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THE COYOTE'S HOWL

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UNIT LEADER - Howdy Coyotes! Now that 2023 is in full swing we have some things we need to be working on right away. 1st would be dues. If you have not paid your dues for National or the Coyote Squadron, please do so. If you are having problems paying your dues, please let me know.

Secondly is the Airsho it will be September 30th and fundraising efforts are fully underway. Please help by donating or raising funds so we can make sure this year is as successful as all the years past.

I want to again Congratulate our first two recipients of the Norman Clark Coyote of the Year Award, Dan Summerall and Tom Cozart. Anyone who knows them, knows they are both well deserving and humble hard workers keeping the unit and our aircraft running.

This year on February 19th, we will celebrate the 78th anniversary of the invasion of Iwo Jima and on the 23rd we will celebrate the flag raising on Mt. Suribachi. The iconic flag raising is immortalized at the Marine Corps Memorial outside of Arlington cemetery and also at Marine Recruit Depot Paris Island and outside the Marine Military Academy in Harlingen, TX. It has been said that the Japanese lost all but 200 of the 21,000 they had on the island and the Marines had lost 7,000. Winning this battle and taking the island made a significant difference in changing the tide of the war by giving the US a strategic flight line in the South Pacific. Admiral Nimitz the commander of the Naval Fleet in the South Pacific said this of the Marines on Iwo Jima. "Uncommon Valor was a common virtue".

As every year passes we lose more of the brave souls that survived World War II. Let's us always remember the sacrifices made at home and abroad by our greatest generation.

I look forward to seeing you all soon. Semper Fidelis. **Colonel Melvin L Hall III, Unit Leader**

FINANCE OFFICER - Last month I mentioned we have an increase in our fees to HQ this year. I've already made the first quarter payment. It's a substantial bill, and we need fresh ideas how to raise additional funds. If you have an idea please let me know. Best to email it to me at FrankAir1@gmail.com. We're wrapping up last year and have prepared reports that have to go to April Robinson of the HQ staff. One thing I have to submit is our fuel bills for official flights, like rides, airshow fuel, etc. One bit of interesting info is the fuel we purchased last year amounted to 1,898.69 gallons at a total cost of \$10,378.40. The Airsho© amounted to 78% of that total cost. So now you know...

Colonel Frank DeArmond, Finance Officer

ADJUTANT - Hi Everyone, It's February! And hopefully everyone has successfully survived the recent Texas Freeze! I don't have much this month, just the reminder that 2023 Coyote Member renewals are in progress. Last month's newsletter included the Coyote Membership and Hold Harmless forms. I ask that you fill out the forms, primarily to help update our database. It's the right time of the year for updating the Youth Protection and Hold Harmless status. The Youth Protection certification is valid for three years. CAF has made Youth Protection and Hold Harmless available online. (Just log into the CAF website

as a member, then follow the links.) If you update via the CAF website, please let us know; CAF does not automatically provide updates to the Squadrons. (Hopefully, there will be clarified CAF reporting process information at the Wing Staff meetings.) So, stay warm, dry and safe! We'll see you at the February meeting! **Colonel Alan Pavik, Adjutant**

OPERATIONS OFFICER -Thanks to Col's McDermott and Pavik for providing some new sound equipment. We have two new powered speakers with stands, a new mixer system and wired microphone. This will be a powerful addition to our setup and help to make our Airsho brief so that everyone can hear. Also, Col Meisetschleager was able to procure some excess speakers from his church that we will see if we can make good use of.

Congratulations to Col Brzostowski for getting checked out on our PT-19. He was previously checked out on the Rio Grande Valley PT-26 so this flight was merely a familiarization flight to get acquainted with our aircraft. Already a rides pilot, when he gets a few more hours he will be ready to conduct rides in the PT. (Update: Col Brzostowski braved low 30 degree temps this past Friday and completed his remaining hours.) He is already qualified in our T-34 and is a sponsor on both aircraft. An avid pilot, he is checked out on a total of seven (7) CAF aircraft in addition to several other non-CAF aircraft. He acts as a tow pilot for gliders each month as well.

Our first event of the year will be in Burnett on March 18th for the Bluebonnet Airsho hosted by the Highland Lakes Squadron.

Col Meisetschleager will conduct our PT-19 ground school after the meeting for those of us flying the PT.

Colonel Dan Summerall, Operations Officer

SAFETY OFFICER - Overmedicated Potential signs

- Taking too many medications can become a common issue as we get older.
- Taking many medication can be a problem if any of the medications are doing more harm than good. If you think you are taking too many medications, talk to your doctor or healthcare provider. They may decide to have you stop any unnecessary medications called (deprescribing).
- Recognize the Warning Signs: Knowing symptoms to watch for can help you determine if your loved one may be overmedicated. Potential signs include: drowsiness; physical complications, like dry mouth and ulcers; confusion; withdrawal from family or friends; hallucinations; dizziness or falls; fractures; and seizures.
- Overmedication is an overutilization of medication wherein a patient takes voluntarily, or is prescribed, unnecessary or excessive medications. While not strictly a medical condition, common symptoms may include: slurred speech, drowsiness, confusion, and poor motor skills.

Colonel Michale Porter, Safety Officer

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER - I'd like to encourage everyone to start making courtesy visits to the Sponsors that they have worked with. I'll be available to furnish an appreciation letter and accompany them if needed. I am available to help in any way needed and always have my cell nearby. **Colonel Haskell Dighton, Development Officer**

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER - The Coyote Squadron had a few Colonels that earned some National awards:

Colonel Jim Wells was awarded the Commemorative Air Force Unit Service Award. He served as the squadron's Fundraising or Development Officer for many years. Colonel Wells' personal business is located more than an hour away from Corsicana and his knowledge and working relations with the businesses in his local area was instrumental in bringing significant sponsors for our annual Airsho. Colonel Wells has seen more than one million sponsor dollars come in over the time that records have been available, personally responsible for over \$250,000 in the last decade, and he and his wife Candice Wells sponsored the Squadron's Friday evening welcome event for the pilots and aircrews of the Airsho.

Colonel Reva Horton was awarded the Commemorative Air Force Award of the Silver Magnolia Blossom and Colonel Charles Horton was awarded the Commemorative Air Force Unit Service Award. The Colonels Horton have served as the Coyote Squadron's "Chefs" for over a decade. Their contributions to the menu have greatly improved the enjoyment of the Squadron's monthly meetings. Additionally, they have had successful plannings, preparation of the meal, and management of the volunteer staff for our annual Airsho have been instrumental, in a hectic environment, to efficiently feeding large numbers in a relatively short period. They have received raving reviews and accolades from pilots and crews for their cooking and are most valuable assets and keys to the success of the annual Coyote Squadron Airsho.

This year a new tradition has started, the awarding of the Colonel Norman Clark Award. Colonel Norman Clark was an outstanding member of the Coyote Squadron, always giving of his time, support, expertise and knowledge at

the drop of the hat and was well on his way to becoming a staple in the unit. Colonel Clark unexpectedly passed away the Sunday after this past year's Airsho. This award will be given annually in his honor. This year's recipients are Operations Officer Dan Summerall and Maintenance Officer Thomas Cozart.

Our squadron is very honored to have these amazing people among us! Thank you Colonels for your dedication and hard work to the success of the Coyote Squadron!

Have you ever wondered what the thoughts were of the people the Coyote Squadron gives rides to? Well, we had one that was kind enough to send us his and it sure gives us inspiration to keep our beautiful birds in the air! Enjoy Dan Boone's thoughts....**Col Christine Hall, PIO**

"On Sunday, January 8, 2023, retired Marine Corps 1stSgt and 18 year Huey crew chief Dan Boone, after more than 3 decades of walking the earth with his eyes turned skyward, once more slipped the surly bonds and pointed his nose skyward to enjoy the wonders of flight. And what a great day it was! From the moment I walked into the hangar and smelled those familiar aircraft smells, I was transported to a different time and place. I think Warnie (who I have known for some time now) sensed my feelings since he just let me look and enjoy the atmosphere before our briefing. And that simple briefing of cockpit fam, emergency procedures, and aircraft egress was like air to a drowning man.

I know Warnie couldn't see it, but, from the time I sat my butt down in the seat of the T34 to the point where he shut down that Continental engine, there was a grin plastered to my face that went from ear to ear. Every squeak, every bump, every "g" were like things of beauty. Words fail me to adequately (or accurately) express my absolute joy at the experience. No disrespect to the other T34 pilots, but it was a high honor for me to have a man that I personally know and respect so much be the one who Reintroduced me to the unparalleled sensation of flight. That time in the hangar and in the air has rekindled my passion for flight. Sadly, I think it has also spawned that most intrusive and irritating of creatures from days gone by... a hangar rat. You might see me around."

SUPER CHEFS - We will be serving Sloppy Joes for this month's meal. **Colonels Charlie and Reva Horton**

AIRSHO – September 30th. We need suggestions for the poster photo. If you have something that you think would be a great poster, please let me know. We have gotten our first confirmations of performers for this year's show. It is still early so the list will continue to grow. I'd like to thank Col McLaughlin for volunteering to be the hotel room coordinator. That will be an immense help. Thanks Joe. **Colonel Dan Summerall, Airsho Coordinator**



Col Brzostowski warms up a very cold engine.



Colonel Jim Wells is Squadron Commander Mel Hall and Operations Officer Dan Summerall



Maintenance Officer Colonel Thomas Cozart, Unit Commander Mel Hall, Operations Officer Dan Summerall, Executive Officer Warnie Meitschschlegler



Colonels Reva and Charlie Horton with Squadron Commander Mel Hall and Operations Officer Dan Summerall

