



West Texas Wing Logbook

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General Staff Election at AIRSHO

The three candidates for General Staff Are:

Colonel Mark Novak - West Texas Wing Leader

Colonel Joe Cowan

Colonel Tom Rush

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD - VOTE IN THE GENERAL STAFF ELECTION!

If you will be unable to attend the membership meeting on Friday afternoon, October 6, you must request an absentee ballot in writing. There are three ways to do this:

- mail your request, including your name (printed), address, colonel identification number and signature to CAF Vice President of Administration Keith Lawrence at P.O. Box 62000, Midland, TX 79711;
- fax your request including your name (printed), address, colonel identification number and signature to Keith Lawrence at (432) 563-8046;
- or e-mail your request including your name, address and colonel identification number to Keith Lawrence at diradmin@cafhq.org; no signature is required on e-mails.

If you request an absentee ballot by e-mail, please request a confirmation message to ensure that your message was received. **Your request must be RECEIVED at Headquarters BY OCT. 2, 2006.** Absentee ballots WILL NOT be mailed out until after the General Membership meeting on Oct. 6, as there may be nominations from the floor for General Staff, and these nominations must be included on the absentee ballots.

Please remember that if you intend to attend the meeting and vote, colonel identification will be required. If you request an absentee ballot and then attend the meeting, you will not be able to vote at the meeting. You must use the absentee ballot that will be mailed to you. Absentee ballots being returned by members must be POSTMARKED BY NOV. 5, 2006. Any requests postmarked after that date will be invalid. If you have any questions, please call Keith Lawrence at (432) 567-3006. To have a voice and have it heard you have to VOTE!

New Wing Public Information Officer Needed

After four years as West Texas Wing Public Information Officer (a.k.a. PIO or Newsletter Editor), I have turned in my resignation to our Wing Leader, Mark Novak. It's been fun, but like any other job it gets old after a while.

Until a new PIO volunteers, I'll continue to do the newsletter bimonthly in a bulletin/calendar format, instead of the more extensive (and time consuming) detailed version done in the past. Once a new volunteer steps up, I'll do whatever I can to help my replacement get started.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mark Novak or one of the other elected Staff officers. If you would like to get a few more details about what the job involves, please contact me.

Thanks! *Steve Sehnert* (ssehnert@bigfoot.com)

Mark Your Calendars

September 16 - West Houston Squadron Fall Open House, West Houston Airport

October 7 & 8 - CAF AIRSHO®, CAF HQ, Midland

October 21 & 22 - Wings Over Houston Airshow®, Ellington Field, Houston, TX

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 :

West Houston: www.westhoustonsqdn.org

DEW Line: www.datatronsyste.ms.com/dewlinesqd/

River Bend: www.riverbendsquadron.org

SB2C WEBSITE : www.sb2chelldiver.org

For Information about Squadron Meetings, Contact...

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Cactus Squadron	Jack Cannon	940-549-1584
DEW Line Squadron	Ted Sanchez	806-381-0453
Desert Squadron	Clay Francell	432-362-1162
Big Country Squadron	Charlie Hanna	325-672-7753
River Bend Squadron	Ron Fountain	281-398-7533

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Membership forms are also available on the West Houston Squadron website.

The Colonel's Ladies' 2006 raffle is underway with the drawing being held on the last day of AirSho '06. The objects of the raffle are a beautiful diamond bracelet with matching earrings. Tickets sell for \$5.00 each. Please contact any Colonel's Lady for tickets.



C-45 (a.k.a. SNB) Project Report - John Jowell, DEW Line Sqdn C-45 Project Officer

This weekend (8/19- 8/20) we had a work crew to go to Guymon to work on the twin Beech. Those helping were John and Barbara Webb, Ross Flowers, Bruce and James Graham, Sam Dean and John Jowell. We had a great time together and we had a productive weekend.

On Saturday, the major accomplishment was the removal of the left main landing gear to replace the strut seal. The seal has been replaced and the gear has been reinstalled. While the gear was off we replaced the wheel bearings and reinstalled the wheel. Also on Saturday, the right main wheel was removed and the bearings were checked. It was determined that they need to be replaced due to some pitting and rough spots. We will do that on the next trip. We put the wheel back on so the plane could be moved if needed before we get back to replace the bearings.

John and Barbara Webb and John Jowell spent the night in Guymon and worked on Sunday. On Sunday the side windows were removed and taken to Amarillo for cleaning and for the frames to be stripped. Also on Sunday work was done to remove two engine instruments. So far the instruments are still in the plane. There are cables running from the instrument panel all the way to the wheel wells behind the engine firewalls and there are brackets holding them in place that are next to impossible to get to but where there is a will there is a way - right?

There is still a lot to do and the next work days will likely be on the weekend following our regular squadron meeting. If anyone wants to go up between now and then, let me know so I can coordinate with Greg and Vern.

Photos from DEW Line August SNB Work Party



About the 'Logbook'

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DAYS INN - ODESSA - (432) 335-8000

8/23/2006

MONDAY OCT. 2	TUESDAY OCT. 3	WEDNESDAY OCT. 4	THURSDAY OCT. 5	FRIDAY OCT. 6	SATURDAY OCT. 7	SUNDAY OCT. 8	ROOM TYPE
Sharon Short	Sharon Short	Sharon Short	Sharon Short	Sharon Short	Sharon Short	Sharon Short	K/NS
				Tim Ortega	Tim Ortega		D/NS
				Jeanne Ballard	Jeanne Ballard	Jeanne Ballard	S/NS
				Hugh Alexander	Hugh Alexander	Hugh Alexander	D/NS
				Don Johnson	Don Johnson	Don Johnson	S/NS
				Jim Miles	Jim Miles	Jim Miles	D/NS
			John Hess	John Hess	John Hess	John Hess	K/NS
			Steve Sehnert	Steve Sehnert	Steve Sehnert	Steve Sehnert	S/NS
				Chuck Beasley	Chuck Beasley		K/NS
Martha Dillard	Martha Dillard	Martha Dillard	Martha Dillard	Martha Dillard	Martha Dillard	Martha Dillard	K/SM/GF
				Skip Warren	Skip Warren	Skip Warren	D/NS
			Mike Daly	Mike Daly	Mike Daly	Mike Daly	K/NS
	Chuck Diehl	Chuck Diehl	Chuck Diehl	Chuck Diehl	Chuck Diehl	Chuck Diehl	D/SM
Wally Jero	Wally Jero	Wally Jero	Wally Jero	Wally Jero	Wally Jero	Wally Jero	K/NS
			Jack Cannon	Jack Cannon	Jack Cannon	Jack Cannon	K/NS
				Frank Trojcak	Frank Trojcak	Frank Trojcak	K/NS
				E. Ross Flowers	E. Ross Flowers	E. Ross Flowers	K/NS
				Laurence Scheck	Laurence Scheck	Laurence Scheck	S/SM
				Don Felps	Don Felps	Don Felps	K/SM
			Dick Harper	Dick Harper	Dick Harper	Dick Harper	D/NS
			Linda Fountain	Linda Fountain	Linda Fountain	Linda Fountain	D/SM
			Mike White	Mike White	Mike White	Mike White	D/NS
				Linda Hazard	Linda Hazard	Linda Hazard	D/SM
			Ron Fountain	Ron Fountain	Ron Fountain		K/SM
				Mark Allen	Mark Allen	Mark Allen	K/NS
				Matt Gallien	Matt Gallien		K/NS
			Joe Vaught	Joe Vaught	Joe Vaught		K/NS
			Thomas Reinert	Thomas Reinert	Thomas Reinert		K/SM
			Frank Stokes	Frank Stokes	Frank Stokes	Frank Stokes	K/SM
			Brad Wright	Brad Wright	Brad Wright		K/NS
				Mark Novak	Mark Novak	Mark Novak	K/NS
					Phil Dacey		K/NS
					Cody Dacey		K/NS
			Ken Hyman	Ken Hyman	Ken Hyman	Ken Hyman	D/NS
				Don Malm	Don Malm	Don Malm	K/NS
		Frank Godek	Frank Godek	Frank Godek	Frank Godek	Frank Godek	K/NS
				Anna Monkiewicz	Anna Monkiewicz	Anna Monkiewicz	D/NS
				Eleanor Gunderson	Eleanor Gunderson	Eleanor Gunderson	D/NS
				Donna Park	Donna Park		K/NS
				Nancy Parrish	Nancy Parrish	Nancy Parrish	D/NS
					Pat Longest	Pat Longest	D/NS
			Joseph DeCosta	Joseph DeCosta	Joseph DeCosta	Joseph DeCosta	K/NS
			Joe DeCosta	Joe DeCosta	Joe DeCosta	Joe DeCosta	K/SM
		Greg Kinnan	Greg Kinnan	Greg Kinnan	Greg Kinnan	Greg Kinnan	K/SM
				Marvin Arnold	Marvin Arnold	Marvin Arnold	K/NS
				John Webb	John Webb	John Webb	K/SM
				JB Thorne	JB Thorne	JB Thorne	K/SM
				Frank Mogg	Frank Mogg	Frank Mogg	D/SM
			Skipper Hamaty	Skipper Hamaty	Skipper Hamaty	Skipper Hamaty	D/NS
				Rosa Dickerson	Rosa Dickerson	Rosa Dickerson	S/NS
				Julius Faulk	Julius Faulk	Julius Faulk	S/NS
				John Cotter	John Cotter		S/NS

SM = Smoking
K = King

NS = Non-Smoking
D = Double

GF = Ground Floor
S = Single

If you have sent in your O'Club Volunteer reservation form to Sharon but have not yet received your packet, please contact her ASAP.	Sharon Short (817) 656-5052 Home Phone and FAX (972) 770-1188 Work (972) 770-1103 Work Fax
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This is a quote from a very respected person in the CAF and my opinion is it could not have been said any better. If you have not asked for an absentee ballot please do so today we've got to show headquarters we mean business.

Ted and I do absentee because we are always too busy at AIRSHO to vote and I know a lot of you are the same way. Request your ballot by email or by using this form.

Thanks..
Sharon Short

QUOTE:

By now you may have received from HQ voting information to include the names of the three individuals nominated to fill the three positions coming vacant. What we don't know...and will not know until the meeting at AIRSHO...is if any...and who the nominees *may be submitted from the floor during the annual meeting.*

We continue to bitch and moan about being *disenfranchised* and how we constantly and continuously are being solicited by HQ for more money...and complain about other dictates from "on high". We'll if we're not willing to get off our asses, request an absentee ballot...and then vote, then I suggest we just "shut up"!

Now you may or not be interested to know I intend at AIRSHO to nominate a candidate from the floor. Curious are you, who that might be? Interested in possibly supporting "my" candidate. Then get off your dead ass and request a ballot...even if you plan to attend AIRSHO. **Your plan to attend just may be changed for you (accident, family crises etc.) preventing your attendance and consequent RESPONSIBILITY to vote.**

Do I have your attention? I certainly hope so. Request for absentee ballots **MUST** be RECEIVED at HQ no later than Monday October 2nd...and don't give me that crap about how your one vote doesn't make any difference. You would be shocked if you knew the voting results from previous elections and how just a few votes would have made the difference!

DO IT NOW...and be a part of the future of YOUR organization. *Those who choose to ignore history are doomed to repeat it (Santayana).* If that's what you want, then do not vote!

Request for absentee ballot

Please print clearly and legibly. Send completed form to: Keith Lawrence, vice president of administration, Commemorative Air Force, P.O. Box 62000, Midland, Texas 79711.

Thank you.

NAME: _____
(please print)

COLONEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

In accordance with CAF by-laws, requests for absentee ballots must be RECEIVED at CAF Headquarters in Midland, Texas, by Oct. 2, 2006. Any requests received after that date will be invalid.

SB2C Schedule - 2006

Event	Location	Date	Status
McConnell AFB Airshow	Wichita, KS	Sept. 9-10	CONFIRMED
Lincoln ANGB Airshow	Lincoln, NE	Sept. 23-24	Tentative
Clinton Airport Open House & Fly-in	Clinton, OK	Sept. 30	CONFIRMED
Tucumcari Airshow	Tucumcari, NM	Oct. 4	CONFIRMED
Fina-CAF AIRSHO [®] 2006	Midland, TX	Oct. 7-8	CONFIRMED
Wings Over Houston [®] 2006	Ellington Field, Houston, TX	Oct. 21-22	CONFIRMED
VNA Air Show	Stuart, FL	Nov. 11-12	CONFIRMED
Pioneer Days/ Big Country Sqdn Pearl Harbor Open House and Flughafen 2006	Abilene, TX	Dec 8-9	CONFIRMED

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