

Our Mission: To interpret aviation, particularly that related to New York State, with exhibits and programs that educate, entertain and excite the public

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THE NEW YORK AIR NATIONAL GUARD IN VIETNAM

At ESAM's monthly breakfast on April 14th, **Patrick Chaisson** presented a most interesting and informative presentation about the New York State Air National Guard in the Vietnam War.

He introduced the presentation by noting that in the 1960s, two missions were assigned to the New York State Air National Guard: Close Air Support and Strategic Airlift. The Close Air Support mission was assigned to F-100s in Niagara Falls and F-86s in Syracuse. The Strategic Airlift mission was assigned to C-97As at Floyd Bennett Field, and to C-97Gs in Westchester and Schenectady Counties. The Air Guard eventually performed both of these missions in Vietnam.

In the early stages of the Vietnam War, the US government decided not to activate the Guard and Reserves because activation was considered not politically feasible and a sign of weakness. However, in 1965, Operation Christmas Star used NYANG C-97s to bring Christmas gifts to servicemen in Vietnam, and in 1966, Operation Combat Leave used NYANG C-97s to replace striking civilian airlines in moving servicemen in and out of Vietnam.

The success of the Air National Guard from New York and other states in performing these airlift missions, led to an expansion of the Guard mission in Vietnam, with Guard airlift units completing approximately 75 missions per month hauling items that were lower priority for the US Air Force.

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TSgt Michael A. Messineo, loadmaster of a New York Air National Guard C-97, helps unload the aircraft at Tan Son Nhut Air Base in the Republic of Vietnam. March, 1966. U.S. Air Force Photo.

Dear friends and supporters of Empire State Aerosciences Museum (ESAM)

Greetings to all.

ESAM is in its 38th year. I am pleased to inform you we are growing in membership and visitors. The Education Department attendance is also growing. Special thanks to all our volunteers who are making this happen. We have many new volunteers who bring a lot to the table. The 109th Air National Guard has honored us with many retirees who are very dedicated to preserving the Hercules aircraft.

I am excited about the progress so far this year as many new projects are presently in motion. The Building 1 window replacement, has started and we will be using the Main Hanger in Building 1 this year to display some of our aircraft currently located in the Airpark.

Gallery One has had more changes recently and is a must see for all. We are repainting the F14 Tomcat soon and hopefully it will be displayed in the Main Hanger before the fall. The C130s continue to be a big hit with all age groups.

We are still planning another bus trip this fall for members to consider participating, to the New England Air Museum. Aiming for November with the exact date unknown at this point but will be announced on Facebook and our web site.

Please help share ESAM events on social media.

Thank you, for being a member and would love input from the membership and new ideas on how to improve this Museum.

Daniel P Wilson, President



Dan Wilson



Early morning at ESAM

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BECOMING A YOUNG AVIATOR PROGRAM TO RUN IN THE SUMMER

In conjunction with **SUNY Schenectady County Community College**, ESAM will again be running its **Becoming A Young Aviator Program** in August 2023. Here are the specifics:

Course Number: CRN# 60340 **August 8-11** **8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.**
CFP 337-01 **Tuesday-Friday** **Fee: \$200**
Instructor: Empire State Aerosciences Museum
This course will be taught at the Empire State Aerosciences Museum,
located at 250 Rudy Chase Dr., Glenville, NY 12302.

Students, **ages 10-17**, will spend four days at the Empire State Aerosciences Museum, located at the Schenectady County Airport in Glenville, learning about aviation and what real pilots do on the ground and in the air. In this hands-on class, students will learn about the history of aviation and aircraft design, the forces of flight – how airplanes fly (thrust, lift, drag and flight control), learn about the different parts of a plane, learn about specific aircraft in the museum collection, and a variety of other aviation topics. Students will also have an opportunity to interact with guest speakers and have a guided tour of the museum's incredible exhibits and airpark, which feature more than 20 historic military aircraft. Students will be able to get into the cockpits of some of these legendary fighter and attack aircraft. **Students will also have the opportunity to work with the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 602 to become Junior EAA members, which includes a half-hour flight.** Registration will be handled by SUNY Schenectady County Community College at <https://sunysccc.edu/About-Us/Workforce-Development-and-Community-Education/WFD-CE-Course-Registration/WFD-CE-Course-Registration-Form.html>.

ESAM'S F-106 IS A STEP CLOSER TO HAVING WHEELS

Thanks to a donation from the **Heritage of Flight Museum** in Burlington, Vermont, ESAM now has wheels for its F-106.



ESAM President Dan Wilson poses with F-106 wheels

FUEL TANKS PLACED ON DISPLAY IN GALLERY I

A set of beautifully painted Seeger fuel tanks honoring the US Air Force and US Navy have been placed on display in Gallery I, along with a model of a North American F-84 Sabre jet. This type of external fuel tank was used on the F-86.

Thanks to the following members of the Restoration Crew for preparing this eye-catching exhibit: **Fonz Diblasio** did the painting; **Gary Davis** did the sanding; **Peter Bergendahl, Charlie Wiessend, John Kolwaite** and **Rich Bievenue** helped out with the mounting.



Newly Painted Wing Tanks Now On Display in Gallery I

WINGS OVER THE WILDERNESS EXHIBIT COMING SOON

Teaser! ESAM will soon have a new exhibit on display. **John Kolwaite** of the Exhibits Committee is in the final stages of developing a Wings Over the Wilderness exhibit about flying in the Adirondack Mountains. The exhibit will include the propeller from the crash of a well known Adirondack pilot. A Grand Opening will be announced soon.

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The rules for these missions were that the crews had to be volunteers, that they remain on the ground in Vietnam for less than 4 hours, and the mission durations would be 11 days in length including 2 days of crew rest. The missions did not carry palletized supplies. Among the supplies they did carry in were telephone poles, helicopter rotor blades, and some signature cargo such as vaccinations, eggs and haz-mat material. We are given to understand that other less official items were carried to entice workers to help unload the aircraft. Among the items they carried out were tires and caskets. All told, the New York Air National Guard flew 219 supply missions, delivered 16,000 tons of supplies and accrued five million accident-free flight hours.

The Close Air Support mission was handled by North American F-100Cs from Niagara Falls. President Johnson activated the National Guard after the Pueblo Incident in January 1968. One of the four Air National Guard tactical fighter units called up was the 107th Tactical Fighter Group including the 136th Tactical Fighter Squadron from Niagara Falls. About 350 members of the 136th were called up and many deployed to Tuy Hoa Air Base, 150 miles northeast of Saigon between May 1968 and May 1969. Their missions included pre-planned strikes, combat emergency missions and downed aircraft recovery. The unit suffered one KIA and two ejections from which the pilots were recovered. During its tour in Vietnam, the unit received numerous unit and individual awards.

ESAM thanks Patrick for his presentation and recollections of the New York Air National Guard's participation in the Vietnam War.



More than 40 New York Air National Guardsmen who fought in the Vietnam War as members of the 107th Tactical Fighter Group held their first reunion Sept. 14-15, 2019.

SUMMER HOURS HAVE BEGUN AT ESAM

ESAM is now open 10 am-4 pm Tuesday through Sunday for the summer.

The Simulated Reality Vehicle is back in operation.

LOCKHEED MARTIN F-35 LIGHTNING II THE JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER

by Kevin Millington

In this article, I'd like to profile the newest, most capable, expensive, and controversial fighter currently in service, the Lockheed Martin F-35 *Lightning*. The F-35 evolved from the Joint Strike Fighter initiative of the 1990's – development of a multi-role fighter intended to replace several existing 4th generation fighters, primarily the F-16 *Viper* and the AV-8B *Harrier*.

The F-35 is a single seat, single engine fighter optimized for a variety of missions - ground attack, air supremacy, suppression of enemy defenses, electronic attack, and reconnaissance. First flown in 2006, and operational from 2015, the F-35 crystallizes the revolutionary advances made in previous years, primarily stealth performance and sensor fusion. The plane's stealth performance is achieved by a combination of aerodynamic design and the incorporation of graphite epoxy composites, which comprise 30% of its weight. The plane also incorporates revolutionary avionics and communications electronics, including a vast array of on-board sensors which collect, synthesize, and distribute battlefield information to the pilot, other planes, and ground forces. As a result, this sensor fusion provides the pilot with unprecedented situational awareness. Included is a unique helmet mounted display, replacing the traditional Head Up Display, which combined with a system of cameras, provides the pilot with a 3D, 360 degree field of vision allowing the pilot to look through the plane!



F-35, Courtesy of Wikipedia

The F-35 is operated jointly by the US Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps, and three separate versions are in production and in service – the F-35A for the Air Force for conventional runways; the F-35B for the Marine Corps, with vertical take-off and landing capability; and the F-35C, a carrier-capable version for the Navy. Like the F-16, the program is predicated on foreign sales and is being manufactured for a large number of allied air forces. By 2035, it is anticipated that over 3,000 F-35's will be in US and foreign service.

The F-35 is also perhaps the most controversial plane ever. High costs, overruns and technical problems have plagued the program, like other cutting-edge technologies. With a \$100 million per plane price tag and a projected program cost of over \$400 billion, it has proven to be the most expensive weapon system in history. Another criticism has been that it has become too heavy and complicated, intended for so many different missions. Aside from that, the F-35 is set to be the most dominant fighter for the next 40 years. Nearby, the Vermont Air National Guard's 158th Fighter Wing at Burlington Airport recently re-equipped with a complement of 20 Lightnings.

The F-35 is powered by a Pratt and Whitney F135 turbofan engine providing up to 43,000 lbs. of thrust, a maximum speed of Mach 1.6, and a range of 1,500 miles. With respect to armament, ordinance is carried internally to maintain the plane's stealth capability and is limited to 2,500 lbs. of precision-guided air-to-ground ordinance and four air-to-air missiles. When stealth performance is not needed, the plane can be fitted with six under wing pylons and up to 18,000 lbs. of ordinance. Despite having a limited ordinance capacity in its normal stealth configuration, I would think that the F-35 would operate in a team with 4th generation fighters to defeat enemy defenses and clear the way for other strike aircraft.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

ESAM PRESIDENT PRESENTS AT MONTHLY KAPL RETIREES MEETING

ESAM President **Dan Wilson** was the guest speaker at the April 25th meeting of Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory (KAPL) retirees. His presentation about ESAM was well received.



Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory retirees gather on April 25th

NEW VOLUNTEERS UNDERTAKE SCANNING PROJECT IN THE RESEARCH CENTER

One of the more extensive and valuable items in the museum's Research Center is the **Attil Pasquini Collection**. This collection consists of thousands of airplane-related photographs collected by Mr. Pasquini and donated to ESAM. We are pleased to report that three new volunteers have undertaken a project to digitize the Pasquini Collection. Students **Connor O'Rourke** and **Michael Lape** are digitizing the photos using the museum's equipment, while Connor's father **Denis O'Rourke** is entering the digitized records into the museum's Past Perfect collections database. It is great to have this project underway.

SAVE THE DATES

WEEKEND CELEBRATION OF AVIATION DAY

Mark your calendar for the "Weekend Celebration of Aviation Day" Friday 8/18 – Sunday 8/20. The weekend will feature many aviation activities at ESAM, including tours of the museum's extensive and unique collection of exhibits and historic aircraft, as well as special presentations and displays.

ANNUAL MEETING

Also mark your calendar for ESAM's Annual Meeting on Wednesday, October 18th. The meeting will be held at the museum and will include heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. The museum will be open for visitation during the event.

ESAM AND RPI PRESENT SECOND ANNUAL
SUMMER 2023 AEROSPACE DISCOVERY PROGRAM

Summer 2023 Aerospace Discovery Program

Saturdays: July 22, July 29 & August 5 from 10am - 12pm



ESAM Presents RPI Engineering Ambassadors

Program: *For Students entering 7, 8 or 9th Grade*

Each week the participants will learn different engineering aspects of aerospace technology beginning with general aircraft design and flight, application of composites and smart materials, and the assessment of the structural integrity of vehicles using sensors. The class will be followed by a short tour of ESAM, focusing on the material presented.



Location: Empire State
Aerosciences Museum
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COST: \$85.00

for all 3 days

*Scholarships available
upon request*

Registration:

(518) 377-2191

ask for Pat or go to
esam.office@gmail.com

Deadline is July 12
or until classes fill up

www.esam.org

RENOVATIONS CONTINUE AT ESAM

Renovations continue at ESAM. Pictured below are new windows going in at the Gift Shop. Also recently completed are replacement of the drop ceiling and repainting of the walls in the stairwell to the administrative offices.



ALEX AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE BY SEPTEMBER 12TH

Each year, one or more ESAM volunteers are presented with the Alex Award for their sustained and outstanding volunteerism. Named in memory of a truly great ESAM volunteer, **Roland "Alex" Alexander**, the award recognizes the volunteer's service, cooperation, teamwork and a dedicated pursuit of excellence.

The ESAM Board of Trustees is actively seeking applications for this year's nominees for the Alex Award. The Board of Trustees welcomes applications, which may be sent to the ESAM office. Applications must be received no later than September 12, 2023.

The application should clearly describe why the individual deserves the award, and must be from ESAM members who have worked with the individual. Therefore, the application is based on personal experience, rather than second-hand information. The application can be hand-written, typed or submitted through email, and must provide the following information:

- The name of the nominee and a statement that he or she is an ESAM member in good standing
- The dates of the volunteer's service (must have been an active volunteer for a minimum of five years)
- A description of the personal qualities of the individual that demonstrate the characteristics of his or her pursuit of excellence
- A list of the activities in which the individual has been a participant
- A list of the individual's accomplishments supporting the development, operation and enhancement of ESAM and its mission
- The names of at least two ESAM members in good standing who have worked with the individual in an ESAM volunteer setting and who are making the nomination. The application must be signed and dated by the two members making the nomination.

The final choice of the recipient is a difficult one as there always are a number of outstanding representatives of Alex's qualities. We look forward to the challenge and the reward of recognizing another outstanding volunteer at the annual meeting in October.

ESAM PARTICIPATES IN SHENEDEHOWA SCIENCE FAIR

ESAM participated in the April 21st Shenendehowa School District Science Fair. ESAM's flight simulators were extremely popular and the overall fair was a resounding success with more than 100 students coming through. Thanks to ESAM Trustee and Shenendehowa teacher **Dave Roe** for facilitating ESAM's participation.



Avid Aviators at the Shenendehowa Science Fair

ESAM HOSTS FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING

On June 4th the Stratton Air National Guard Base Fire Department conducted a fire drill at ESAM. ESAM is pleased to be able to again help provide this valuable training opportunity.



Stratton Air National Guard Base fire equipment during training at ESAM

OUR VOLUNTEERS

OPEN HOUSE AND VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT DAY

ESAM held a successful Open House and Volunteer Recruitment Day on May 6th. Volunteers from various parts of the museum were available to describe their activities and answer questions. Other volunteers, mostly from the Restoration Crew, spent time on April 29th cleaning up around the museum in preparation for the Open House. One of the places that benefited from this effort was the extension to Gallery I. Both the airplanes and the floor in the extension were in excellent condition after this effort. **Rich Bievenue** coordinated the Open House and cleanup for it.

ESAM PARTICIPATES IN THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY HISTORY FAIRE

On April 22nd, ESAM participated in the Schenectady County History Faire. ESAM was well represented by **Rich Bievenue**, **Tim Burke**, **Fonz Diblasio** and **Peter Russo**, and by artifacts, displays and promotional materials.



Rich Bievenue hosts the ESAM display at the Schenectady County History Faire

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

- Volunteer **Robert Vore** donated 30 unbuilt plastic model airplanes for sale in the Gift Shop.
- **Mr. Paul Jendzeizyk** donated, in memory of his father **Edwin V. Jendzeizyk**, two copies of "The 22nd Bombardment Group during World War II an Aircraft Crew Chief's Photographic Collection", authored and signed by the donor, and six Mohawk Airlines, Inc. First Day of Issue air mail stamp covers.

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**STATUS REPORT
MUSEUM ASSESSMENT PROGRAM AT ESAM**

As reported in the Spring 2023 issue of Aeronotes, ESAM has been selected to participate in the Museum Assessment Program (MAP), offered through the **American Alliance of Museums**. We are very pleased to report that our MAP Peer Reviewer has been selected. **Ms. Julie Johnson**, executive director of the **Ella Sharp Museum** in Jackson, Mississippi will review ESAM's organization.

She will start by studying the extensive workbook that ESAM has completed for the assessment, followed by an on-site visit to see the facility and speak with key members of our organization. Based on the information gathered, Ms. Johnson will generate a written report, charting a course for ESAM to achieve the goals outlined in the MAP application.

The following is an excerpt from the Ella Sharp Museum website: el-lasharpmuseum.org

The Ella Sharp Museum Board of Trustees is pleased to name Julie Johnson as the new Executive Director of Ella Sharp Museum. Julie will oversee the non-profit organization which includes the Merriman-Sharp Hillside Farm, Mildred I. Hadwin Center for Art and History, and the Peter F. Hurst Planetarium. Julie comes to the Ella with extensive museum and non-profit experience. Most recently she was the Director of Museums at the Midland Center for the Arts. She has also been the President of the International Museum of Art & Sciences in McAllen, Texas, Vice President of Education & Engagement at the Michigan Science Center, Executive Director of the Detroit Children's Museum, Associate Director of the Detroit Science Center, Associate Director of Informal Education at the Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum in Chicago, and Education Project Specialist at the Grand Rapids Public Museum. While her focus is always on curating outstanding customer experiences, Julie joins the museum with a wealth of knowledge in organizational effectiveness, public relations, educational programming, grant writing, exhibition design, and nonprofit management.

I am extremely grateful and excited for the opportunity to join a dedicated board and lead the amazing staff at Ella Sharp Museum. I'm looking forward to meeting community leaders, educators, and the families of Jackson and surrounding communities as we envision a museum that tells the stories of the people of Jackson County, said Johnson.

The Board of the Ella is excited for this new chapter in the Museum's life, and confident that Julie has the experience and vision to carry out our mission of providing opportunities for everyone to explore, engage in, and enjoy history and the arts. Julie will join Ella Sharp Museum in October of 2021.

The on-site visit is being scheduled for early August.

First Vice President Rich Bievenue is coordinating this program for ESAM.

LETTERS, POSTS AND EMAILS LIKE THESE WE LIKE TO RECEIVE

Empire State Aerosciences Museum

Thank you for your generous donation to support our class trip to NYC! We are so excited to be able to provide this opportunity to students within our community and appreciate your support.

Sincerely,
Northville Central School District

Dear Kevin and Bill,

Thank you for the informative tour you provided us. We appreciated learning from you and hearing your experiences.

Best regards,
Becky,
Union College Fall 2022

Five Star Review

For a very reasonable price (\$6 senior, \$8 adult), this is an excellent walk through air power history with historical displays of civil and military aspects, space program, Pearl Harbor attack with 30 ft. scale model of Japanese aircraft carrier and about 20 retired Navy and Air Force aircraft. Could spend an entire afternoon with this.

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Summer Hours: Tuesday through Sunday 10 AM to 4 PM

General Museum Admission – \$8 per adult; \$6 per senior and military; \$5 age 6-16;
under 6 free when accompanied by an adult

Simulated Reality Vehicle (SRV) – Ride: \$5

Jansz Vander Veer Research Center/Library Hours – Friday 9 AM to 12 noon & Saturday 10 AM to 12 noon

July 17, Monday - Board of Trustees Meeting: 7 PM. ESAM Community Room

July 22, Saturday - RPI Engineering Ambassadors Summer Aerospace Discovery Program: 10 AM-noon. \$85 for three sessions. Preregistration required.

July 29, Saturday - RPI Engineering Ambassadors Summer Aerospace Discovery Program: 10 AM-noon. \$85 for three sessions. Preregistration required.

August 5, Saturday - RPI Engineering Ambassadors Summer Aerospace Discovery Program: 10 AM-noon. \$85 for three sessions. Preregistration required.

August 8-11, Tuesday-Friday: 8:30 AM-12:00 noon. **Becoming A Young Aviator Program** in conjunction with SUNY Schenectady County Community College. 8:30 AM—noon. \$200. Preregistration required.

August 18-20, Friday-Sunday - National Aviation Day Weekend Celebration

August 19, Saturday - Pancake Breakfast: 8:30-10:30 AM. All you can eat: \$10 for ages 15 and older, \$8 for children

August 19, Saturday - Speaker: 10 AM. **Beverly Weintraub** speaking about her book “Wings of Gold”, the story of six remarkable women who made history as the first female naval aviators in an experiment by the Navy in 1973. 6-14, free for children under 6. Menu varies with pancakes or French toast, sausage, eggs, applesauce, juice and coffee/tea. The public is invited to attend.

Pilots: Tower Frequency 121.30; Ground 121.90. Land at Schenectady County Airport and taxi to Richmor Aviation North.

Browse the Museum beginning at 10 AM. Museum Admission: \$8 per adult; \$6 per senior and military; \$5 age 6-16; under 6 free when accompanied by an adult.

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