



THE INITIAL POINT

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General Membership Meeting

Saturday, Oct. 17
at 10 a.m. at
our hangar.

APPRECIATION LUNCH

This Saturday don't miss our annual appreciation lunch! Bring friends who have helped us this past year or people you think might be interested in our organization. We'll be serving BBQ and look forward to seeing you all!

Veterans Day by Beth McCale

"To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations"

With these words, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11, 1919, as the first Armistice Day, commemorating the World War I armistice which went into effect on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, 1918.

In legislation passed in 1938, November 11 was "dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day.'"...a legal holiday honoring World War I veterans.

In 1954, having been through both World War II and the Korean War, Congress amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting the word "Veterans," making November 11 a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

On September 20, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed a law which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to the original date of November 11, beginning in 1978.

Upcoming Speakers and Events

Our speaker for October will be Howard Manthe who was forced as a child to participate in Hitler-Jugend (Hitler Youth paramilitary) and whose moving story is included in Harold Davis' most recent book, *Men, Women and Children Touched By War*. **I incorrectly reported in the last newsletter he would be here last month.**

Also at the October general membership meeting, the nominating committee will present its candidates for staff positions

This Veterans Day, as we extend our thanks, and our honor and respect, to all of those who have served and are currently serving, we remember the words of President John Kennedy, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."



A Marine bugler plays taps at the funeral of CAF friend Earl McCabe.

being vacated this year. We will be electing a new Wing Leader, Executive Officer, Safety Officer, and Operations Officer at our November meeting.

This month we are also hosting our Friends and Volunteers Appreciation lunch. Please bring along any friends you know who have volunteered their time at one of our events. It is also a great time to bring any friends you feel might be interested in our organization.

DO YOU TWITTER??

All you have to do is go to www.twitter.com and follow a few easy steps to open an account. Then, search for HOACAF, and you will find all of our 'tweets'. Other Twitter users are signing up to follow our 'tweets', and you can do the same!

You can also follow other CAF wings that are using Twitter. Just search for 'CAF' or 'Commemorative Air Force'. You will find CAF Headquarters, Arizona wing, Minnesota wing, B-29/B-24 Squadron, CAF AirSho, and the CAF Museum. When you find one that you would like to follow, just click on the option to 'follow' it, and it will be added to your 'following' list so that you can find it easily each time that you sign on to Twitter.

Happy 'Twittering'!
May you find lots of interesting 'Tweets'!!!

FRIDAY NIGHT POT LUCK

This Friday, October 16, everyone is invited to the hangar for a pot luck dinner. We'll be cooking hot dogs with all the fixings. Bring your partner if you wish, a dish to share and the beverage of your choice. We'll start about 6:30 p.m. Dress for the weather and we'll see you there!

**Another Successful Hangar Dance**

The September 19 Hangar Dance was another successful event. The weather was perfect!

Finance Officer Darrell Werner reported we made approximately \$3500. Hangar dances have been our best and most consistent means of raising money for our wing. Thank you Ray Gentile and all of the many volunteers who helped clean, set up, park cars, usher, and serve ice and beverages at the "canteen".

Special thanks to the six members who stayed behind after the dance and helped take down all the tables and chairs, dispose of the trash, and move the airplanes. The clean up is a BIG job and we always appreciate it when members who attend the dance stick around to help.

Photos by John English.

**Barnstorming in Lee's Summit**

Lee's Summit Airport was the location for our wing's first Barnstorming event on Saturday, September, 26. The PT-19 and PT-13 were there along with Gene Linder's HE-1 and Pardon's L-19. The airplanes drew some interest from the local community and we gave a few rides for donations.

This was our first barnstorming endeavor. Events such as these are opportunities to raise public awareness about the CAF and present the opportunity to make money for the wing through rides for donations and PX sales. We hope to be doing a lot more barnstorming in the future.



Photos by John English.

Local Veteran's Day Events

- **Ottawa Veterans Day Parade, Saturday, November 7, 11:00 a.m.**

Several of our planes will do a fly-over.

In the afternoon, there will be reenactments and battles from the Civil War through Vietnam in Forest Park.

- **Veterans Day Salute to Captain Harry and the Battery D Doughboys, November 6 – 9**

At the Truman Library in Independence:

“In celebration of Harry Truman's 125th birthday, the Truman Library Institute will honor Veterans Day 2009 by reviving a tradition that Truman treasured: The Battery D Reunion.”

- **Liberty Memorial, November 11, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.**

Performances by the American Legion Band and speeches to honor the significance of the day. The ceremony concludes at 11 a.m. with the laying of a wreath. This free event takes place indoors in the J.C. Nichols Auditorium. Free admission to the museum all day for all guests. (The usual charge will be in effect for going up in the tower.)

Free Movie: Gary Cooper: American Life, American Legend Documentary on the life and career of the Hollywood icon; narrated by Clint Eastwood. Included are rare newsreels, home movie footage, and film clips from his Oscar®-winning performances in High Noon and Sergeant York. Introduced by Maria Cooper Janis, Cooper's daughter and the Museum's special guest for Veterans Day.

- **Leavenworth Veterans Day Parade, November 11, 10:30 to 12:30**

In downtown Leavenworth - “Largest and oldest Veteran's Day observance west of the Mississippi.”

PT-13 and PT-19 Crews

Operations Officer Phil Pardon has announced the following people have volunteered to be part of the PT-13 and PT-19 crews.

PT-19 crew is Jack McCale, crew chief; Dan Hauser and Richard Davy, crew members.

The PT-13 crew is Joe Gavlek, crew chief; Nancy Relihan, John McCullagh, Linda Hanna, Harold “Dave” Davis, and Ron McNabb crew members.

We are still in need of additional volunteers. If you would like to become a crew member for one of the air-planes contact Phil Pardon.

Happy 234th Birthday to the Navy!, by Beth McCale

On October 13th, the Navy celebrated its 234th birthday, marking the day in 1775 when the Continental Congress approved legislation that started the development of the Continental Navy. Congress approved the outfitting of two armed sailing vessels with crews of 80 men each.

The Navy's fleet has now grown to 285 ships, 329,092 active-duty personnel, and 109,006 reserve members.

Naval aviation was born in 1911 when three active-duty Navy personnel were ordered to receive flight training at the Curtiss and Wright Cos. The Navy pur-

chased 2 Curtiss planes and 1 Wright plane. In the summer of 1911, the first naval aviation unit was organized.

Go to <http://www.realmilitaryflix.com/public/department57.cfm> to view videos of *The Story of Naval Aviation* and *Naval Aviation – Highlights from the First 50 Years*.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

The date for the Christmas party has been changed to Saturday, December 5th.

Specific details will be available at the October membership meeting. We will also begin taking reservations at that time.



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Calendar of Events for 2009

OCT. 9 thru 11 – AIR SHO, Midland, TX

SAT Oct. 17, 10 a.m. – General Membership Meeting (Elections)

THU Nov. 5, 7 p.m. – Executive Staff Meeting

SAT Nov. 21, 10 a.m. – General Membership Meeting

THU Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m. – Christmas Party

No General Membership Meeting in December
