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THE COYOTE'S HOWL

**Newsletter of the Coyote Squadron
Commemorative Air Force
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UNIT LEADER - Howdy Coyotes! As we prepare to meet on the 12th of the month just ten days prior we will have celebrated Texas Declaration of Independence or Texas Independence from Mexico 1836. As Texans we take great pride in our history and our freedom to become our own country before we joined the United States in 1845. We think of the brave men from the Alamo as we have a battle cry of remember the Alamo! And the Come and Take! That emblazed the Gonzales Cannon Battle Flag, that has been used for many reasons not just in Texas and currently overseas. Without talking about the politics of it, I would love for you and your family if you find it appropriate to join me and my family as we pray for those brave citizens of the Ukraine. For a country not much smaller than the state of Texas it is almost like our Independence from Mexico. Many civilians fighting a well-armed Army. Fighting to defend their Ancestral homes and families. My heart swells to see the patriotism and bravery shown by these people who do not want to lose their identity as a people.

The CAF conference was a pretty cool gathering. Most of the classes I attended were well planned and the fellowship as always was very good. Christine and I were lucky enough to win tickets to the Victory Ball and quite frankly it was an Amazing Gala that should be a perennial attraction for the CAF. We did find out very late that the ball price included not just the meal but also an open bar. The Glenn Miller Orchestra was on point and the stage setting between Fifi and Diamond Lil was like a throwback to World War II era USO tour dance. The atmosphere was lively and the food was excellent. Although I was skeptical in the beginning I will say that it was huge success and Christine and I plan on attending again next year.

We honored some well deserving men at the Hall of Fame dinner and then two days later we learned of the passing of Henry B. Tippie the namesake for the NAEC hanger and longtime Colonel and supporter of the CAF. Henry was born on a farm near Belle Plaine, Iowa, on January 5, 1927, to Robert and Amelia Tippie. He attended a one-room schoolhouse through the eighth grade and graduated from Belle Plaine High School in 1944. He enlisted at age 17 in the Army Air Forces. He received the Army Commendation Medal while stationed in Guam. The World War II G.I. Bill made it possible for him to attend The University of Iowa, graduating in August 1949 with an accounting degree after 24 consecutive calendar months of study.

And a Day later we learned of the passing of Don Emmons. Col. Donald Emmons, USAF, flew 225 B-52 combat missions in Southeast Asia. In February 1972, he was the wave lead bombardier on the first Line Backer One mission which signified the beginning of the intense buildup of B-52 sorties over Vietnam. He flew 40 missions over Vietnam, including five over Hanoi during Line Backer Two. He was the bombardier to drop the very last B-52 bombs over Vietnam, ending seven years of B-52 involvement. Continuing his distinguished career, he was heavily involved with the SR71 Blackbird program, both as a recon officer and as logistics support. Upon retirement, his military decorations included two Legions of Merit, three Distinguished Flying Crosses, two Meritorious Service Medals and 15 Air Medals.

These men were key figures in the CAF for many years and it so very important that we help keep their legacy alive in what we do as a unit.

We need to do a trash pickup and weather permitting the April meeting on the 9th, I would like to complete that obligation. I am reaching out to the ROTC kids and we can do Hamburgers and Hotdogs for the meal that meeting.

Remember we will not be having a meal this weekend so please come early, hangout and let's fellowship together. Many Blessings to you and your families.

Semper Fidelis! Col Melvin L Hall III, Unit Leader

ADJUTANT - Hi Everyone! Happy March! Coyote Membership renewal for the 2022 calendar year continues. Please see me at the March meeting; I will have the latest Membership list with me. (Use this as an opportunity to verify your address and contact information.)

CAF Youth Interaction and Protection Policy:

As part of the CAF, the Coyote Squadron supports the Youth Protection and Interaction Program. We encourage all Coyote Members to participate with the Youth Protection Program. To this point, we ask that all Coyote Members to become registered and certified through the CAF website portal.

From the CAF Youth Interaction and Protection website:

Purpose

The Commemorative Air Force (CAF) is committed to providing safe and enriching educational programs for youth who are involved in CAF activities. Included in these many activities is the protection of youth by ensuring appropriate adult role models and mentors are working with participants.

Our primary goals in creating this policy are to:

- Assure the safety of young participants in CAF programs
- Minimize any risk that could expose youth at the CAF to emotional, physical or sexual abuse
- Earn and maintain the confidence of family and guardians of the participating children
- Provide role models in a safe, secure setting using the unique historical tools of the CAF
- Create systems and best practices to allow our responsible adult volunteers and staff to interact in a respectful, safe setting for the protection of youth and themselves
- Inspire and foster the development of 21st Century professional skills (communication, critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, citizenship) through STEM, aviation and/or history-related learning

Here's what to do:

View the CAF Youth Protection web page. (CAF website, log in as a CAF Member, Education, Youth Interaction and Protection Policy.

<https://www.cafeducation.org/youth-interaction-and-protection>

- View the Video
- Take the Quiz
- Apply for the Background Check

The Youth Interaction and Protection certification remains active for three years.

The cost of the certification is absorbed by CAF. (An option to cover the cost will be presented to you.) **Col Alan Pavik, Adjutant**

OPERATIONS OFFICER – We are scheduled to attend Highland Lakes Squadron Bluebonnet Air Show on March 19th. We hope to take both aircraft. It looks promising based on the Maintenance Officers report regarding the completion of the PT-19 work. Thanks to Col Meisetschleager for taking the aircraft to McGregor. Also, a big THANK YOU to Col Norm Clark for setting up the entire thing. He was able to broker a great deal for us to get this done at a very nice reduction in price. JAG Aviation was very happy to have us in their hangar according to Col Warnie. Based on their recommendations we will not be buying a newer radio as they will be able to make ours far more visible than it is currently.

The addition of the ADSB will allow us to participate in more rides days as we will now be able to “legally” fly in the Dallas airspace. I will detail some of the other upcoming events that we will be attending at the meeting.

Both of our aircraft are back in their home spaces. The concrete ramp work is complete but there is just a bit more work that the city will be doing for us. They will be making the flagpole accessible by pouring a bit more concrete hopefully this week.

Col Dan Summerall, Operations Officer

MAINTENANCE OFFICER –The PT-19 was delivered to McGregor. JAG Aviation will start the ADSB install this week. They will also upgrade our radio to be backlit and move it up from its current location which should make it much easier to read. They were very excited to have “The Pride of Corsicana” in their hangar. It's estimated that the install should be finished this week. See you at the hangar! **Col Thomas Cozart, Maintenance Officer**

SAFETY OFFICER - Habits and Safety.

We all have habits that we follow on a daily or weekly basis. These habits have a major effect on our life. They also affect the choices we make at work and play. The choice to follow a safety procedure on any given day could be affected by a habit you have had for years.

Think about the habits you follow every single day. Start with waking up. Did you hit the snooze button once or twice? Do you do this every day? What about breakfast? Did you cook in the house or did you stop at the same gas station you do every day to grab a quick bite to eat? Most likely the choices that you have made from the point you woke up today, are the same choices you make every single day. These daily choices are your habits. According to Charles Duhigg, who is the author of the book *The Power of Habit*, there is a “habit loop”. The habit loop he describes in his book is a three-part process. The first part of the process is the cue or trigger, the second is the routine or behavior itself, and the third is the reward.

The cue or trigger is what starts the action of the habit. For example, if you set an alarm to wake you up, or remind you to do something, what is your reaction when it goes off? Do you hit the snooze button and wait another 9 minutes until it goes off again?

Chances are you do the same thing every day. What is the reward? It could be getting to work on time or getting a little extra sleep if you hit the snooze button.

Pay attention to the habits you hold on to and how they affect you daily. How many of these habits are positive ones and how many are negative? Look at the choices you make and if they lead to negative behaviors then look at changing them. By addressing the trigger or experiencing a different reward for your behaviors you may find a way to change bad habits. Also be aware, you may have to change a habit because a change in your routine, and/or a change in your surroundings.

We are creatures of habit. But we should not be defined by our habits. Always be aware and always be safe.

Colonel Tom Peters, Safety Officer

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER - March is Women's History Month. While we celebrate women every day, during the month of March we can remember the sacrifices that women made (and continue to make) around the world and in the U.S. and in our military. One such woman was **Rosemary Bryant Mariner**. Who was Rosemary? Rosemary Mariner was a woman of firsts.

She shattered the barriers as the U.S. Navy's first female fighter pilot and also the first female commander of a naval aviation squadron. Rosemary was born on April 2, 1953, in Harlingen, Texas. She grew up in San Diego, California watching the planes at Miramar Naval Flight Station. This intrigued her to start taking flying lessons in her teens. She cleaned planes and worked odd jobs to help pay for her lessons and read as many aviation books as she could. By the age of 17 Rosemary received her pilot's license and then went on to earn a degree in aeronautics at the age of 19 from Purdue University and was coincidentally the first female to enroll in the newly created aeronautics program. During the 1960's, women faced many obstacles in the military world. Most that entered the Navy were commonly assigned as nurses or in administrative positions. During the late 60's and early 70's times were changing and women were about to have more opportunities open up to them. Rosemary graduated from officer candidate school in 1973 and was chosen for the Navy's first flight-training class for women and was among six of its graduates to earn wings in 1974. The following year saw her to become the first female aviator in the Navy to fly a jet attack craft, the single-seat A-4E/L Skyhawk. She was also the first woman to fly a A7-E Corsair II. 1982 saw Rosemary become one of the first women to serve aboard a U.S. Navy warship, the USS Lexington, as a Surface Warfare Officer. After various postings, she was named the commander of a Navy tactical electronic warfare squadron at Naval Air Station Point Mugu, located in southern California, in July of 1990. This was a 300-member unit, about 30% female, that flew aircraft that simulated Soviet and other foreign planes and missiles for the U.S. fleet ship and squadron training. At this point, women were still not allowed to fly combat missions. She was interviewed for the PBS program "The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour" where she stated that in her nearly 20 years in the Navy had taught her, "If you cannot share the equal risks and hazards in arduous duty, then you are not equal". In 1992, she worked with Congress and an advisory board with the Department of Defense to reverse laws and regulations that kept women from combat. April of 1993 saw Defense Secretary Les Aspin lift these restrictions for the Army, Navy, and Air Force. During her Naval career, Captain Mariner logged 17 landings on aircraft carriers and more than 3,500 flight hours in 15 different aircraft. She attended the National War College in Washington, earning a master's degree in national security strategy. Rosemary also served on the staff of the Joint Chiefs at the Pentagon. After she retired from the Navy in 1997 she taught military history at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. She never saw service members as men or women, she saw them as people. She believed gender should not dictate whether or not you should be in combat but be based on ability. Captain Mariner passed away at the age of 65 after a long battle with cancer. At her funeral in February 2019, the Navy conducted its first all-female flyover in honor of her legacy and service. Rosemary's spirit and mission lives on and continues to keep inspiration alive for women to keep breaking the barriers and push forward. "Life can deal you a lot of curveballs. You hang in there and you don't quit" Captain Rosemary B. Mariner.

Col Christine Hall, Public Information Officer

CAF WING CONFERENCE – We had a great turnout of Coyote members at the conference last month. Those Coyotes in attendance included Col's Mel Hall (Christine attended the Victory Ball), Gene Hathorn, April Robinson, Tom McDermott, Alan Pavik, Gary Otto, Dave Cantin, Troy Fitting, and Summerall. If I missed someone I apologize. The conference was held in the NAEC and HQ facilities. Lots of great breakout sessions. Everyone is invited to attend and you are highly recommended to do so next year. It's a great way to meet other Colonels and learn more about the CAF. Put it on your calendar for next year for sure!

FAREWELL TO COL JULE AND LUCY WATERMAN – Jay and Lucy were hosted at the First Baptist Church for a farewell celebration on February 27th. Lucy Waterman received a Coyote Squadron service award for her work in assisting in the Veterans tent for many years. Col Jay received a Coyote Squadron Letter of Commendation for his work as a main fundraiser for many years. Jay was responsible for assisting in raising more than one million dollars during the time that he assisted in helping us raise funds for our Airshos. Well done for both and we wish them well in their next chapter.



Rosemary Mariner in 1991 at Naval Air Station LeMoore in southern California



Conducting a pre-flight check of the main gear of an antisubmarine aircraft at naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia Beach, VA



1976 – training for an A7 aircraft



Captain Mariner in 1973, the year she graduated from officer candidate school



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1030 GENERAL MEETING

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A few of the Coyotes who attended the 2022 Wing Conference in Dallas.



The PT was the star attraction in the JAG Aviation hangar!