

# Historic Aviation Memorial Museum



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Secretary)

(non-voting board member)

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## Museum Staff

Chip Williams—Curator

Karon Gilmore —Finance  
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## MAGNIFICENT 7 VINTAGE WARBIRO EXPO

On July 4, six World War II aircraft, sponsored by Brookshires arrived at Tyler Pounds Regional Airport to kick off a very busy four days. The seventh aircraft, an SB2C Helldiver, blew an engine and was unable to have a new engine installed in time to make the event.

The aircraft that did arrive were a B-17, B-25, A-26, T-6, N3N, and a JRB (C-45). All the aircraft are notable for their historic importance and level of restoration. These aircraft together offered a seldom-seen look into America's aviation history.

Visitors, to view and or purchase tickets for flights on the aircraft started arriving early on July 4 and continued for the next three days.

All the aircraft, including those who arrived later, participated in the Cedar creek Airshow late Saturday afternoon. Needless to say, it was a very busy "4-day weekend" for HAMM volunteers,

all of whom worked long hours to ensure the activity was a success!

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As president of HAMM for the past five years, I have enjoyed my many and varied duties, which were both rewarding and, at times, challenging. Overall, it has been a great experience and an opportunity for which I have been grateful.

A new President will be selected by the Board of Directors in January and I wish him/her the best.

At this time, let's review some of the activities HAMM been involved with during my tenure.

1. The Collings Foundation visits—2015, 2016, and 2018.
2. "Challenge Air for Kids and Friends"—2016 and 2018.
3. "Wings Over Cedar Creek" Airshow aircraft on display 3 days at Tyler—2015.
4. Aviation Camp for young adults 12-15—2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019.
5. "Rose City Rotor Fest" Military and civilian Helicopters on display, Helicopter rides, parachute Jumpers, Vietnam Wall replica, Emergency Management Demos—2016
6. Young Eagles flights sponsored by EAA—2016.
7. L-19 Fly-in (fifteen aircraft)—2016.
8. Antique WWII Liaison Aircraft and Vehicles Fly-in/Drive-in—2017.
9. Hosted EAA's B-17 (Aluminum Overcast) visit—2017.
10. Hosted two AOPA Pilot Seminars—2016, 2017.
11. "Magnificent 7 Vintage Aircraft Expo"—2019.

In addition to the above, all of which required numerous HAMM volunteers, there were a number of activities involving fewer volunteers. Below is a partial listing:

1. The Air Force 70th Anniversary event in Shreveport, LA., which required assembling a number of posters depicting USAF History, that we displayed in Shreveport during the weekend.
2. HAMM members have also participated in several yearly events honoring Vietnam Veterans at Brookhill School in Bullard. We also displayed our H-23 helicopter.
3. In 2018, we began receiving model airplanes, built by Sam Snyder, for display in HAMM's lobby. In appreciation, HAMM hosted a "Love Aviation History" Event in the Lobby to honor Sam.
4. In 2017, we learned that Skyline High School's Aviation Program was being downsizing. HAMM volunteers visited the school and returned with a number of aviation artifacts including the H-23 U.S. Army Helicopter and a T-37 jet trainer simulator.
5. HAMM also hosted the Tyler Airport's Ceremony for the re-opening of Runway 4-22.

5. A group of ex-U.S. Army individuals known as “Blue Ghosts” met at HAMM in May of 2015 for a reunion and hosted a special meeting of Aviation enthusiasts from across the U.S. The official designation of the Blue Ghosts was “F Troop/8<sup>th</sup> Cavalry” of the U.S. Army and flew AH-1G Cobra Helicopters. Several members of the Blue Ghosts spoke about their experiences in Vietnam and some shared memorabilia from South East Asia. It was a very heart-warming event to see individuals meet again after more than 30 years.



6. Another time-consuming activity was the relocation of all of HAMM’s display aircraft. Due to the construction of Runway 4-22 and adjacent Taxi-way, we had to move our display aircraft from the east side ramp of the Old Terminal building to the south ramp in 2017. Then in 2019, we re-positioned the aircraft to the original display area.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019 ELECTION**

The 2019 Board of Directors Election was completed in November and the results were announced during the November General Membership Meeting. The members elected to the Board of Directors covering the period 2020 to 2023 were:

Ken Toby

Warren Moore

Lou Thomas

### **KTYR RUNWAY CONSTRUCTION**

As noted earlier, Runway 4-2 is now open and in use daily. However, the parallel Taxi-way is still under construction resulting in the closure of Runway 17-35. When this portion of the Taxi-way is completed, the current airport construction project will finally be completed.

### **RESTORATION CENTER**

Our restoration crew continue to work on the Fury. Although the crew knew that the restoration of the aircraft was going to take a significant amount of time, it is longer than anticipated. Luckily, we have had a couple of new volunteers to assist in our restoration effort.

HAMM recently received information that a C-45 is available; we were offered first choice, which we accepted. Chip and Lou recently visited the airport (Northwest Region 52F) in the Dallas/Fort Worth area and met with one of the owners of the aircraft. The aircraft is in good condition but does not have engines. The owner stated that engines may be donated by a local repair facility. In early January, we will have to put together a crew to transfer the aircraft from 52F to HAMM’s Restoration Facility.

### **CHRISTMAS DINNER**

HAMM’S Christmas dinner was held at Hollytree Country Club. Everyone enjoyed the comederie and a good meal. Lou presented HAMM’s annual award for outstanding performance in support of HAMM’s Mission to Jerry Murdoff.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are still in the need for additional volunteers to assist our museum staff as well as to assist in maintaining and restoring our aircraft.

Our **shortage of volunteers to work in our Gift Shop is critical.** We are at a point in our staffing that if someone calls in sick or wants to take a day off or take a vacation, we may not have the staff to maintain our current opening schedule. Unless we get more volunteers for our gift shop, we may have to consider dropping Tuesdays and be only open **Wednesday thru Saturday.**

So again, HAMM ask all of you again to consider becoming a volunteer and/or assist in our effort to recruit new volunteers.

Our museum volunteer staff normally work one day per week but may also be asked to assist when large groups schedule a visit. Most of our volunteers in our Restoration Facility work on Wednesday and Saturday.

Your assistance would be greatly welcomed and appreciated; we will work with you on a schedule which fits your lifestyle.

One of the benefits to becoming a Museum volunteers is how much you will enjoy meeting and exchanging stories with our visitors regarding their service to our Country. Our restoration volunteers also enjoy working on aircraft to keep them presentable to the public.

### **HAMM's volunteer positions, include;**

**Docents** - Guide visitors through the Museum, provide details of various displays, and escort visitors to our display aircraft parked on the ramp.

**Gift Shop/Greeters** - Welcome visitors, process admission and Gift Shop purchases.

**Library/Administrative Assistants** - Assist managing our Aviation Library and various tasks regarding Museum donations.

**Technically-inclined individuals** - Work in our Restoration Facility helping to maintain our extensive aircraft collection and, when needed, assist with the restoration of these aircraft.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

| <b><u>Name</u></b>       | <b><u>Membership</u></b> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Robert Beard</b>      | <b>Individual</b>        |
| <b>William Culberson</b> | <b>Life</b>              |
| <b>Don Jones</b>         | <b>Renewal</b>           |
| <b>Timothy Shieldes</b>  | <b>Individual</b>        |
| <b>Mark Guthrie</b>      | <b>Family</b>            |
| <b>Stephanie Mclean</b>  | <b>Family</b>            |
| <b>Richard Schmitt</b>   | <b>Individual</b>        |
| <b>Phillip Beckmon</b>   | <b>Individual</b>        |
| <b>William Owens</b>     | <b>Individual</b>        |
| <b>Joe Odom</b>          | <b>Individual</b>        |

## NEW MEMBERS (continued)

| <u>Name</u>         | <u>Membership</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Bill King</b>    | <b>Individual</b> |
| <b>Sidney Ingle</b> | <b>Family</b>     |

## UPCOMING EVENTS

|                                   |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Board of Directors Meeting</b> | <b>January 22, 2020</b> |
| <b>General Membership Meeting</b> | <b>January 25, 2020</b> |

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