

“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,

A week before Christmas and all through the Museum, people are scurrying around to get things done! Today is my day to docent at the Paulding location and get this newsletter out.

I met museum director Christine Lewis in passing as she was heading out on tasks for the upcoming fundraiser, "[Dinner by Eight, Murder by Nine](#)." It's a fun production filled with comedy and innuendos! Don't delay, as seating is limited for this January event. What a great event to give as a gift for Christmas!

Is your museum membership up for renewal? Maybe you aren't a member and would like to support the museum's mission. You can [now join or renew](#) on our website.

We are sad to share the [passing of Victor Pierre "Peter" Serodino III](#). He was born on September 4, 1957, in Paris, France, and passed away on December 6, 2023. He was a lifetime member of the museum. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

As this year ends, everyone at the Museum of Flight wishes you a happy holiday season, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

Rebecca McAllister

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Communications, MOF

Museum Docent's Needed

We need museum docents in Paulding through the month of January 2024. 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.



<https://mofts.org>



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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](#).

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

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



Mascot: *Quimby*



The Ruptured Duck

We have a unique piece of history from WWII that fits in the palm of your hand. At the museum, it is found on the 1943 Cracker Jack uniform on the wall behind the "Delta" desk, along with several other historic military uniforms.

The Ruptured Duck was issued as a sign of an honorable discharge, and although usually associated with WWII, it began in 1919. The pin depicts an eagle, who appears to start to take flight with outstretched wings within a wreath.

The patch, and later pin (found in metal and plastic versions), was created to allow Honorably Discharged military personnel to wear their uniforms for a period of time after they left military service due to their inability to afford or find (due to shortages) civilian clothes while at the same time identifying themselves as not actively serving. When applying for work or veteran's benefits, Honorably Discharged personnel wearing civilian clothes could quickly identify their former military status using the pin version of the patch.



1943 Cracker Jack Navy Uniform, on display at the MOF with Ruptured Duck pin on the uniform.



How this pin received its name varies widely with myths and legends galore. Stories of its nickname vary, from the pin design looking like a duck to a quote from Hedy Lamarr, the incredibly talented technology inventor and famous actress that had escaped from Nazi Germany. (Common Myths About The Honorable Discharge, n.d.) Ms. Lamarr was quoted as saying that her terrible and hazardous flight originated -- in the actress's words -- on a 'broken bird'... ("segeltuch gebrochen"). In English, the German "segeltuch gebrochen" spoken by Ms. Hedy Lamarr translates to "Ruptured Duck". The myth about Ms. Lamarr's quote is

attributed to Louis B. Mayer to help her waning career.

And this tiny piece of history provides clues to the conditions from that period that most wouldn't understand today. Approximately 16 million Americans served in uniform during WWII; when the war ended, they returned home. (Ortiz, 2023) Cloth rationing during the war created a clothing shortage in the U.S. The millions of troops returning simultaneously would only worsen things.

References

Common Myths About The Honorable Discharge. (n.d.). Retrieved from The American War Library: <https://americanwarlibrary.com/theduck.htm>

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*Museum of Flight
Murder Mystery Dinner*



**DINNER AT EIGHT,
Dead by Nine**
By Michael Druce

Pioneer
Drama Service

JANUARY 27, 2024
**PAULDING COUNTY
AIRPORT TERMINAL**
**750 AIRPORT PARKWAY
DALLAS, GA 30157**
6:00 PM



TICKETS:
[Ticketstripe.com/MuseumMurderMystery](https://www.ticketstripe.com/MuseumMurderMystery)

Ticket includes:



Reception
Dinner
Murder Mystery



Join us for a fun evening in support of:



**Anna Shaw
Children's Institute**



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Writing by Michael Druce,
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Polk County Homeschool Group Visit



**“When everything seems to be going against you,
remember that aircraft take off against the wind, not
with it.”**

Henry Ford

New T-28 Bravo Pilot!



Congratulations to the new T-28 Bravo pilot Phillip Martin with Bill Rourke.

2024 Calendar of Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
January 27	Murder Mystery Dinner Fundraiser	Paulding Airport FBO
April 27	MOF Annual Gala	Rome Hangar
<i>All dates are subject to change. Check future newsletters for additional events.</i>		



LIFETIME MEMBERS

Fred Amicangioli
David Ball
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Kent Matthews
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Wayne Vick
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