

“READY ROOM”

NEWSLETTER

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Our Mission is to increase the awareness of aviation through the flight of historic aircraft, while supporting the Anna Shaw Children's Institute.

Members and Friends,

The weather has grown a bit cooler, the leaves are dropping, and our winter activities are almost upon the museum, meaning, we will soon be looking at annuals on the aircraft, preparing for fundraising events, and enjoying some downtime with families and children.

If you don't mind a wrench in your hand, we will need volunteers help with our annuals and maintenance of aircraft and vehicles. No experience required and you will be shown what needs to be done. Of course, if you have knowledge, we would love your expertise.

This holiday season would be the perfect time to browse the museum and learn more about the museum collection and exhibits. Visitors, young and old, enjoy learning about the various time periods and the changes in equipment over time.

Save the date of January 27th for the upcoming Mystery Dinner Theater fundraiser!

We also will be having an upcoming membership drive! Keep your eyes open for more details!

Happy Thanksgiving to one and all.

Rebecca McAllister

Becky McAllister
Communications, MOF

Museum Docent's Needed

We need museum docents in Paulding for the following days. Individual training and a museum guidebook will assist you in giving tours. No long-term commitment is necessary. Even once or twice a month is possible. Help to share in the mission of the museum. **Contact Gil Espy at 706-974-8335** if you can help or want to learn more.

- **Fri, Dec 1**
- **Sat, Dec 2**
- **Tue, Dec 5**
- **Tue, Dec 12**
- **Fri, Dec 15**
- **Sat, Dec 16**
- **Fri, Dec 22**
- **Sat, Dec 23**
- **Tue, Dec 26**
- **Thu, Dec 28**
- **Fri, Dec 29**



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The inside aviation, military memorabilia and outdoor displays are open 10-4 (Tues-Sat) at the Paulding County Airport.

Paulding Co. Airport
730 Airport Parkway
Dallas, GA 30157

Tours of our flying aircraft in Rome (Richard B. Russell Airport) by appointment only. [\(423\) 228-2FLY](tel:4232282FLY).

Rome Hangar
304 Russell Field Rd NE,
Rome, GA 30165

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7022 Shallowford Rd.
Suite 1 #146
Chattanooga, TN 37421



Mascot: *Quimby*

Vietnam Memorial



On our recent visit to Arlington and Washington, D.C., a group from the museum had some time to do a little sightseeing. For some of us, it was our first visit to the capitol and the surrounding area.

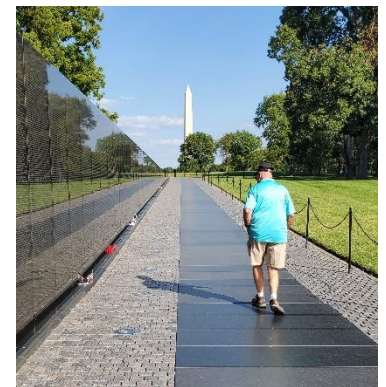
The Vietnam Memorial was a special stop by lead docent, Gil Espy. Gil smiled when he shared the story of his grammar school friend, Johnny. Against the rules, Johnny was chewing gum in class. When the teacher singled him out, he informed the teacher that he was chewing on his tongue!

Near the wall, there are spiral-bound books where you can identify the location of specific names on the memorial, and we quickly identify the location of Johnny's name.

As we walked down the wall, we noticed mementos, photos, and flowers as family members, friends, and fellow service members paid their condolences to those who lost their lives in the conflict. It was quiet, reverent, and humbling.



Johnny Gantt joined the Army in 1966 and was part of the 32nd Field Artillery, where he served in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. On March 26, 1968, two men were killed in action in Tay Ninh Province, South Vietnam: PFC Paul D. Grasso of Hudson, NY, and Sergeant Johnny Edward Gantt of Rome, GA. Another classmate wrote online that Johnny was the only graduate from Armuchee High School who didn't return from Vietnam.



As we found the name engraved on the wall, we felt a sense of sadness and grief: the loss of Gil's childhood friend, who didn't make it home. Thank you, Johnny, for your ultimate sacrifice. May we never forget...



Crossville, TN Fly-In Open House

This was another excellent opportunity to share our mission with the people of Tennessee. An unusual visitor also took a shine to the MOF Director, Christine Lewis.



Identifying T-28 and C-45 Parts

The museum had a storage unit that was full of spare parts. These parts have now been transferred to the Rome hangar. Now, we need to identify, inventory, and organize them. Many hands make light work, so please call Christine Lewis if you are interested in helping with this project of identification and inventory.



Executive Assistant Barb Letts helps out with starting the parts inventory. She is doing what she does best: building an inventory list with an Excel spreadsheet.



Quimby's Corner

Gerry Fellows stole Quimby's lunch.
She wasn't too happy about sharing her meal.



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 Paul Barnett
 George Barron
 Jeanne & Tony Bass
 Wain Bates
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 Jason Beaver
 Brayden Becker
 Ray Bell
 Ernie & Nancy Betancourt
 David Biloz & Family
 Jason Bostic
 Mark & Sam Brereton
 James Brown
 Andy Butler
 Ed Callahan
 Thomas Calvanelli
 Danny Camp
 Anthony Carson
 Phil Cataldo
 Dr. Donald H. Chamberlin
 Keith Clingan
 Nancy Coddington
 Brendon Connor
 Easy Cragg
 Richard Dean
 Erich DeHart
 Logan DeHart
 Peyton Dehart
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 Scott Ducker
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