughters of WWII. The CAF AirPower Expo is funded in part by a grant from the McKinney Community Development Corporation.

The event will be held at the Collin County Regional Airport in McKinney, Texas. Admission is \$15 per person or \$25 for families with children age 17 and under. Children age 10 and under are free. Free B-29 and B-24 cockpit tours and admission to the oral histories and swing band concerts are included with paid admission. Friday is Veterans Day and all veterans and active duty personnel will be admitted free on Friday. Hours vary each day depending on the programs offered. Please check the event web site for more details at www.AirPowerExpo.org .

Rides are available in almost all of the attending aircraft. Advance ride reservations are recommended and can be made at www.AirPowerExpo.org . Rides are also sold at the event and all of the airplanes except the B-29 fly on demand. The B-29 will fly at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

About the B-29 Superfortress

The Boeing B-29 Superfortress, first flown in 1942, began active service in 1944 and is perhaps best known as the aircraft whose missions over Japan helped bring about the end of World War II. It was designed as a replacement for the older B-17s and B-24s, with longer range and greater bomb loads. The B-29 was also used in the Korean War in the early 1950s and was a staple of the U.S. Air Force until the late 1950s.

About the CAF's B-29 Superfortress *FIFI*:

FIFI was acquired by the CAF in the early 1970s when a group of CAF members found her at the U.S. Navy Proving Ground at China Lake, California where she was being used as a missile target. The airplane was rescued and restored and flew for over thirty years until 2006 when the chief pilot made the decision to ground her pending a complete power plant re-fit. What followed was an extensive four year restoration that included replacing all four engines with new custom-built hybrid engines. *FIFI* returned to the sky in 2010 and since that time has traveled coast to coast attracting large crowds at every tour stop. Learn more about *FIFI* and her tour schedule at www.AirPowerTour.org.

About the B-24 Liberator

This aircraft, built in May 1941, is the 25th B-24 produced by Consolidated Aircraft at their San Diego facility. On a training flight from Eagles Nest Airport, N.M., prior to its delivery to England, AM-927 experienced a landing accident. The damage was major enough that the aircraft had to be returned to San Diego for repairs. As a result of the accident, she was converted to a personnel and cargo carrier. During the war this B-24 flew scheduled runs between San Diego, Fort Worth, New York, and Washington D.C. She also carried various American and foreign dignitaries within the U.S. In 1969 the aircraft was purchased by the CAF and, in 1971, she was painted in the colors and

markings of the 98th Bomb Group, Pyramiders of the 9th Air Force in North Africa, and was named *Diamond Lil*.

About the SB2C Helldiver:

This SB2C, operated by the CAF West Texas Wing, is the only one of its kind still flying. The Helldiver was developed to replace the Douglas SBD Dauntless. It was a much larger aircraft and able to operate from the latest aircraft carriers of the time. The Helldiver carried a considerable array of armament and featured an internal bomb bay that reduced drag when carrying heavy ordinance. Saddled with demanding requirements set forth by both the U.S. Marines and United States Army Air Forces, the manufacturer incorporated features of a "multi-role" aircraft into the design.

About the P-51 Mustang:

The P-51 is one of the most revered fighters in WWII and possibly the greatest airplane ever designed. It entered service in Europe in the spring of 1944 as a primary long-range escort fighter. It held 1,880 rounds of .50 (fifty) caliber in six guns, a flying range of 1,650 miles with external drop tanks, and a top speed of 440 mph at 30,000 feet. Mustangs were a deadly opponent in battle and destroyed 4,950 enemy aircraft in the air, more than any other US fighter in WWII. P-51s were flown in the pacific theater by the end of 1944 and escorted B-29s on long range missions to Japan. More than 13,500 P-51s were built and flew for the Air Force into the mid 1950s.

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CAF AirPower Expo Takes Off in McKinney, TX

The CAF AirPower Expo is intended to honor our American Heroes. It is through their character, courage and commitment that we can celebrate our American Freedoms. The Commemorative Air Force will be staging this event by bringing together a number of the CAF rare and historic aircraft. The event will focus on presenting the stories of our American Heroes, as well as help prepare the next generation of Heroes.

The dates and location of the CAF AirPower Expo are:

Collin County Regional Airport
McKinney, TX
October 3 – 6, 2013
Gate hours are 9 am to 7 pm

Featured Performers at the CAF AirPower Expo include:

The CAF AirPower History Tour

www.AirPowerTour.org

This traveling ensemble of historic WWII aircraft includes the Queen of the CAF fleet... *FIFI*, the world's only flying B-29 Superfortress. She travels with a host of other aircraft, including an equally rare, B-24 Liberator, *Diamond Lil*; C-45 Expeditor, *Bucket of Bolts*; and the North American T-6/SNJ *Cornhusker Kickback*. These Tour regulars will be joined in McKinney by special appearances of the B-17 Flying Fortress, *Sentimental Journey* and the B-25 Mitchell, *Devil Dog*.



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Schedule of Events

Thursday, Oct 3:

Youth Program Day

Local schools may bring their children to participate in several educational activities, including the movie "Red Courage" and Jimmy Allen Flying Club. There is no charge for the participating schools for the youth programs on Thurs.

Friday, Oct 4:

Veteran's Day

All veterans and active duty personnel will be admitted free. Special seminars featuring veterans will be held in the main hangar.

Saturday, Oct 5:

Fly Day

All of the historic aircraft in attendance will fly throughout the day.

Sunday, Oct 6:

Family Day

All families will receive \$5 off the regular family admission price.

Other Aircraft of the CAF AirPower History Tour include:



B-24 Liberator, *Diamond Lil*



C-45 Expeditor, *Bucket of Bolts*



B-17 Flying Fortress, *Sentimental Journey*

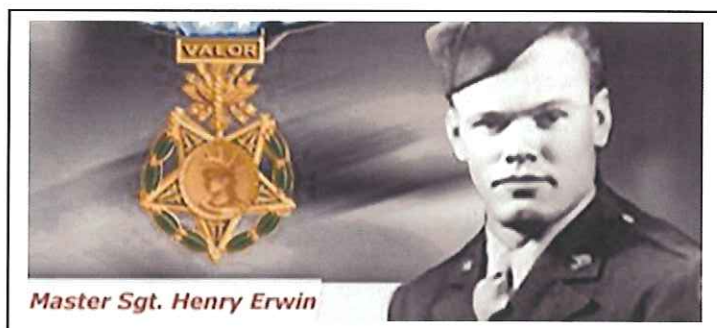


B-25 Mitchell, *Devil Dog*

Movie "Red Courage"... the story of Medal of Honor Winner, Henry "Red" Irwin

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E4I7AmYTecs&list=UUkrXMNPBSFQt46XoDq1eKSg&index=2>

(Click here to view the trailer) or search YouTube for "Red Courage" Short Film Trailer



Henry Eugene "Red" Erwin, Sr., (May 8, 1921 – January 16, 2002) was a United States Army Air Forces airman and a recipient of the U.S. military's highest decoration—the Medal of Honor—for his actions in World War II. He earned the award as a staff sergeant and radio operator aboard a B-29 Superfortress in the Asia-Pacific Theater. During a 1945

bombing mission over Koriyama, Japan, a phosphorus bomb prematurely exploded in his aircraft and

seriously wounded him. As smoke filled the plane, he picked up the burning device and carried it through the aircraft to the cockpit where he tossed it out a window. Although he suffered severe burns, he successfully saved his plane by disposing of the smoke-generating bomb.

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Cavanaugh Flight Museum Aircraft

www.CavanaughFlightMuseum.com

The Cavanaugh Flight Museum is a non-profit 501(c)(3) educational organization devoted to promoting aviation studies and to perpetuating America's aviation heritage. The museum fulfills its mission by restoring, operating, maintaining and displaying historically-significant, vintage aircraft, and by collecting materials related to the history of aviation. Aircraft on display from the Cavanaugh Flight Museum include:



The Cavanaugh Flight Museum's P-51 Mustang, *Brat III...* an authentic WWII combat veteran will be giving rides at the CAF AirPower Expo.



Jimmy Allen Flying Club Stearman Speedmail

www.StearmanFlights.com

Eighty years later the Jimmie Allen Cadet Code still resonates as a guiding principal for aviation enthusiasts. But its tenets... *Pledge - Promote - Adventure* are relevant to everyone. Sarah Wilson's purpose for restoring NC667K is not for people to relive this portion of aviation history, but for them to use this story and this airplane as a vehicle in which they can make their own. She wants this plane to inspire others to have the courage to take risks, attempt things they never thought they would be capable of doing, and embark on new adventures at every age.

Pledge to some passion in your life and promote it regardless of the costs, then let that passion take you courageously on a great adventure...just like Jimmie Allen.



The Jimmy Allen Stearman Speedmail is flown by Sarah Wilson. She will be presenting inspiring youth programs throughout the weekend at the CAF AirPower Expo.



Other Activities and Attractions

- Privately owned warbird, vintage and experimental aircraft
- Classic and Antique Cars
- Friday Night Hangar Dinner and Dance
- Airplane Rides
- Cockpit Tours
- Food & Beverage
- Educational and youth seminars in the main hangar throughout the weekend

CAF AirPower Expo

The CAF AirPower Expo is a production of the Commemorative Air Force and the B-29 / B-24 Squadron. All proceeds go to benefit the CAF Flying Museum and the participating organizations. The CAF and the AirPower Expo is a not-for-profit volunteer organization recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)3 corporation.

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Admission Prices

General Admission: \$15 per day
Weekend Pass \$30 per person

Family Admission: \$25 per day
Includes mom, dad and all kids under 18 years of age

Thursday is Youth Day. No charge to the participating schools for the special Youth Programs. Reservations for schools required.

Friday is Veterans Day. All Veterans and Active Duty admitted FREE of charge.

Saturday is Fly Day.

Sunday is Family Day. All Families receive \$5 off the Family Admission price

Paid admission includes FREE cockpit tour of the B-29 Superfortress *FIFI*

Hours of Operation

Thursday 9 am to 6 pm
Friday and Saturday 9 am to 7 pm
Sunday 9 am to 6 pm

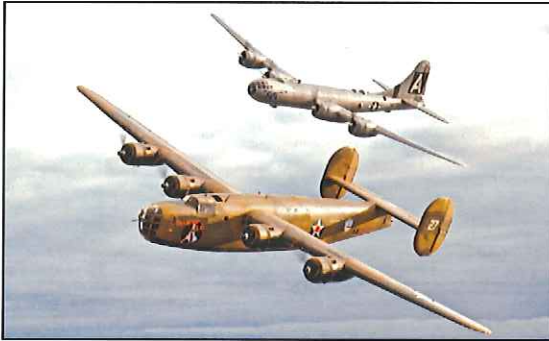


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World War II Veterans Return to the Sky at McKinney Air Show



McKinney, Texas (September 27, 2013) – It has been almost 70 years since Fiske Hanley flew as a flight engineer in the B-29 Superfortress. His aircraft was shot down over Japan where he became a prisoner of war classified by the Japanese as an “accused American war criminal.” On Thursday, October 3, Fiske will return to the sky as a passenger in the cockpit of *FIFI*, the only flying B-29 in the world. The

Commemorative Air Force (CAF) will unite Hanley and several other Veterans with combat aircraft from World War II for one more flight in friendlier skies. The ride will take place at Collin County Regional Airport in McKinney during the CAF AirPower Expo. Veterans will fly in the B-29 and B-24 Liberator at 11:00 a.m. followed by a reception and luncheon sponsored by the McKinney Kiwanis Club.

The CAF AirPower Expo not only features over 20 historic World War II aircraft, many of them extremely rare; but also Youth educational programs, cockpit tours, and the McKinney Community Swing Band playing 40s and 50s favorites at different times throughout the event.

The unprecedented collection of airplanes includes the iconic B-29 Superfortress, *FIFI* – the only flying B-29 in the world; the B-24 Liberator *Diamond Lil*; the B-17 Flying Fortress *Sentimental Journey*; the B-25 Mitchell (PBJ) *Devil Dog*; the only remaining Curtiss SB2C Helldiver in the world; the P-51 Mustang *Gunfighter*; a P-40 Warhawk; and many other fighters, trainers and liaison aircraft. Visitors will have the opportunity to purchase rides in many of the airplanes.

This gathering of historic aircraft offers a once in a lifetime opportunity to see, touch and hear some of the most rare World War II artifacts in the world. The Commemorative Air Force is a flying museum bringing the sight, sound and smell of World War II aviation to the general public. In addition to aircraft from the CAF collection will be aircraft from the Cavanaugh Flight Museum and from private collectors and individuals.

Sponsors for the event include the Commemorative Air Force, the City of McKinney Convention and Visitors Bureau, the McKinney Kiwanis Club, Collin County Regional Airport, Cavanaugh Flight Museum, Cutter Aviation, Craig Ranch, the McKinney Chamber of Commerce, Ag-Power, Metro Linen Service, Progressive Waste Solutions, Encore Wire, TownSquareBuzz.com and the Daughters of WWII. The CAF AirPower Expo is funded in part by a grant from the McKinney Community Development Corporation.

The event will be held at the Collin County Regional Airport in McKinney, Texas. Admission is \$15 per person or \$25 for families with children age 17 and under. Children age 10 and under are free. Free B-29 and B-24 cockpit tours and admission to the oral histories and swing band concerts are included with paid admission. Friday is Veterans Day and all veterans and active duty personnel will be admitted free on Friday. Hours vary each day depending on the programs offered. Please check the event web site for more details at www.AirPowerExpo.org.

Rides are available in almost all of the attending aircraft. Advance ride reservations are recommended and can be made at www.AirPowerExpo.org. Rides are also sold at the event and all of the airplanes except the B-29 fly on demand. The B-29 will fly at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

About the Veterans

FISKE HANLEY was a B-29 Flight Engineer in the Army Air Force and became a special prisoner of war known as an "Accused American War Criminal" by the Japanese Kempeitai Military Police. He is the author of three books; *Accused American War Criminal*; *History of the 504th Bomb Group in WWII*; and *The 20th Air Force Album*.

ROBERT LEE SWOFFORD flew a B-24 on D-Day in Normandy. One of his missions is depicted in the movie *The Longest Day*. His aircraft was responsible for bombing a bridge which kept additional German forces from reaching the beaches. Swofford was a Lead Pilot and Squad Leader of Bomb Group 445. He earned 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses with Oak Leaf Clusters and six Air Medals, including French Legion of Honor.

ROBERT LUCAS served in the Army Air Corps as a B-24 pilot. He was shot down during his 14th Mission and interned in Switzerland. He escaped, dressed as a woman aboard a train where he was seated next to a Swiss officer. Eventually, he made his way to London where he was given a leave. He received two Air Medals and the Certificate of Valor.

LESTER HARPER, age 96, was a B-24 pilot and was one of the first to fly the China Hump without Radar. He flew 79 Missions in very hazardous conditions.

OSCAR BUSHWAR was a fighter pilot who flew 50 combat missions (250 combat hours). He flew the P-51 Mustang. Stationed in Italy, he escorted B-17s and B-24s over Germany. He earned 7 Bronze Stars w/ four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross and 16 others.

About the B-29 Superfortress

The Boeing B-29 Superfortress, first flown in 1942, began active service in 1944 and is perhaps best known as the aircraft whose missions over Japan helped bring about the end of World War II. It was designed as a replacement for the older B-17s and B-24s, with longer range and greater bomb loads. The B-29 was also used in the Korean War in the early 1950s and was a staple of the U.S. Air Force until the late 1950s.

About the CAF's B-29 Superfortress *FIFI*:

FIFI was acquired by the CAF in the early 1970s when a group of CAF members found her at the U.S. Navy Proving Ground at China Lake, California where she was being used as a missile target. The airplane was rescued and restored and flew for over thirty years until 2006 when the chief pilot made the decision to ground her pending a complete power plant re-fit. What followed was an extensive four year restoration that included replacing all four engines with new custom-built hybrid engines. *FIFI* returned to the sky in 2010 and since that time has traveled coast to coast attracting large crowds at every tour stop. Learn more about *FIFI* and her tour schedule at www.AirPowerTour.org.

About the B-24 Liberator

This aircraft, built in May 1941, is the 25th B-24 produced by Consolidated Aircraft at their San Diego facility. On a training flight from Eagles Nest Airport, N.M., prior to its delivery to England, AM-927 experienced a landing accident. The damage was major enough that the aircraft had to be returned to San Diego for repairs. As a result of the accident, she was converted to a personnel and cargo carrier. During the war this B-24 flew scheduled runs between San Diego, Fort Worth, New York, and Washington D.C. She also carried various American and foreign dignitaries within the U.S. In 1969 the aircraft was purchased by the CAF and, in 1971, she was painted in the colors and markings of the 98th Bomb Group, Pyramiders of the 9th Air Force in North Africa, and was named *Diamond Lil*.

About the SB2C Helldiver:

This SB2C, operated by the CAF West Texas Wing, is the only one of its kind still flying. The Helldiver was developed to replace the Douglas SBD Dauntless. It was a much larger aircraft and able to operate from the latest aircraft carriers of the time. The Helldiver carried a considerable array of armament and featured an internal bomb bay that reduced drag when carrying heavy ordinance. Saddled with demanding requirements set forth by both the U.S. Marines and United States Army Air Forces, the manufacturer incorporated features of a "multi-role" aircraft into the design.

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APPENDIX A

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday through Wednesday, Sept 30 to Oct 2

Grounds set up

Aircraft arrivals

Thursday, Oct 3rd

School Day / Media Day

10:00 am to 3:00 pm	School Day Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children's Education, crafts and activities• Veterans Seminars
11:00 am to 1:00 pm	Media Event B-29 flies with selected media and veterans on board Catered lunch for accredited media

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Friday, Oct 4th

Veteran's Day

All veterans and active duty personnel admitted free

8:00 am to 3:00 pm	Aircraft and Vehicle Registration
9:00 am to 7:00 pm	Gates Open to Public Aircraft, Cars and Displays available to public (except when they're flying)
9:00 am and 10:30 am On Demand	B-29 Rides Other aircraft rides throughout the day
Noon to 6:00 pm	B-29 and B-24 Cockpit Tours
11:00 am to 3:00 pm	Other Activities Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children's Education, crafts and activities• Veterans Seminars• Car show• Guided tours of aircraft

Friday Evening, Oct 4th

Dinner and Hangar Dance

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Dinner in the main hangar to benefit _____
8:00 pm to 10:00 pm	Hangar Dance featuring _____

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Saturday, Oct 5th

Fly Day

Aircraft will take off and do fly-bys throughout the day

8:30 am - Noon	Aircraft and Vehicle Registration
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Sunday, Oct 6th

Family Day

\$5 off Family Admission

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