



West Texas Wing Member Col Don "Tiny" Malm Elected CAF Chief of Staff

On Saturday, January 19, 2002, Col Don "Tiny" Malm was named Chief of Staff of the Commemorative Air Force. A member of the West Texas Wing and Big Country Squadron, Tiny has served on the General Staff for several years, and his selection to head this critical group of Colonels is a testament to his dedication and devotion to the CAF.

Most West Texas Wing members know Tiny from his tireless activities on behalf of the Colonel's O'Club project for CAF HQ. He was also instrumental in the construction of the Big Country Squadron hangar, and continues to be active in the ongoing improvements to that facility. ✪



West Texas Wing Units Receive Awards at Winter Staff Conference

This year's Winter Staff Conference was held at the Midland Hilton and Towers on February 22 and 23. All West Texas Wing units were represented at the conference, and several Wing units were presented with awards at the dinner Saturday night.

Top honors go to the Desert Squadron, presented with the Distinguished Unit Award. Quoting from the award, "The Desert Squadron has distinguished itself through exceptional dedication and support of the goals and objectives of the CAF in all areas of unit operations. The Desert Squadron has an outstanding record for operation, maintenance and restoration of its assigned aircraft. The Squadron's ability to maintain its outstanding record of supporting CAF events and conducting

very successful fund-raising events is an outstanding tribute to the dedication of their members."

The Big Country Squadron and West Houston Squadron each received Unit Letters of Commendation, in recognition of their

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Mark Your Calendars!

SB2C Ground School

April 6, 2002 at Graham, TX
Hosted by the Cactus Squadron

2002 Wing Fly-In and Wing Meeting

May 4-5, 2002 at Houston, TX
Hosted by the West Houston Squadron

Colonel's Ladies Quilt Raffle

The king-sized (94" x 94") quilt shown below is being made by Colonel's Ladies V.P. Kathy Mizell and is being raffled off as a fund-raiser for the Wing. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. The winning ticket will be drawn at Flughafen 2002. Contact any Colonel's Lady to purchase tickets. ✪



Flughafen 2001 Followup

The backseaters on the flight to Fredricksburg were Arthur B. "Buddy" Clark with Don Borchart, and Ray Pierson with Mark Novak. No one flew with Bob Snyder. (information provided by Buddy Clark).

Nancy Masters reports that, in addition to being a social success, Flughafen 2001 was a financial success. The JRB account received \$500 from Flughafen proceeds. Congratulations and thanks again to Big Country and Cactus for their efforts.

And the Desert Squadron would like to remind everyone to start planning on attending Flughafen 2002 in Odessa on Dec 7-8, 2002! ✪

"Unit Awards" continued ...

continuing dedication to the goals and mission of the CAF.

The surprise of the night was the 2001 Poster Competition. The West Houston Squadron and the Gulf Coast Wing jointly entered two versions of their "Airpower Armada" themed posters from the 2001 Wings Over Houston® airshow. In the end, both posters won, taking first and second place! The "First Place" version is shown at right. ✪



The First Place winner of the CAF's 2001 Poster Competition, submitted by the West Houston Squadron and Gulf Coast Wing

A modern, autonomous, and thoroughly trained Air Force in being at all times will not alone be sufficient, but without it there can be no national security.

- General H. H. 'Hap' Arnold, USAAF.

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From The Left Seat

By Wing Leader Ron Fountain

Happiness is directly related to and inseparable from a sense of involvement.

Those of you who have dedicated yourselves to the objectives of the Commemorative Air Force, and the West Texas Wing realize the excitement and happiness of being a part of this great organization. You who helped build this Wing into such a dynamic group, you who helped restore the SB2C after it crashed in Harlingen, you who formed your own squadrons and you who sponsored aircraft, worked on them, flew them, you who are involved with the restoration of the C-45 ... **YOU ARE THE HAPPY ONES.**

And happy times are here for you as we make plans for the upcoming SB2C Ground School and the second annual Wing Fly-In. Happy times are near as we complete the restoration of the C-45. Those of you who have been directly involved with the C-45 can't help but feel a great sense of pride and YOU will reap the rewards.

Those who are not involved, those who ask what they get in return for their membership fees, those who aren't interested enough to attend CAF functions, squadron and wing meetings, those who refuse to get grease under their nails, those who want titles but aren't willing to make the required sacrifice ... **THEY ARE THE UNHAPPY ONES.**

I urge each of you to get involved in your squadron activities, get involved with your wing's projects and let's all be a part of the excitement. Plan now to attend the Graham SB2C School and get to know your airplane. You may be asked to go with it to an air show and you will need to know what to do. For more fun, plan to attend the Wing Fly-In to be held in Houston on Saturday, May 4th. FOOD, FUN, FLYING & DANCING.

It's just all a part of being a member of the WEST TEXAS WING and I'm damned happy to be here ... are you? ✪

Officer's Reports

Executive Officer

Ted Short

The Wing was represented by all squadrons at the Winter Staff Conference and we should be proud of this. There was a lot of controversy over the new patches and logos, with the new patches being sent back for a redo.

The Helldiver is out of the shop after the annual and is ready for the show circuit.

Operations Officer

John Hess

Nelson Ezell is preparing plans and a cost estimate for a wing walk fixture, with the intent to have everything ready in May. An offer of a donated wing walk system from a "friend of the CAF" in Graham is also being pursued, but if that project gets delayed we will purchase a system. The money we would lose by going through another airshow season without a wing walk exceeds the purchase cost of a fixture.

Mark Novak has been approved to check out in the SB2C. I will give him his first check ride at the SB2C ground School. He will receive his second from Tim Jackson of the So. Minnesota Wing and the Standardization Board on the way to Dyess for the May 11 Open House. If everything goes well, I will give Mark his transition check at Dyess.

The FEB will meet at the SB2C Ground School in Graham to consider other pilot applications for the SB2C.

Maintenance Officer

J. B. Thorne

The SB2C is back at Nelson Ezell's to have a small leak in the prop hub fixed. It will be ready for the Ground School in Graham on April 6 and 7.

There's no new news on the C-45 at this time.

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Safety Officer

Mark Novak

Give me an **S**
Give me an **A**
Give me an **F**
Give me an **E**
Give me an **T**
Give me an **Y**

What that spell?? **SAFETY SAFETY SAFETY**

Enough said.

(note from the PIO - you should have seen him trying to shape the letters during his cheerleader imitation at the meeting in Midland)

Finance Officer

Martha Dillard

The annual on the SB2C was more than anyone expected. The total was \$12,732.49. Payment of this bill will take most of the money that was in the SB2C Flight Ops Fund, both checking and savings.

A thank you goes to **Col Mark Novak** for his donation of 2% of the SB2C annual cost. Our newest SB2C Diamond donation was made by **Col John C. Hess**.

We received the insurance bill for this year. We owe HQ \$2,328.00 for the SB2C and \$330.00 for the C-45/JRB.

Personnel Officer

Martha Dillard

Some members from last year still have not paid their Wing dues. To be a member of a Squadron your CAF and Wing dues must be current. Please get your dues in soon.

Wing membership renewal forms have been mailed separately this year, rather than being included with the Logbook. Please be sure to COMPLETELY fill out the form. Do not just write "SAME" on the blank form and send it back in! You only have to do this once a year.

Training Officer

Tiny Malm

The SB2C Ground School is scheduled for April 6th and 7th. We should be able to start the training by 1100 hrs on Saturday the 6th, and be finished by noon on Sunday. Fly safe.

PX Officer

Bobby Ruth Pitcock

Looking forward to seeing those involved in Graham for the SB2C ground school. Come prepared to buy at least one item from the PX. Graham is planning to show you a good time.

Blastards

Gregg Ulvestad

The fourth quarter of 2001 was quiet for the Blastards. We had two airshow cancellations, Amigo Airshow and Las Cruces Air Fair. Spring 2002 should be busy. At the present time, our tentative spring schedule is:

April 13	Burnet TX
May 3-5	Georgetown, TX
May 11-12	Dyess AFB, Abilene, TX
May 11-12	Amigo Airshow El Paso TX
May 11-12	Laughlin AFB, Del Rio TX
May 18	Slaton, TX

We will be supporting the Brownsville Bombers in their Airshow in Brownsville as well as working with EOD and Tora Bomb Squad as opportunities arise. 2002 should be a great year for the CAF and the WTW Blastards will certainly be heard from.

Communications Detachment

Wallace Dillard

Nothing new to report.

Colonel's Ladies

Sherry Paxton

No report received.

January 2002:

BINGO

What a great squadron we have!!!!!!

Our New Year Celebration with four sessions was very successful, thanks to all the help. Thank you, Ray, for advertising it, and thanks to our members for handing out tickets for the drawings, door prizes, and passing out party favors. They were: **Doc Schmidt, Kay Nelson, Charlie Coskrey, Bob and Theresa Halford, Guy and Nita Zellars, Dan and Bessie Westlund, Bob Thomas and Wayne Hyde.**

Theresa Halford and Krysta Duvall made and served the punch and thanks to the ladies who brought over 60 dozen cookies (all that was left was crumbs). We served over 300 people. **Brenda Coskrey, Margaret Cloyd, Lee Bell, Krysta Duvall, Bonnie Blount, Theresa Halford, Mona Johns, Marie Thibodeaux, Bessie Westlund, Debbie Homfeld, Donna Thomas and Nita Zellars** brought cookies.

All of our bingo players had a good time, and enjoyed bringing the New Year in with us.

We will have three sessions on Presidents Day, February 18th.

We are planning a pull-tab breakfast and hangar clean up day for Saturday, January 19, 2002. Breakfast will be served at 9:00 a.m. Please come out!

DUST DEVIL

Charlie flew the PT to headquarters for the quarterly rotation. We will need to go out to headquarters from time to time to dust her off and keep her clean.

HANGAR

Charlie and his crew have been working everyday since just before Thanksgiving on the upstairs area of the hangar. The balcony railing is in place and the wall frame and windows are up. They will be starting work on the sheetrock within the week. It is really looking great.

Kay Nelson went out and cleaned up trash around the site. There is always something that needs to be cleaned up around the hangar. If you would like to go out and clean up, it will always be greatly appreciated.

HANGAR DANCE

The dance date is just around the corner and if you know someone that is interested in a sponsorship or reserved table please talk to them and pick up a check. Or, you can get the information to Theresa and she will contact them. We are talking of expanding this event to a dinner/dance. We will be talking to restaurants that cater and see what we can get done.

This is year will be bigger and better than our past two. Let's get ready to have some fun!!

February 2002:

BINGO

Our bingo has been doing very well since the first of the year. We all know as our bingo goes, so goes the work on the completion of our hangar.

Ray is working on getting our license changed to Commemorative, which is almost as hard as it was to originally get one in the first place. Thank you Ray for all you do. We really appreciate everything you do for the Squadron and CAF as a whole.

Thanks to everyone that works and makes it possible for the finishing of our hangar.

HANGAR

The upstairs area of the hangar is really moving along. The walls are painted inside with white and out in the hangar sky blue, which is a continuance of what we used downstairs in our meeting area. It won't be long before we start on the next phase. **Charlie** and his crew are doing a great job.

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HANGAR DANCE

This year will be a dinner/dance catered by Johnny's BBQ. They will offer 5 meats, slaw, potato salad, beans for \$5.50 per plate. Out tickets will be \$25.00 per person to cover this additional expense.

If you know someone that has been in the past ask them if they would like to sponsor a table this year or be a sponsor. We would love to have more tables reserved this year.

Mark your calendars for March 23rd.

HAMBURGERS

February 16th we had hamburgers at the Desert Squadron hangar. There was a wonderful turn out of members and guest. **Dan and Charlie** were out there smoking the burgers and they were delicious.

We were able to get several boxes of pull-tabs done for our three sessions on the 18th for Presidents Day. Thanks to everyone for coming out.

SICK BAY

Doc Schmidt has spent some time in the hospital. He had a pacemaker installed to keep him going at top speed. We are glad you are up and around and feeling better.

Guy Zellars had surgery on his wrist. Watch out ladies, he will want to check and see if he really has feeling in his fingers! We are glad you are doing well, Guy.

SQUADRON SHIRTS

Anyone that would like a squadron shirt please get with Nita at 550-9292 and let her know what size. She will be placing an order within the month.

FLUGHAFEN

The Desert Squadron will be hosting the WTW Flughafen this year, December 6-7th. This will be a fun event for the entire membership and it will be exciting to show off our hangar. Let's have 100% squadron participation.

FUTURE COLONEL

Bob and Theresa Halford are proud new grandparents. Andrew Julian arrived on February 13th at 8:30 a.m. weighing in at 6 lbs and 10 oz. and 19.25 inches. Congratulations to Anthony and Angela Tahamkleaw.

Big Country Squadron

PIO - Charlie Hanna

February 2002:

From Squadron Leader Jim Dobbs ...

Our workday after January's meeting, although windy and cold, was productive with the upper deck painted with the protective coating to prevent rust. This past Saturday (Jan 26th) we started putting the decking down. Several Colonels were involved, including **Charlie Hanna, Don Malm, Mervin Craig, David Duncan and Buddy Clark**. **Charlie Screws** came by after lunch and gave a helping hand.

While this was happening **Bill Masters** and **Al Bennett** gave an orientation to several Boy Scouts from the local area.

Also, **Stan Kisner** and **Bill Masters** were working on the C-45.

Squadron News continued

Cactus Squadron

PIO - Doris Richeson

January 2002:

Squadron wins Kale Webster trophy at Flughafen

The Cactus Squadron was surprised and pleased indeed to receive the prestigious *Kale Webster* trophy, the West Texas Wing's highest honor.

Kale Webster, for whom the trophy was named, was West Texas wing leader when he made a trip to Graham in 1979 to help charter the Cactus Squadron. He later died in a plane crash, and his widow sought to commemorate her husband by creating a trophy which is presented annually to the squadron or unit which most exemplifies the qualities desired in a CAF unit.

Squadron Leader **Bobby Ruth Pitcock** accepted the trophy on the squadron's behalf.

Cactus Squadron host to WTW meeting and SB2C ground school

West Texas Wing Leader **Ron Fountain** announced that the wing would hold the SB2C Helldiver ground school in Graham, at the Cactus Squadron hangar, in late March or early April. (*note - date is now set for April 6-7*)

Wanna get any housekeeping done now; looks like a bad-weather job.

February 2002:

Larry Grauerholz gives January 10 Program on WWII escape

When shot down over German-occupied France on January 5, 1944, Larry Grauerholz and his fellow B-17 crewmen walked to the safety of "mostly friendly" Spain, over the Pyrenees Mountains, in the dead of winter! It took three months to reach the official safety of England.

Grauerholz is a member of the Air Forces Escape & Evasion Society and regularly publishes its newsletter. He is a former publisher of *The Graham News*, having moved to a new position in Wichita Falls in 1963.

Grauerholz donated a uniform coat with the boot and wings insignia of a downed aviator. The insignia had to be sewn under the lapel, hence it did not constitute a breach of uniform etiquette.



Larry Grauerholz displays the 'winged boot' insignia of a downed aviator

New Cacti

Ann Bumpers, an Olney resident whose late husband was "Lefty" Bumpers, a WWII aviator. Ann is a long-time friend of Cacti Bob and Lucile Bob Andrews.

Bob McQuirk, a Newcastle-area resident and Dallas jeweler whose wife, Rosemary, is Graham resident Peggy Bussey's sister.

Greg Melton, a principal in Graham Independent School District.

Ray Pierson, an Odessa resident retired from Shell Oil, and a long-time leader in WTW's Desert Squadron as well as 1997 WTW Leader, (several) aircraft sponsor, B-29 and B-24 crewman, and aircraft owner-pilot.

About the 'Logbook'

The 'Logbook' is the bi-monthly newsletter for the West Texas Wing of the CAF. Submitted articles from Wing members are welcomed and encouraged. Materials submitted for publication should be sent to Steve Sehnert at WTWPIO@westhoustonsgdn.org (or at the mailing address shown in the return address of this newsletter) no later than the end of the last month of publication. Please contact me with any suggestions, questions or comments. You can reach me at 713-625-6419 daytime, 281-578-2561 evenings.

West Houston Squadron

PIO - Linda Fountain

January 2002:

Congratulations Are In Order For WHS Pilots!

CAF Check Pilot (and WTW Operations Officer) **John Hess** reports that on Sunday, December 30th, **George Watts** successfully complete his check ride in the WHS BT-13. The paperwork has been submitted to Headquarters and George should be receiving his CAF pilot rating this month!

John also reports that WHS Col **Gale Haskins** has been approved to check out in the **N3N**. Congratulations to both of you... and blue skies....

Lots Of Food, Drinks & Fun Made For A Very Merry Christmas Meeting!

The chili entrees for the Annual Chili "Cook-Off" provided the main course for the Christmas meeting.

Volunteers provided a fantastic array of "goodies" to complete a buffet that was delicious as well as decorative in the holiday spirit. Special thanks to our squadron cooks **Sue Rumel, Troylene Magee, Nell Harper, Donna Warden, George Ross, Leo Lob, Kaye Greer-Lob, Ray & Bernadean Jones, Kelly & Tavie Minson, Shirley Hyman, Rich Welsh and Linda Fountain**. Sue and Linda made up Linda's "Famous Bloody Mary's" and Rich Welsh brought his Famous Wassail. Honorable Mention for the food buffet goes to Leo Lob for his crawfish etoufee and Shirley Hyman for her shrimp salsa. The chili cook-off winners were **Tavie Minson, Nell Harper and Steve Sehnert**. Sue Rumel extends a big thank you to Cheryl, Kayla, Troylene and everyone who helped with the "cleanup" duties. THANK YOU ALL! We hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year.

Special Thanks To Col Bruce Gispanski!

The Squadron extends special thanks to **Col Gispanski** for his donation of \$100.00 to the WHS newsletter "*Slips & Skids*". All donations are very much appreciated. *Thank you, Bruce!!*

February 2002:

The *Thunderbirds* are confirmed for WOH 2002, and the city and airlines at Hobby have committed to making the airspace available. The show will move to the **FOURTH** weekend in October to accommodate the T-Birds schedule.

Squadron Awards Dinner

The annual Squadron Awards Dinner was a great success and fun was had by all who attended.

Congratulations go to:

"WHS COLONEL OF THE YEAR"
COL BILL BALEY

"WHS AIRMAN OF THE YEAR"
COL DICK HARPER

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the Colonel's Ladies and to WHS volunteers who helped in the O'Club at the WHS bar. The 2001 Squadron Staff, both elected and appointed, were presented with Certificates of Appreciation from Squadron Leader **Fred Warden**.

SPECIAL THANKS TO SQUADRON MEMBERS FOR THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS:

HANGAR FUND	POSTAGE
Bill Baley	Bill Baley
Ergun Bilir	
Robert Herrin	

AT-6	BT-13
Ergun Bilir	Ergun Bilir
Gary Hurta	

N3N	Stinson 108
Ergun Bilir	Ergun Bilir
	Steve Sehnert

These donations were included with the donor's 2002 Squadron renewal application forms. The Squadron extends our sincere thanks to all of you for utilizing the areas on the form to make these contributions.

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SQUADRON ACTIVITIES AND NEWS

We have a new cadet. **Matt Saladino** has been out at the Hangar every weekend helping out.

WELCOME, MATT!!

Former WHS member **Dieter Klein** made a new sign for the hangar. We don't know who was involved in hanging it - **Bill Roach's** truck was parked in front of it, and **Dick Harper** was overheard talking about working on it. Our thanks go to Dieter for helping to spruce up our hangar!

Bill Roach rehung the door to the downstairs bathroom so that now you can open the door to the bathroom and the door to the museum area at the same time. **THANK YOU, BILL!!**

THANKS also go to **Joe Vaught** for donating a laser printer to us. It has a fairly new cartridge and was fixed by **Steve Rumel** so it's ready to

use! Our thanks to both of these Colonels for your donations!

And, **Dick Harper's** nephew **Matt Glover** made another \$500 donation to the Squadron this year. **THANK YOU, MATT!** Your contributions to the Squadron are very much appreciated.

Alan Senior deserves a mention for his work in getting the PX inventory in shape for the April audit by HQ. He's been out there every weekend. Assistance has been provided by **Joyce Senior, Frank Stokes, Ron Hudson, Steve Sehnert** and **Debbie Gierman** (plus maybe some others).

A new patch for the Squadron is needed. A contest to develop a new design is in the planning stages - start thinking!

DEW Line Squadron

PIO – Glenn Larson

January 2002:

Squadron T-Shirts

We still have a good supply of T-shirts left over from the fly-in. If you want some, let me (Glenn Larson) know how many and of what size(s). It was agreed on at the last meeting to sell them to squadron members for \$5.00 and non-members for \$10.00.

February 2002:

January Meeting

The January meeting was held at Dyers' Barbeque and elections were held for Officers. **Col Bill Johnson** gave a report on finances and we are still in pretty good shape. If you haven't paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible.

New Officers

January was election month and the following persons were elected at the meeting as Officers for the year 2002:

Squadron Leader:	Tom Nichols
Executive Officer:	Glenn Larson
Finance Officer:	Bill Johnson
Maintenance Officer:	Oscar Fields
Operations Officer:	John Webb
Adjutant Officer:	Greg Kinnan
Safety Officer:	Don Tatum

2002 Fly-In

We are looking at the 2nd or 3rd Saturday in June as the date for our fly-in this year. Last year, the fly-in and auction/dance was a huge success and we hope to make it even bigger and better this year. I have been in contact with the local chapter of the EAA and they are willing to co-sponsor the event. We will be discussing more details at the March meeting.

Gone West



Col Leonard D. "L.D." Deere, Jr.
A longtime member of the CAF, West Texas Wing and West Houston Squadron, L.D. went west on January 16, 2002 at age 81.

M.D. "Buck" Buchanan
Beloved husband of Cactus Colonel Jo Buchanan, Buck died on January 25 at Graham Municipal Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Col Norm "Sandy" Sanderson
A life member of the CAF and former Finance Officer for the West Houston Squadron, Sandy passed away on January 25, 2002.

A Reminder to All CAF Pilots from Kelly at CAF HQ

You should be getting your pilot insurance renewal anytime now. It will not come from Aon, it will be Air Capital Insurance...so don't throw it away thinking it's junk mail!

Tax Time Reminder

Contributed by Mark Novak

When filling out your tax returns for 2001, remember that you may be entitled to a tax deduction for any travel expenses benefiting a non-profit organization such as the CAF. It could be worth several hundred dollars. See your accountant or tax preparer. ✪

Buy a Book and Help the CAF

Contributed by Kathy Mizell

David Watson (CAF Gift Shop Manager) reminded participants at the PX meeting at the Winter Staff Conference of a way to help the CAF raise money. He said that the CAF website is linked to Amazon.com's website. When a person connects to Amazon.com via the CAF website and makes a purchase, the CAF receives a percentage.

So if you are planning to buy a book (or CD, or video, etc.) at Amazon.com, don't go directly to their website. Instead, first go to the CAF site (www.commemorativeairforce.org), then click on the Amazon.com link on the Gift Shop page. The price will be the same either way, but the CAF gets a share when you go to Amazon via the CAF site. ✪

Tentative Agenda for Wing Fly-In

May 3-4-5, 2002, West Houston Squadron

Fri. May 3	Hospitality Hour(s)	6:00 PM till ?
Sat. May 4	Flying Activities	Morning
	Colonel's Ladies Meeting	10:30 AM
	Staff Meeting	11:00 AM
	Lunch (Fish Fry)	Noon
	General Membership Mtg	1:00 PM
	More Flying	Afternoon
	Cocktails	6:00 PM
	Catered Dinner	7:00 PM
	Introduction of Special Guests	8:00 PM
	Dancing to "Johnny Dyson's Big Band"	9:00 PM till ?
Sun. May 5	Aircraft Departure	

A map to the West Houston Airport (IWS) is located on the West Houston Squadron website at www.westhoustonsqdn.org

CALENDAR

SB2C GROUND SCHOOL

GRAHAM, TX (HOSTED BY CACTUS SQUADRON)

APRIL 6, 2002

DESERT SQUADRON SPRING DANCE

FEATURING THE SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY ORCHESTRA

ODESSA, TX

MARCH 23, 2002

WTW FLY-IN & WTW MEETING

HOUSTON, TX (HOSTED BY WEST HOUSTON SQUADRON)

MAY 4-5, 2002

FLUGHAFEN 2002

HOSTED BY DESERT SQUADRON - ODESSA, TX

DECEMBER 6-7, 2002



ONLINE RESOURCES

CAF MAIN WEBSITE :

www.commemorativeairforce.org

CAF MEMBERS WEBSITE :

www.ghostsquadron.org

WEST TEXAS WING WEBSITE :

<http://mywebpage.netscape.com/westtexaswing/>

Home+Page.htm (note that the full address must be typed on one line).

SQUADRON WEBSITES :

Cactus: www.wf.net/~jwscott

Big Country: www.bigcountryrsquadron.org

West Houston: www.westhoustonsqdn.org

SB2C WEBSITE : www.sb2chelldiver.org

The 'electronic edition' of the Logbook (Acrobat PDF format) is available at the West Houston Squadron website.

Does your squadron have an upcoming event? Or do you know of an event of interest to Wing members? Has your unit website changed? Let the Wing PIO know!

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When asked why he was referred to as 'Ace':

"Because during World War Two I was responsible for the destruction of six aircraft, fortunately three were enemy."

- Captain Ray Lancaster, USAAF

Squadron Meeting Information

WEST HOUSTON SQUADRON

Third Sunday of each month @ 2:00 PM, Hangar B-5 at West Houston Airport

Contact : Fred Warden 281-492-2078

CACTUS SQUADRON

Third Thursday of each month @ 6:30 PM at Cactus Hangar, Graham Municipal Airport

Contact : Bobby Ruth Pitcock 940-549-1964

DESERT SQUADRON

Third Thursday of each month @ 6:30 PM social hour, 7:00 PM dinner. 8:00 PM meeting, at Desert Squadron Hangar at Schlemeyer Field, Odessa

Contact : Nita Zellars 915-550-9202

DEW LINE SQUADRON

Date and Location varies monthly

Contact : Tom Nichols Home: (806) 372-9755

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BIG COUNTRY SQUADRON

Second Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 PM,

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SB2C Schedule

SB2C Ground School ★ Confirmed ★
Graham April 6

WTW Wing Fly-in ★ Confirmed ★
West Houston Squadron May 4-5

Dyess AFB ★ Confirmed ★
Abilene, TX May 11

Columbia, Missouri ★ Confirmed ★
May 24-27

North Canton, Ohio Tentative
May

Oshkosh Tentative
Oshkosh, WI July

AIRSHO 2002 and ★ Confirmed ★
WINGS OVER HOUSTON October

AIRSHO '02

Please fill this out if you plan on attending and working in the O'Club. Send to me as soon as possible. This is on a **first come first serve basis** so all I can say is if you know you want a room either mail this or call me or fax me this form.

Hotel: Days Inn
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Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ STATE/ZIP: _____
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(Circle one)

Room Type: King _____ Smoking or Non-Smoking _____
(Queen) Single _____ Smoking or Non-Smoking _____
(Queen) Double _____ Smoking or Non-Smoking _____

Dates: Arrival : _____ Departure: _____
Number of Arm Bands : _____ Number of Car Passes : _____

I will not baby-sit you. If you can't fill out this form completely you will not get your reservations made. I don't have time to call or even mail back your forms so fill out everything.

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To be eligible for membership in the **COLONEL'S LADIES DETACHMENT**, one must be a Colonel in the CAF and a member of the **West Texas Wing**, OR be sponsored by a Colonel who is a current member of the **West Texas Wing**. A Colonel may only sponsor one **Lady**.

Please fill out this form and send to the address below by FEBRUARY 28, 2002 to be included in the **West Texas Wing Directory**.

COLONEL'S LADIES APPLICATION & INFORMATION UPDATE: PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____

Date of Application/Renewal (required): Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Mailing address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Are you also a CAF Colonel? Yes No Serial # _____ Life# _____

No. of years in Col. Ladies _____ Spouse's Name _____

Phone: Office (____) _____ Home (____) _____ Fax (____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Birth Date: _____

Name of Sponsoring Colonel: _____ CAF/SN _____

NOTE: If you have changed Sponsors for any reason, NOTIFY WING PERSONNEL IMMEDIATELY

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