

## MEETING MINUTES FROM FRONTIER OF FLIGHT (FOF) MUSEUM January 30, 2019

Members of the DFW Tailhookers Board met with the Frontier of Flight Museum staff concerning opportunities where our organization could help support for the museum. Attending the meeting was Bob Champney, Mike Schuster, John Miller, Larry Walton. Representing the FOF museum was Dan Steelman, VP Collections & Exhibits and Bob Welch, Curator.

Bob Champney presented the potential opportunity for acquiring a Marine EA6B Prowler for display at the FOF. The EA6B would come from Marine Squadron VMAQ-2 at USMC Base Cherry Point North Carolina. Bob has made several contacts to identify the process to have the EA6B transferred to the FOF museum. The transfer process would probably require the Navy to transfer possession from the Marine Corps to Lenore Taylor and a loan agreement with the FOF museum. We believe that the aircraft is destined for the boneyard at Davis Monthan AFB. If the aircraft is air worthy, the possibility exists for the EA6B to be flown directly from Cherry Point to Love Field.

If the EA6B is transferred, there would be cost to demilitarize the aircraft (any weapons systems, deactivate the ejection seats and drain all fluids). Additional cost would be incurred for staging outside of the museum, and any other improvements for the viewing area.

The FOF is planning a Vietnam war exhibit for the August time frame. The team discussed with the curators options for Navy and Marine Corps aviation participation. The exhibit will be permanent but evolving. Suggestions were made for museum grade models of the A6A Intruder, hands on displays and an assortment of memorabilia.

The curators presented some of their ideas for the Vietnam display:

Segment 1 - Tactical Air Support, which would include close air support for tactical and observation aircraft. Also included would be Tactical Airlift - short field aircraft and airdrop aircraft.

Segment 2 - Strategic Bombing of North Vietnam and Ho Cho Min trail. This would include Naval and Air Force Operations and SAR.

Segment 3 - Helicopter War which would include air assault, medivac, and gunships.

At this point, the museum curators would support our efforts to bring the EA6B Prowler to FOF and openly accept our assistance in developing the Vietnam exhibit.

Larry Walton

Secretary - DFW TAILHOOKERS ASSOCIATION