



West Texas Wing

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West Texas Wing History Series

He's "our man" at Headquarters now on the scene...

Ted Short remembers CAF and more!

By Doris Richeson, WTW Historian

Newly elected to Commemorative Air Force Headquarters Staff, Ted Short is looking forward to yet more challenges...

Ben Hur never rode his chariot through Graham, Texas, but equally bustling was West Texas Wing Leader Ted Short, as he made a whistle-stop visit on his way to make arrangements for the requisite Annual Inspection on his beloved L-6, one of only about 250 ever made. Short was in haste, as he worked toward getting his bird in shape for the trip to the November 6th air show at Waco.

Short reminisced about old times and new, recalling back to the very origins of the West Texas Wing and Fort Concho Squadron of San Angelo; he was a member of both, and "held every position in the 'Concho Squadron' — some of them several times.

"Those were the good old days, when we all played hard and didn't know others called it work. Then there were the fish fries, when we just went out by a lake — I remember bringing the fish more than once — and jawed and ate and kept up our hydration levels. Five or six years ago, we had an old-times fish fry and just relished in the fond memories, as we introduced Sandra Armstrong to mudslides."

Ted Short grew up in Illinois, and like most young men of that era, enlisted into military service. During his enlistment the Korean War became a reality. "The Koreans had three flags, and whoever was going through their city, that's the flag they hung out.

"If you were in Korea, you got cold in the winter (sometimes -60F) and hot (sometimes 135F) in the summer. You only had a 30-minute interval between the time the flies stopped biting and the mosquitoes started, but between, we had about 30 minutes good rest. They gave us heavy-duty insect repellent, and though we tried to protect ourselves, the burning sun did a number on our lips as they became inflated way out of proportion."

Ted Short wasn't a GI the military let come home early. He arrived in Korea among the first in August 1950 and stayed until February 1951, during which he was twice wounded, and contracted malaria. He was awarded the Bronze Star with V (for valor), two Purple Hearts, the United Nations Medal, Korean Service Medal with four Battle Stars, the Korean Campaign Medal, the Army Occupied Medal-Japan and a Combat Infantry Badge. While in Korea, President Truman volunteered everyone to stay another year.

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Wing Staff Conference

The 2005 Wing Staff Conference is scheduled for Feb. 19-20, 2005, at the MCM Grande Hotel Fun Dome (formerly Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites) in Odessa, Texas.

This year's conference will focus on safety, and the General Staff urges all maintenance and safety officers, in particular, to attend.

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Mark Your Calendars

Wing Staff Conference

February 19-20, 2005
Odessa, TX (see Page 3)

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Ready for Engine Start



Sharon & Ted with the L-6



Home again. Well, almost. When Short returned to his homeland on leave, his family had grown and moved — and his brother Sam Short was stationed in San Angelo, Texas. Sam invited Ted to visit and see a bit of Texas. It was love at first sight, “After Korea, I resolved never to be cold again.”

Ted Short took several career paths, and then on Thanksgiving Day, 1957, he went to work for “the phone company” as a line man, continuing into several positions that took many miles of travel and channeled him into a move to California in 1961, where he stayed five years. Missing Texas hospitality, Short was able to move back to San Angelo in 1966, and to Dallas/Fort Worth in 1989, where he says he “quit work” in 1991, and officially retired in 1993. Of Texas, he says “I ain’t left yet!”

Ted Short was a natural for a CAF-er, having made several WWII aircraft models and collected cards and pictures of those birds as a teen, never dreaming that he would even get to touch one!

Brother Sam Short and Anita were CAF-ers, as were other of Ted Short’s new friends. Of this band of aviation enthusiasts, the Fort Concho Squadron was born, and then the West Texas Wing.

One of Ted Short’s early contributions to the cause was participation in the Marshalling and Maintenance Unit, called M & Ms: “melt on the ramp and not in your hands.” Early on a unit of the West Texas Wing, the Marshallers were later to become part of CAF Marshalling Detachment.

Regarded as iconoclastic in the Confederate Air Force (now Commemorative Air Force), the fledgling West Texas Wing groupies considered themselves leaders not followers, which made for a little figurative “head-knocking” from time to time.

Ted Short has served in several WTW positions — a number of them several times — most recently in two terms as Wing Leader — 2003 and 2004. Previously Short has been Operations Officer, Special Projects Officer and SB2C Officer, the latter a project dear to his heart even as this interview was conducted.

At Oshkosh, Wisconsin’s Experimental Aircraft Association Show this year, Short rented and ran a “frat house” of sorts to provide support for his role as crew chief for the SB2C. At the frat house, Ted and Sharon Short had a succession of house guests, including John Hess, Bob and Theresa Halford, Allen Marsh, Jim Horning, David Duncan and Jack and Dell Cannon. It was a society of its own, where everyone pitched in with the cooking and fought for the bathrooms. At that event, the SB2C won Judges’ Choice, Navy Attack.

Short is very involved in the qualifying of new pilots, who must pass a rigorous Flight Evaluation Board Review, at this time to be conducted by John Hess, lead SB2C pilot. “We’ve burned out too many pilots,” says Short. “They just don’t realize they have to stay with the plane and work during an air show — that they can’t just fly the plane there and go play. You’ve gotta be there to care for the bird, answer questions...market the plane.” Too, there’s work and family, all of which must be allocated with SB2C journeys, most of which consume an entire week-end and more.

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Recently, Short toured with the SB2C in Ohio, where the craft made five air shows in Ohio cities, consecutive and lucrative for the old bird, which must be maintained, repaired as needed, fueled and insured. During that tour, the SB2C was hangared (free) at Port Columbus, Ohio, at the Millionaire FBO hangar, where the aircraft was built in 1945.

"We've gotta keep this precious bird in front of the public. Of course it's a high-dollar flight every time, and that's why we must keep marketing the plane, selling memorabilia, wing walks and talking to the public to keep it informed."

Short and his wife, Sharon, have been biggest supporters of the Colonel's O-Club and have taken responsibility for its operation for the past eight years. They have generated considerable funds for the building of a permanent Club. Sharon Short has been very active in the Colonel's Ladies, beginning back in the days when they were called "Gofers."

O'Club Volunteers - AIRSHO 2005 October 1, 2

You will see a new form for this year we only have ONE hotel and it is a NEW hotel. The other two hotels we were using went up on us to the same price as this hotel we will be using this year. See form in this issue.

The rates are \$50.00 plus tax and you get a FREE breakfast with your room. We have blocked off 70 rooms and we have to have your reservation by August 1st this year you can't wait till the last minute to get your room because it want be there so I suggest you get your room as soon as possible it's always easier to cancel a room than not to have one at all. You can not call out to the hotel and get a room at our rate, it has to come from me. If you call on your own the rate is \$89.00 and \$99.00.

If you are in Houston please make your reservations as usual with Linda Fountain.

If you have any questions please call me as soon as possible.

Thanks. *Sharon Short*

**WEST TEXAS WING
GROSS REVENUE HIGHLIGHTS FOR YEAR 2004**

Activity	Budgeted	Actual	\$ Above Expectations
PX	\$ 1,800	\$ 6,668	\$ 4,868
SB2C:			
Appearance Fees	\$ 15,000	\$ 22,730	\$ 7,730
Wing Walk Donations		\$ 4,731	
Other Donations		\$ 6,696	
Total Donations (SB2C)	\$ 9,300	\$ 11,427	\$ 2,127
Income from Officers Club - Cols. Ladies		\$ 4,405	
Blastards (fees for pyro work)	\$ 8,765	\$ 10,741	\$ 1,976

* The budgeted amount of \$9,300 for donations covered all Wing activities, not just the SB2C.

As indicated above and in the fund balance statement, your wing had a great year relative to increasing income as well as maintaining positive fund balances. I want to thank all Wing and Squadron members who made this happen. *Pete Hyatt - WTW Finance Officer*

	2004	2005	Change
Total Fund Balances (Combined Checking and Savings)	\$ 42,754.11	\$ 55,386.93	\$ 12,632.82
COLS' LADIES O'CLUB OPERATING FUND, 11/30/04		\$ 5,084.95	
CAF HQ ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF 12/31/04			
SB2C		\$ 27,623.00	
C-45		\$ 4,496.46	

From the Left Seat **Ted Short - West Texas Wing Leader**

One last time I have the privilege of addressing the Wing as Leader. It has been a wonderful two years dealing with the wonderful people of the West Texas Wing. As I will be moving on to serve on the General Staff I still will be involved with the Wing.

The new Staff has started working on improvements to our operations and is looking at the long range plan. The Wing will participate in new endeavors in 2005 and gain additional recognition in the Warbird community.

Special thanks to the WTW Colonels Ladies for donating funds toward the upgrading of avionics on both the SB2C and SNB. It certainly will put a smile on our current aviator and the new ones coming on board. The Ladies continual donations are one of the reasons our SB2C is maintained so well and enjoys up to date avionics'.

Keep a check on your six.

Ted (Rabbit)

Officer's Reports

Recruiting and Retention - Kathy Mizell

As you begin planning for 2005 shows that you organize/sponsor or that you will attend, remember to have membership applications available for show spectators that are interested in joining the CAF.

If you sponsor a show, having a "membership information" booth can encourage others to join the CAF, Wing, and/or your local unit. This booth or table should be staffed by members who can explain the benefits of membership and are not afraid of talking about the CAF. You should have various CAF prepared brochures and all types of membership forms along with pens to use in completing the forms. Use photos from recent unit or CAF activities posted around the table to catch the public's attention.

If you are simply attending a show with a PX, keep a full complement of membership forms with PX inventory. This way, you will always be prepared when someone asks about joining.

PX Officer - Dell Cannon

For those WTW members who missed Flughafen (and my report), I announced that we had a pretty good year. The budget for the PX for 2004 was \$1800.00. The grand total for sales for 2004 was \$6548.42! The primary boon to the sales increase was the appearance of the Helldiver at the EAA Fly-In at Oshkosh, the big air show at Detroit the following weekend plus an extended tour of the upper Midwest and the east. A special thanks goes to all the WTW members who gave of their time to attend the Fly-In and the air shows to help with the sale of PX items. We could not have accomplished this without your dedication.

The PX has an excellent size selection of good looking denim shirts with an embroidered Helldiver logo on the pocket. There is also a limited supply of the new golf shirts that were ordered much earlier in the year. I also have a good supply of one-size-fits-all tan ball caps with the embroidered Helldiver logo on the front. Both styles of shirts are reasonably priced at \$25.00 plus shipping and packaging. The ball caps are \$10.00 plus shipping and packaging. Don't forget the WTW patches which are \$5.00 and the new SB2C lapel pins sell for \$3.95. I will promptly fill all order requests when payment is made by check or money order made payable to the WTW/CAF and remitted to me prior to shipping.

I will be making a visual inventory count of the entire PX at years' end.

Personnel Officer/PIO - Steve Sehnert

See the separate articles regarding renewal procedures and getting the Logbook by email.

Colonel's Ladies President - Dell Cannon

For the Colonel's Ladies who were unable to attend our meeting held during Flughafen the election results are as follows: Dell Cannon, President; Vicki Nelson, Vice President; Martha Dillard, Secretary & Protocol Officer. Retiring President Kathy Mizell has served with distinction and leadership. The Colonel's Ladies say, "Thank you, Kathy, for two great years of leadership and a job well done!"

During our meeting we discussed how the Colonel's Ladies should disperse a share of their O Club split, which was \$5,084.95. After discussion it was decided to donate \$2500.00 to the SB2C for part of the cost of a GPS. \$1,000.00 was designated to the SNB for restoration purposes.

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PROTOCOL (APPOINTED)

Martha Dillard

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@westhouston squadron.org (or at the mailing address shown in the return address of this newsletter) no later than the 20th 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.

The 'electronic edition' of the Logbook (Acrobat PDF format) is available at the West Houston Squadron website (www.WestHoustonSquadron.org). Look for the "Newsletters" link.

Squadron News

DEW LINE SQUADRON

PIO – Rod Banister

Projects:

1949 Willys - Col Sam Dean (Project Manager) has been hard at work along with Col Ted Sanchez on getting the Jeep up and running. Colonels Sam Dean and Ted Sanchez have been looking for military wheels and have discussed making it a Commemorative Air Force jeep since it is not an authentic military jeep. They have also been working out all -of the bugs and kinks. Col. Sanchez has attached a military style bumper and is primed and ready to be painted. (A special thanks goes out to B & W Battery for donating a starter for the jeep.)

Aircraft Tug - Col Rod Banister was able to get the secondary "parts" tug to the airport. It is currently being stripped down to the frame. The frame will be used for the primary tug and all of the best parts from both tugs will be placed on this frame. As soon as the frame is completely stripped we will begin looking for donors to sandblast and paint the tug as well as go through the engines, transmissions, and rear end. In exchange for their donation their name and/or company logo will be prominently displayed on the tug. If you know of anyone who might be willing to donate these services please contact Colonel Rod Banister @ 672-4190 or email r_banister@prad.org.

Flughafen

Flughafen 2004 was a success thanks to the dedicated members of the DEW Line Squadron. Members and Staff of the West Texas Wing were truly impressed with the hospitality and achievements of the squadron. The Colonel's Ladies showed their abilities as a group at the Friday night "get together" and Saturday luncheon. The food and decorations were magnificent. The Colonels Ladies were also honored for their help with the PX during AirSho 2004. The Squadron should be very proud of their members.

WEST HOUSTON SQUADRON

PIO - Linda Fountain

WHS '04 Wings Over Houston "PX" A Success - Gary Hurta - PX Officer

Well, we've chalked up another one! Another air show without a rainout, although we did get a little wet on Sunday afternoon. However, the show did go on and the WHS-PX is all the better for it. PX sales for '04 were just slightly under the sales for '03, and that is still very good. We have made a very large contribution to the Squadron funds for the next year. The squadron support for the PX this year was great, again. Thanks to all of you; Wes Fellows (South PX Cash-master), Brigitte Howells (North PX Cash-master), Joanne Fore (Trailer PX Cash-master), George & Gerri Watts, Linda Gispanski, Don & Sherry Johnson, Nell Harper, Kelsey McMillian, Fred & Libby Helfrich, Janis Roach, Carol Young, Shelby Young, Gale & Jackie Haskins, Terry Metts, Frank Stokes, Ole & Mary Nygren, Hugh O'Donnell, Hunter Harris, Mike & Marsha Daly, Rich Welsh, Betty Foshee, Donald Price, Bob Linguiti, Steve Sehnert, Al Feltis, Roger & Tavie & Kelly Minson, and Joyce Hurta. The Squadron tips its hat to you!

From the Leader - Bob Alford, Squadron Leader

Wings Over Houston was a great success-good weather, safe flying and lots hard working volunteers. We all need to give a very special thank you to Col Bill Roach as the Executive Director and Janis for their long hours and devotion. Great Job Bill and Janis!!! I would also like to thank all those that participated in the show before during or after.

I would like to take the time to say to Bernadean Jones, Joan Klein, Michelle Rozzell and other members that may be recuperating from surgeries or illness that we as your Squadron members wish you all speedy recoveries and look forward to us all being together soon.

WHS Members Receive CAF Awards

At Airsho, four WHS members received recognition for their contributions to the Squadron and the CAF:

Col Bob Alford - Unit Service Award

Col Al Feltis - Individual Maintenance Award

Col Roger Minson - Unit Service Award

Col Bill Roach - Distinguished Service Award

CACTUS SQUADRON

PIO – Dell Cannon

AIRSHO

The squadron cooked in the O'Club at AirSho this year and then loaded up and drove home to recover! We had a great time as always and we thank you for your support!

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CACTUS SQUADRON (continued)

2005 Squadron Officers

We have elected our 2005 officers: Col Martha Dillard will be our very capable Squadron Leader, Jack Cannon will be her X/O, Dell Cannon will again be pushing her pencil across her notebook performing Adjutant duties. Kent Pettus is Finance officer, Jerry Bishop will take over as Ops officer, J. Duff Pltcock will be handling Maintenance officer duties, Bruce Bradford will oversee Safety, Richard Prideaux will be Training officer, Elton Montgomery will see to any legal issues that might arise, Knox Bishop has again accepted Museum officer and Historian duties and Doris Richeson will be our PIO.

Awards

As mentioned in the last *Logbook*, Squadron Leader J.B. Thorne was awarded the "Silver Magnolia" during the General Meeting held during AirSho. Jack Cannon also received the CAF "Unit Service Award". Way to go Cols!

Veteran's Day

On November 11, a special tribute to Veteran's was presented by the Graham ISD at the Municipal Auditorium. The arrangements were "masterminded" by our own Col Greg Melton (principal of an elementary school in Graham). Greg contacted local service veterans and requested that if they cared to display their uniforms in the room at the auditorium reserved for the Robert E. Richeson Museum memorabilia they would be most welcome to do so; and respond, they did! The room was filled with uniforms and related objects and our own Cols Jerry and son, Col Knox displayed their Air Force uniforms. Knox also brought his "jet Jockey" uniform and helmet, which was an added treat. For everyone that was honored, for those who shared their uniforms and for all of the citizens who attended, it was a great day!

Cub Scout Visit

The Cactus squadron hosted a Cub Scout troop from one of the elementary schools in Graham recently. The SB2C was not home yet and not to disappoint the scouts, Col Bruce Bradford opened up his hangar to the group so they could tour his Piper Cherokee 140. His hangar is adjacent to the Cactus hangar. From there they proceeded to the Cactus hangar and the scouts, their leader and accompanying parents were given a tour of the our museum.

Flughafen

For those WTW members that missed Flughafen: We had a blast! DEWLine should be commended for the great job they did as hosts. Two Cactus squadron members were recipients of Wing awards presented at the banquet!

BIG COUNTRY SQUADRON

PIO - Jim Dobbs

Col Adam Nunn, Faith, Sydney and Joseph Thomas visited the Big Country Homeplace over the Thanksgiving holidays. Before taking off to return to Tennessee they made a touch and go at the home of Col Bill and Nancy Masters. Col Bill wasted no time in giving future Col Nunn his first flying lesson.

Chaplain's Report

Phyllis Kisner isn't ready to kick any field goals yet, but she is well on her way to a successful recovery from knee replacement surgery on Wednesday, October 27. She sends her thanks to the Squadron for the cheery flowers and the calls and visits.

Parade Report

Our intrepid leader Col Duncan and his trusty co-pilot Col Milton almost (but not quite) made it back to Homeplace from the Veterans Day parade in their WWII ambulance before running out of gas. Fortunately, they only had to walk about a mile. Hey! Walking is what parades are all about!

DESERT SQUADRON

PIO - Joyce Tapley

Bingo

We appreciate everyone who helps with Bingo. Many of our squadron members help bundle our pull tabs. Without your help, our workers cannot keep up. We are thankful that our Bingo has done well this year. We are proud of the several things that we have accomplished and are looking forward to next year. - Ray Pierson and Nita Zellars

Donation to US Troops

The Desert Squadron of the Commemorative Air Force has proudly donated forty-two 120 minute telephone cards to our service men as part of our continued effort to "Support Our Troops".

2005 Wing Staff Conference - February 19-20, 2005

This year's Wing Staff Conference will focus on safety, and the General Staff urges all maintenance and safety officers, in particular, to attend the conference, set for Feb. 19-20, 2005, at the MCM Grande Hotel Fun Dome (formerly Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites) in Odessa, Texas. A block of rooms has been reserved at a special price of \$55 per night for CAF members. To receive this special rate, attendees should identify themselves as being with the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) Wing Staff Conference when calling for reservations. All reservations should be made by Feb. 2, 2005, to receive this special rate. After Feb. 2, reservations will be accepted on a space and rate available basis. For reservations, call the MCM Grande Hotel Fun Dome toll free at (866) 362-2311.

Registration fee for the conference is \$45, which includes the Friday evening, Saturday noon and Saturday evening meals. On Friday evening, Feb. 18, 2005, the social hour will begin at 6 p.m., with dinner following at 7 p.m. The conference will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday morning and will end Sunday before noon.

2005 Wing Membership Renewal

Pre-printed Renewal Forms were mailed out to all Wing Colonels and Colonel's Ladies in mid-November.

Last year, a change in membership procedures was adopted by the Staff. It allows (but does not require) that Colonels and Colonel's Ladies who are members of a Squadron of the Wing to pay both their Squadron and Wing dues through their Squadron. The forms which were sent out have instructions on how to do this.

The change was intended to make it simpler for members (although it makes things more complex for Squadron and Wing finance and personnel officers).

But, to summarize,

- If you do not belong to a Squadron, send your Wing dues to the Wing Finance Officer (Pete Hyatt) at the address printed on the form.
- If you belong to a Squadron, but want to make separate payments, send your Wing dues to the Wing Finance Officer (Pete Hyatt) at the address printed on the form, and also send your Squadron dues to your Squadron by whatever method your Squadron requires.
- If you belong to a Squadron and want to make a single payment, send a single payment for both your Wing and Squadron dues to your SQUADRON finance officer. Note that the check needs to be payable to your SQUADRON, not to the Wing.

In all cases, the pre-printed Wing membership form should be used if at all possible. Thanks,

Steve Sehnert WTW Personnel Officer

Gone West



Col Frank DeCicco

WTW and West Houston Squadron member Frank Christopher DeCicco, Jr., went west on Saturday, December 11 at age 81. Born in Kingston, N.Y., during WWII he served with the 8th Air Force, 303rd Bomb Group and completed 35 missions as a waist gunner in B-17s. Following the war, he worked in his family's business for 19 years before moving to Texas and embarking in a real estate career. In 1977 he founded Re/Max of Texas. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Jean DeCicco; daughters, Jessica DeCicco, Deborah Masterson, Rebecca Musser, Angela Vos, and Ellie Mills; brother, Joseph DeCicco and sister, Mary Angela Doebler, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Willie Walker

Willie Walker of Abilene passed away on December 16, 2004. Willie was a good supporter of the WTW and donated many hours of his expertise to Wing aircraft, namely the SNB as well as attending many CAF airshows. The Wing recognized him a few years ago for his assistance in preparing the SNB for restoration. He was known to nearly everyone in Abilene and will be deeply missed.

O'Club Volunteer Reservations

This year we have only one hotel willing to give us a good rates. The Quality Inn & Suites (old Holiday Inn Express) in Odessa. We have not used this hotel but it is three buildings down from the past hotels it is a totally **NEW** hotel.

- **Fill in the requested information completely.**
- **Fill out the form correctly and return to me.**
- **If the form is not completed or correct, it will be thrown away and you will not receive a room!**
- **If you have to cancel, you must give me 72-hour notice or you will be charged for the full original reservation this is a hotel requirement.**

IMPORTANT DATA – ALL BLANKS MUST BE COMPLETED					
Name					
Address					
City		St		Zip	
Telephone	()				
Arrival Date		Departure Date			
Number Arm Bands		Number Car Passes			

QUALITY INN & SUITES - \$50.00/night (not per person)					
SELECT ROOM TYPE:					
King (1 bed)		Smoking		Non-Smoking	
Queen (1 bed)		Smoking		Non-Smoking	
Queen (2 beds)		Smoking		Non-Smoking	

DEADLINE: JULY 1, 2005 FOR ARMBAND AND CAR PASSES

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO ME NO LATER THAN AUGUST 1, 2005

(If you are in Houston please make your reservations as usual with Linda Fountain.)

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Flughafen 2004 Amarillo, Texas



The Desert Squadron accepts the Kale Webster "Squadron of the Year" award for 2004



Jack Cannon receives the Charlie Day "Colonel of the Year" Award for 2004



Mark Novak takes over the gavel as Squadron Leader for 2005



Ted Short, fashionable and stylish in his new hat courtesy of the DEW Line Squadron

2004 West Texas Wing Awards

Kale Webster Memorial Trophy - Desert Squadron

Charlie Day Colonel of the Year - Jack Cannon

William B. "Bill" Stuessy WTW Contributor of the Year Award - Mark Novak

Colonel's Lady of the Year - Dell Cannon

Colonel's Ladies Sharon Short Achievement Award - DEW Line Squadron Colonel's Ladies

CALENDAR

February 19-20, 2005 - Wing Staff Conference

Odessa, TX (see Page 3)

October 1-2, 2005 - AIRSHO® 2005

CAF HQ, Midland, TX

October 8-9, 2005 - Wings Over Houston® 2005

Houston, TX

(one week earlier than usual!)



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/~jwscottBig Country: www.bigcountrysquadron.orgWest Houston: www.westhoustonsqdn.orgSB2C WEBSITE : www.sb2chelldiver.org

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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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Squadron Meeting Information

WEST HOUSTON SQUADRON

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

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CACTUS SQUADRON

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

Contact : J. B. Thorne 940-873-4436

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 : Ronnie Barnett 432-335-0954

DEW LINE SQUADRON

Third Thursday of each month @ Desperado's Restaurant, 15th & S. Madison, Amarillo, TX

Contact : Nick Nelson 806-679-0033

BIG COUNTRY SQUADRON

Second Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 PM, Homeplace Hangar at Elmdale Airport, Abilene

Contact : David Duncan 325-766-3769

NIMITZ MEMORIAL SQUADRON

Second Sunday of each month @ 2:00 PM

Hangar Hotel Conf Center Gillespie County Airport Fredericksburg, TX

Contact: Chuck Beasley 830-990-0100

SB2C Memorial Fund Established

An SB2C Memorial Fund has been established for those wishing to donate to a charity in remembrance of members Gone West. You may make your donations to this fund and remit to Wing Finance Officer Pete Hyatt. He will see that it is properly recognized both by the Wing and Headquarters in Contrails.

SB2C Schedule

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Get the "Logbook" by Email - Save trees and \$\$

Each copy of the "Logbook" costs over \$1 to print and mail. While this may not seem like much, it adds up; every two months, the Wing spends about \$450 to produce and distribute the newsletter. That's about \$2700 each year.

A few people have asked if the "Logbook" could be emailed instead of coming by regular mail. Just send an email to me at wtpio@westhoustonsqdn.org or ssehnert@bigfoot.com. When the "Logbook" is published, you will get an email telling you that a new issue is available at the West Houston Squadron website. Since the "Logbook" files are often rather large (because of the pictures), I will not be emailing the "Logbook" files themselves. Instead, I'll just let you know that a new issue is available, and you can go get it whenever you want to. This way no one gets surprised when they go to check their email and have to wait for a big file to download.

Steve Sehnert – WTW PIO (wtpio@westhoustonsqdn.org or ssehnert@bigfoot.com)

2005 WEST TEXAS WING DUES - \$ 30.00

You must be a current CAF regular, life, or Honorary member to be eligible for WTW membership. To be an active, voting member of a West Texas Wing Squadron, you must also be a member of the West Texas Wing.

Tax deductible contributions will be accepted by the West Texas Wing for any specified Commemorative Air Force aircraft or project. If you wish to make a contribution along with your wing dues, please specify the aircraft and/or project along with the amounts(s) and include in your check total.

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2005 West Texas Wing Dues **Amount: \$30.00**

Enclosed is my tax deductible contribution to: _____ Amount: _____

Enclosed is my tax deductible contribution to the SB2C Helldiver _____ Amount: _____

Enclosed is my tax deductible contribution to the WTW JRB _____ Amount: _____

Squadron Dues: _____ Sqdn (contact local Squadron for amount) _____

Squadron Donation to _____ _____

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Houston, TX 77065

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Please make your check payable to
your Squadron
and give the check and this form
to your **Squadron Finance Officer**

Name: _____ Nickname: _____
First MI Last

Address: _____ Phone numbers (include area code): _____

_____ Home: _____

City State ZIP Office: _____

Email Address: _____ Fax: _____

Spouse : _____ Cell: _____

CAF Col. Number : _____ CAF Life Number : _____ Receive Newsletter by Email Only (yes or no): _____

WTW Staff _____ Past Unit Staff _____

Office Interest: _____ Office: _____

Note : Phone Numbers and Email Addresses will be published in the Wing Directory. If you do not want a phone number or email address published, do not provide it!

CAF Aircraft Sponsored: _____

WWII Aircraft Owned: _____

Other Aircraft Owned: _____

Squadrons, Wings and Detachments: _____

Squadron or Detachment Interest: _____ Ratings: _____

2005 WEST TEXAS WING COLONEL'S LADIES DUES - \$ 10.00

Colonel's Ladies must be sponsored by a CAF regular, life, or Honorary member who is a member of the West Texas Wing. To be an active, voting member of a Squadron Colonel's Ladies, you must also be a member of the West Texas Wing Colonel's Ladies.

Honorary Life Members are not required to have a sponsor, and payment of dues is optional; however, in order to vote in Colonel's Ladies elections or to hold office, dues must be paid.

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Squadron Dues: _____ Sqdn (contact local Squadron for amount) _____

Squadron Donation to _____

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Address: _____ Phone numbers (include area code): _____
 _____ Home: _____
 _____ Office: _____
 City State ZIP

Email Address: _____ Fax: _____

Spouse : _____ Cell: _____

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Birthday (day and month only): _____ Honorary Life Member (yes or no)? _____

Sponsor: _____ Sponsor Col. No.: _____

Are you also a CAF _____ CAF Col. _____ Receive Newsletter by _____
 Colonel (yes or no): _____ Number : _____ Email Only (yes or no): _____

WTW Colonel's Ladies _____ Past Unit or Colonel's _____
 Staff Office Interest: _____ Ladies Staff Office: _____

Squadrons, Wings and _____
 Detachments: _____



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