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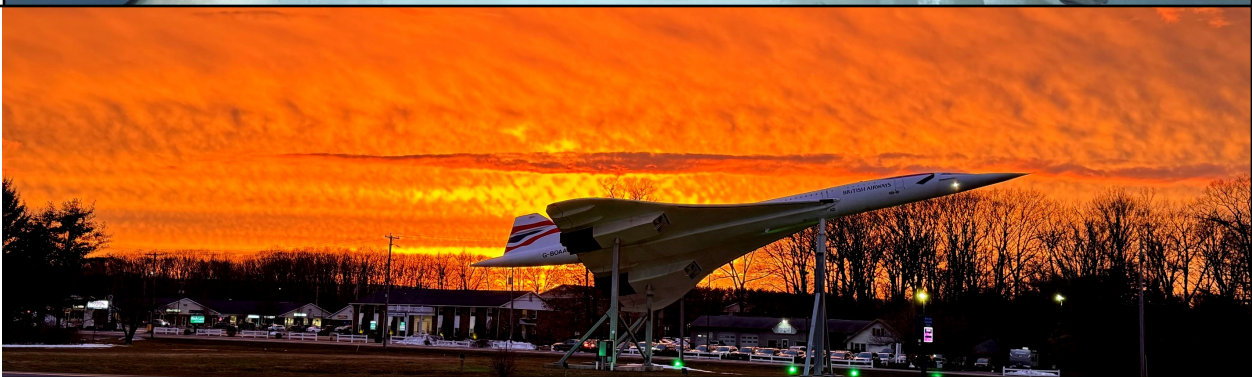
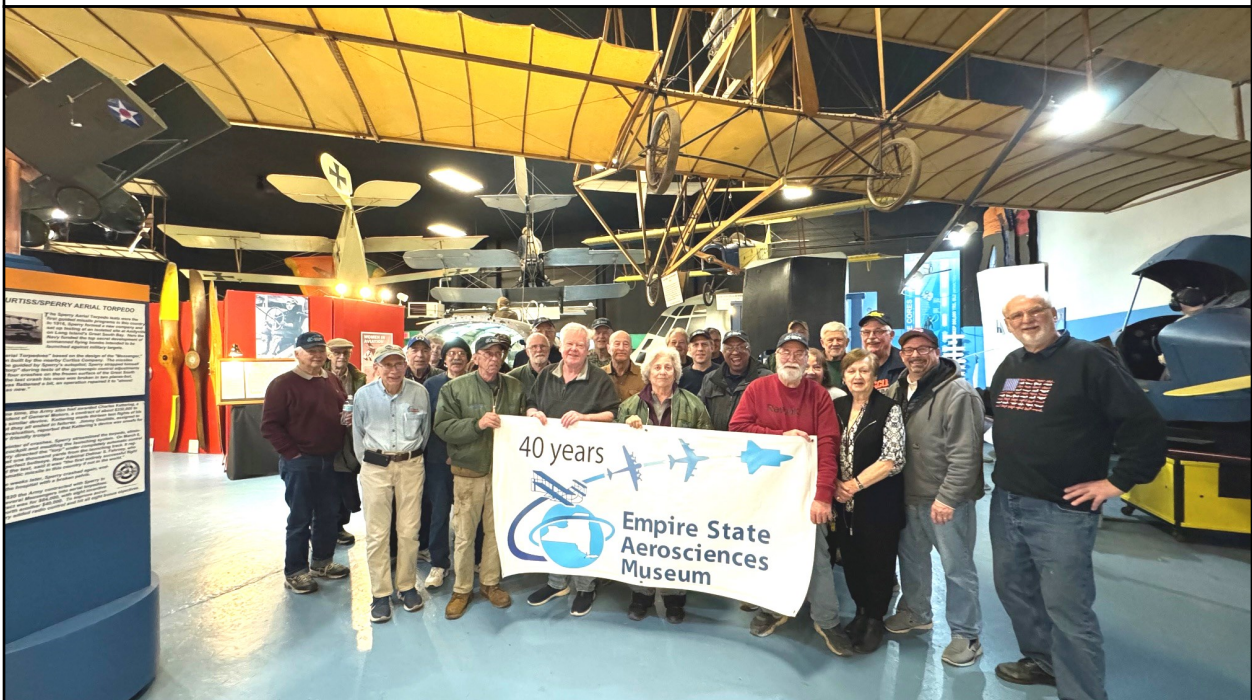
Spring 2024

ESAM TO CELEBRATE ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

The Empire State Aerosciences Museum will celebrate its 40th anniversary from July 24th through July 28th. Activities and events will be available for all age ranges.

Planning is well underway. We are pleased to have **Carol Stenberg** and **Eloisa Tejero** from **Further Your Impact** helping to guide us through our planning.

Stay tuned for more details.



A Glorious Sunset at ESAM, by ESAM President Dan Wilson

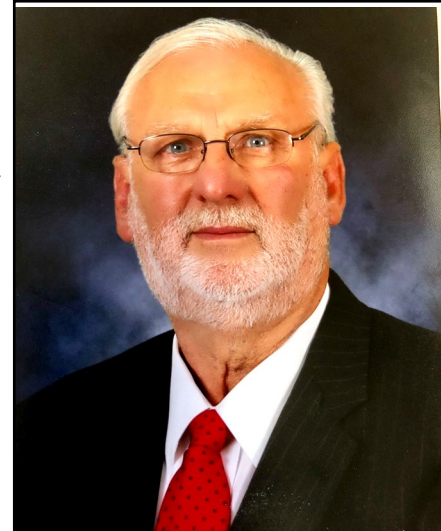
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to share good news again as our membership is still growing with numbers approaching our high water mark in membership. This brings new ideas on the horizon. This year you will see many changes in the museum with more aircraft hanging from the ceiling structure and better signage. We have the "Hi Bay" hanger in renovation stages and are actively looking for funding for a new roof, epoxy floor system and heating design to use the hangar for many purposes and future events.

We have hired a consultant to assist the Board of Trustees with grant writing and to help schedule upcoming events. We are looking forward to enhancing our social media including Facebook. I hope to see some additional aircraft repainted and continued improvements on our existing aircraft inventory. If you have ideas for improvements, I encourage you to contact any of our volunteers. Thank you for all your support on our 40th year.

Recent improvements include a new audio system in the community room as well as Phase 1, surveillance camera installation. Please help us share updates on social media. The web page will soon be more mobile phone friendly.

Dan Wilson
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Dan Wilson

LEGENDS OF THE SKIES CLASSES COMING

On April 20th, May 25th and June 29th, ESAM will be holding "Legends of the Skies Adventure Classes". Each class will cover a separate aircraft in ESAM's Air Park: the Grumman A-6 Intruder on April 20th, the Lockheed C-130 Hercules on May 25th and the A-7 Corsair on June 29th.

Classes will run from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the museum. Cost is \$20 per class. Classes will be tailored to children 12 and older and to adults. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 518-377-2191.

LEGENDS OF THE SKIES MONTHLY AVIATION ADVENTURE CLASSES



- 4/20 - Grumman A-6 Intruder All-weather US Navy attack bomber – the "Iron Tadpole"
- 5/25 - Lockheed C-130 Hercules Airlift workhorse; Continuous production since 1957
- 6/29 - A-7 Corsair Light attack bomber; Excellent service record during Vietnam & Gulf wars

Time: 1:00-3:00PM | Cost: \$20 per class | Ages: Children 12+ and Adults

Class includes: Overview of the aircraft, operational history, and a tour of the plane.
 Former aviators with experience on each aircraft will join us when available.

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BECOMING A YOUNG AVIATOR PROGRAM TO RUN IN AUGUST

ESAM's summer aviation STEM program will run from Tuesday August 27th through Friday August 30th from 8:30 AM to 12 noon. Students ages 10-17, will spend the week 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 features 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 enjoy a half-hour flight in an airplane. Cost is \$250.

Signup will be through SUNY Schenectady County Community College. Students will register on this page: <https://www.sunysccc.edu/About-Us/Workforce-Development-and-Community-Education/WFD-CE-Course-Registration/WFD-CE-Course-Registration-Form.html>.

TEMPORARY GI JOE EXHIBIT ON DISPLAY IN GALLERY I

More than 60 aviation- and space-related GI Joe figures are on display in Gallery I. This temporary exhibit celebrates the 60th Anniversary of G.I. Joe action figures. Thanks to **Tearle Ashby** for sharing his collection. A great collection to see! Shown below is one of five display cases.



ESAM TO HOUSE AND DISPLAY WORLD WAR II AIRCRAFT

Even though ESAM was founded by World War II veterans, the museum has lacked World War II aircraft for display. That situation is in the process of being rectified.

In agreement with a privately-funded effort to restore a Curtiss Hawk and a P-40 Warhawk, ESAM has agreed to house and display these two aircraft once they are moved from Griffin, Georgia to the Schenectady County Airport. ESAM has agreed to help raise funds to continue the restorations.

This will mark a return of the Buffalo, NY produced Curtiss aircraft which became part of the historical Lend Lease program to Russia during World War II, and will enhance the museum's focus on New York State aviation.

As part of this agreement, an Allison V1710-135 engine has been delivered to ESAM. The Allison V-1710-135 was the engine for the P-39 Aircobra, The P-38 Lightning, the P-40 Warhawk and the P-63 King Cobra. The V1710 engine was factory rated at 1425 horsepower and was extremely reliable during the war. This particular engine was discovered on the showroom floor of the Hackercraft Boat Company and has approximately 20 hours on it while in a wooden boat after World War II. Detailed information on the V1710 engine can be found in Dan Whitney's book titled "V is for Victory".



Allison V1710-135 Engine

RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY

ESAM members who have provided ESAM a current email address receive their newsletter electronically. In so doing, they are able to enjoy photos and graphics in color (such as the sunset on Page 1), and have access to the newsletter earlier than those who receive it in hard copy.

If you are receiving the newsletter in black and white hard copy and would like to receive it in color electronically through email, please call the ESAM office at 518-377-2191 and provide your email address. Also, if you've moved please contact us with your new address.

ESAM'S FLY IN/DRIVE IN BREAKFAST PRESENTATIONS CONTINUE

ESAM has hosted a series of very interesting presenters at its monthly breakfast. The lineup of speakers continues with **Amanda Stahl, MD.** speaking about **From Physician to Commercial Pilot, and Everything In-between** on April 20th, and **Major General Denise Donnell, Commander, New York Air National Guard** speaking on May 18th.

Recent speakers include:

On January 20th, **Larry Zeglen** and **Mary Brandt** spoke about the **Veterans Legacy Project**. The goal of the Legacy Project is to create an environment where Veterans can share ideas, share their pain and joy and see that they are not alone. The project will be a landmark destination for our region. It will be located on a six-acre plot of land at the intersection of Dutch Meadows Lane and Rt 50 in Glenville, NY. The future Legacy Park will include a Welcome Center, a Veterans Resource Center with computer and internet access, a Veterans Cafe, memorials with historical elements and battlefield crosses for each campaign, a pond, and an amphitheater.

On February 17th, **Colonel Daniel Swift** spoke about **Flying the A-10 Warthog in NATO Air Operations in the 1990's**. Colonel Swift flew 40 combat sorties in the first Gulf War 1991, Deliberate Force in the skies over Bosnia Herzegovina 1995 and the Air War over Serbia and Kosovo 1999. He flew the A-10 for 20 years, accumulating over 3500 hours flying time. Military decorations include the Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star and the Legion of Merit.

On March 16th, **Jim Levy** spoke about the **Angel Flight North East Mission**. Angel Flight Northeast is an organization created to help patients access lifesaving medical care through the gift of free medical flights. Flights are for patients of all ages and can include a family member or companion. Jim has been a pilot since 1968 and a volunteer pilot for Angel Flights Northeast since 2012, with over 170 missions. Jim also flies for Angel Flight East, Paws N Pilots and Light Hawk.

Hope to see you there for the upcoming presentations.



Enjoying Food for the Body and the Mind at an ESAM Breakfast

NED SPAIN: PILOT, MUSICIAN, BUSINESSMAN

Nonagenarian **Ned Spain** is a regular guest at ESAM's monthly breakfasts. Your editor sat with him at a recent breakfast and later spent some time finding out about his three careers as a pilot, musician and businessman.

As a youth Ned lived near the Troy Airport and developed a love for flying. He soloed at Schenectady County Airport while being instructed by **Walt Glass**. After a stint in the Marine Corps, he used the GI Bill to achieve a Commercial Rating at the Hudson Airport. He became qualified in both fixed wing aircraft and helicopters. He performed in helicopter air shows, was a member of the Quiet Birdmen, wrote articles for the New England Flyer newspaper, once had to land on the Northway (Interstate 87) due to an engine failure, and delivered Santa to a Christmas event in downtown Troy (see photo at right).



As a self-taught musician, Ned was a professional organist. He had a 20-year career on television, where he played for such well-known personalities as Jerry Vale, Milton Berle, Dr. Joyce Brothers, Theodore Bikel, Jimmy Dean, Ruby Keeler, Skitch Henderson, Sandler and Young, Howard Keel, Paul Williams, Mandy Patinkin and Joan Rivers. He opened for Pat Boone at Proctor's Theater, accompanied Gordon McRae at the Saratoga Raceway, delivered a concert at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall and played mood music for the program "FBI in Action" on radio station WGY.

Ned turned his musical and flying expertise into success as a businessman. He ran a flight school at Rensselaer County Airport and provided charter flights. At various times he worked for or owned various music enterprises including the Braydon & Chapman Music Store, was a piano sales contractor with the New York State government and a Steinway dealership.

It was a pleasure to get to know this interesting and accomplished man.

RECOGNITION OF SCHENECTADY STEEL

ESAM is grateful to **Schenectady Steel** for its support. Schenectady Steel stepped up to the plate in a big way when ESAM was placing its iconic Concorde in place in front of the museum. Not only did they provide the steel for the Concorde's base, they were instrumental in raising the Concorde into place. Thank you Schenectady Steel!



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AKAGI SIGN PUT IN PLACE ON THE OUTSIDE WALL OF GALLERY II: HUGE

A huge thank you to **John Kolwaite** for his many hours of work to design, produce and hang the huge World War II Japanese Aircraft Carrier Akagi sign advertising ESAM's Akagi model that was used in the movie "Tora! Tora! Tora!".



ESAM OBTAINS F-14 FUSELAGE AND CANOPY

Thanks to the effort of **Glen Preece** and ESAM President **Dan Wilson**, ESAM has obtained an F-14 fuselage and canopy.

Glen found the fuselage in Syracuse and picked it up with his own vehicle.

The fuselage and canopy are pictured to the right in ESAM's Restoration Hangar.



JOSEPH NICOLELLA, IN MEMORIAM

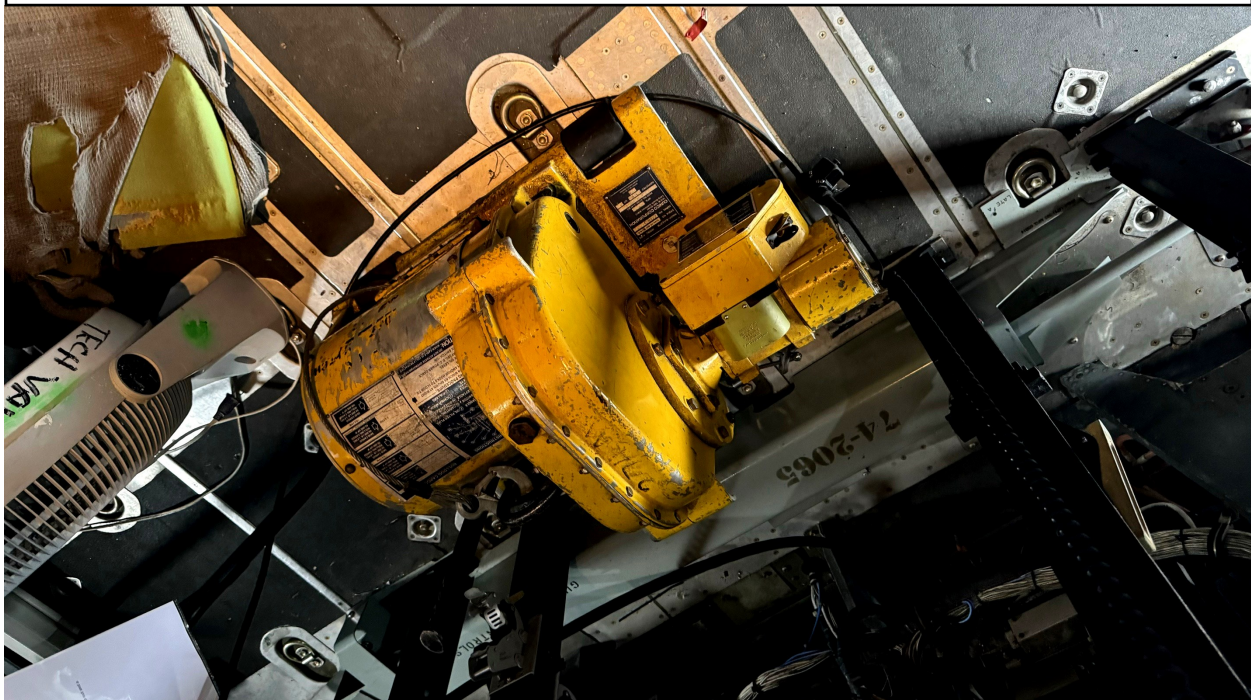
Long time ESAM member **Joe Nicolella** passed away on January 24, 2024. Joe was a lifelong Schenectady resident. He worked for the General Electric Company, and enjoyed traveling, the outdoors and learning new things. He volunteered at ESAM for 30 years where he was a valued member of the ESAM team. He traveled to many places to help disassemble planes for shipment to ESAM, and on one of these trips even got to go to sea with the US Navy. During these trips he helped acquire the F-102A Delta Dagger, A-7E Corsair, F-84F Thunderstreak, and F-14A Tomcat (Joe assisted guiding the plane when it landed at ESAM). Joe also was involved with the reassembly of these aircraft and restoration of many others in the Airpark. He generously volunteered many hours at ESAM air shows, including manning the Open Cockpit opportunities. He and volunteer Dennis Cusano worked together for two years restoring the Akagi aircraft carrier model. He also helped in the reconstruction of the building which is now Gallery 2, and was an original member of the “elves” who every year decorate an ESAM Christmas tree for the Schenectady Festival of Trees. The museum is pleased that Joe asked that donations be made to ESAM in his memory. The museum has set up a memorial fund to accept these donations and to date has received donations from the following people:

Joe & Tury Brandow
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Suzanne & John Ellis
Ms. Jean Loar
Gabe Nicolella
John & Karen Rack
Mr. Conrad Sidway
Suzanne & Walt Steiner

ESAM OBTAINS WINCH FOR C-130 74-2065

Restoration of ESAM's C-130 75-2065 continues with the acquisition of a winch (see photo below) for the aircraft. Thanks to **Whites Aircraft** for this donation.



EIGHT AND FIFTH ARMY AIR FORCES IN WORLD WAR II

by Larry Lewis and Charles Lewis

“Masters of the Air,” showing now on Apple TV and based on the book by Donald Miller, is a fantastic addition to “Band of Brothers” and “The Pacific”, making it the third entry of a World War Two trilogy. All were produced by **Tom Hanks** and **Steven Spielberg**. All the shows taken together, are a great tribute to the young men who fought for freedom against tyranny in the Second World War.

“Masters of the Air” follows the 100th Bomb Group, based in England, that was part of the 8th U.S. Army Air Corp. It shows vividly the danger they faced and the horror they encountered.

Our uncle, **Lt. Charles H. Lewis**, was a navigator on a B-17 with the 5th U.S. Army Air Corp (or AF) out of New Guinea. After winning the Silver Star for bravery, he was killed in action on June 1, 1943. It was his 13th mission. Only one member of the crew survived.

We thought it would be interesting to compare what it was like to fly with 8th AF compared to the 5th AF in 1943. Not only were the enemies different, Germans for the 8th AF and Japanese for the 5th AF, but also the terrain, weather and geographic obstacles.

Getting there:

Getting to what would be their respective home bases was difficult for the 8th AF and 5th AF. The 8th AF crews had to fly their planes to Labrador, Greenland (a very tough place to land), Iceland then to England. The 5th AF had a similarly dangerous assignment just to get into the fight. From California they flew to Hawaii sometimes to Easter Island or other Pacific Islands then to Australia. Most of the time it was over thousands of miles of open ocean. By the beginning of 1943, the 5th AF operated out of Port Moresby on the southern coast of New Guinea. Whereas the 8th AF flew out of many different air bases in England the 5th had just the one. Port Moresby was a mosquito infested hell on Earth that was always extremely humid and hot.

Getting to target.

In Europe bomber crews had to fly over the English Channel to reach basically flat country such as the low country of Belgium. The distance over the Channel could range from 21 miles to 150 miles. Whereas the 5th AF had to fly over the Owen Stanley Mountains, 13,000 feet high. Many planes were lost just getting to the target. The 5th AF also encountered some of the harshest weather in the world. The 5th AF had to deal with Japanese fighter planes but unlike the European theater, rarely flak.

Missions

For the 8th AF it was usual to have scores of B17s with some fighter escort.

The 5th AF was lucky to get 10 planes making it to a target.

Both Air Forces sent rookie flyers (Americans) in combat against experienced fighter pilots (Japanese and German). A small difference is while the RAF had extensive battle experience, it mostly kept separate from American missions. For the 5th AF, their only allies were the Australians, and those flyers held their own in battle.

The 8th AF was trying to disrupt critical German industry. Bombing ball bearing plants and submarine repair yards were two examples. After the Battle of Britain, there was never any real thought about a German invasion of England. The 5th AF faced actual land invasion, thankfully stopped a few miles from their base. Nevertheless, Japanese bombed their position frequently. Both Allied and Japanese were engaged in a battle of supply/re-supply of the northern New Guinea bases held by the Japanese and coveted by the Americans. Thus the 5th AF tried to bomb fixed Japanese assets and ships supplying the Japanese bases.

Bombing

Neither could hit their targets. Despite having the Norden bomb site, which worked great in tests in the

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US southwest, fog, flak, fighter attacks, smoke made it hard for the 8th AF to hit their target. For the 5th AF, their targets were frequently ships at sea. And they rarely hit them. The exception was the introduction of skip bombing. We talk about Skip Bombing in “Sadie’s Boys.” Ironically Skip Bombing was first developed by the RAF. The pilot had to fly a few feet off the ocean waves and drop their bombs with specially set timers. The bomb would skip off the water, hitting their target.

If you got shot down.

Crews of the 8th AF could bail out over the channel but early in the war no coordinated rescue plan existed. If landing in occupied Europe or Germany proper, some flyers made it home via the underground, but this was rare although heroic. The vast majority ended up in a POW camp (like our father, Infantryman Benjamin Lewis). The survival rate was high all things considered. Nevertheless, as the war neared its end, cold weather and severe shortages of food took their toll on the prisoners.

For the 5th AF crashing into the seas was almost certain death. If the crew bailed out and could make it to the coast, there was a good air/sea rescue process. Ending up in the jungle, especially in New Guinea, was essentially a death sentence. That’s not even considering the enemies attempt to catch you. For example, the Japanese infantry, a tough combat force, basically starved to death trying to traverse the north side to the south side of New Guinea (trying to capture Port Moresby). Capture by the Japanese could mean torture and/or execution, as what likely happened to some of the crew of our uncle’s plane. Survival rate in the Japanese POW camps was low. Remember the Japanese never signed the Geneva Convention, which laid out humane treatment of prisoners of war.

Between Missions.

The crews of the 8th AF slept in a bed in a building with some heat in the winter. They had clean water, sheets, laundry service, hot food and medical care. There were even bars serving good English beer. The 5th AF crews had it rough. They suffered attacks by Japanese. Everyone had malaria. The food and water were terrible. Disease led to huge numbers of crews unable to fly.

Equipment

Both air forces flew various generations of the B17. Ground crews were the heroes. Replacement parts were way harder to acquire in New Guinea than in England.

R&R

Crews of the 8th AF went to local towns and London. The 5th AF went to Australia. In both case local men were not happy with Yanks dating their women. While the 8th AF was flying missions, British men were away fighting in North Africa. Likewise, while the 5th AF was flying against the Japanese, the Australian army was also fighting in N. Africa.

Psychological damage

Both sets of crews suffered. They would go out on a mission and only some planes would come home. The US Army Air Corps flight surgeons in both theaters were ill-equipped to deal with the battle fatigue/PTSD suffered by the air crews.

We honor the sacrifice of all the service men of the “greatest generation.”

Larry Lewis is the author of “Sadie’s Boys,” the story of his uncle’s and father’s service in World War II.



**1st Lt. Charles H. Lewis,
Navigator on a B17**

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RECENT ACQUISITIONS

- **Reuben Ginsburg** donated a 1/100 scale model of a B-52 carrying an X-15.
- **Don Haswell** donated three US Navy related books.
- **Gary Jones** donated nine framed pictures and four boxes of books.
- **Karen Tedesco** donated a Spot-a-Plane game.
- **Connie Frisbee Houde** donated ten boxes of books and ten boxes of magazines.
- **Frank Bauer** donated various manuals from World War II belonging to his father who worked at Griffiss AFB during the war.
- **John Adamovich** donated die cast tank models, wooden airplane models, unbuilt airplane models and miscellaneous books.
- **Karen Amerling** donated twelve Corgi model airplanes.

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ESAM is pleased to announce that the museum has received a \$750 grant from **Stewart's Holiday Match**. The grant will be used to help fund the museum's Becoming a Young Aviator Program in August 2024. Thank you Stewarts!

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ESAM HOSTS 50TH ANNIVERSARY VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION

ESAM is honored to have hosted the **Schenectada National Society Daughters of the American Revolution** 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration, led by **Kim Mabee**, Regent. The commemoration took place on March 29th, 50 years after the last US forces left Vietnam.

The commemoration was attended by the **Schenectady High School Junior ROTC Color Guard**, the **Patriot Guard Riders**, **Miss Military Star Pageant** representatives, many **Vietnam War veterans**, and a roomful of **friends and relatives**.

Vietnam veterans were individually recognized, and presented with a recognition certificate and a commemorative pin. Tasty refreshments were provided.



Patriotism on Display at the 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration

ESAM RECEIVES GRANT TO IMPROVE CONCORDE SECURITY

The Broughton Foundation has provided a grant to improve the security of ESAM's Concorde model. The grant has been used to install a surveillance system to help protect the Concorde. Additional security measures and landscaping are coming.

LETTERS, POSTS AND EMAILS LIKE THESE WE LIKE TO RECEIVE

Jack's Place
17 Rosa Road
Schenectady, NY 12308

Patricia,

We want to thank you for donating a family membership for us to use in our raffle, at our golf outing fundraiser. The event was a huge success and thanks to people like you, Jack's Place will continue to serve families in need. Jack's Place can host up to 8 families at a time, and we average 6 families a night. So we are definitely filling a need.

We have been open for over 5 years now, and we have served many families, at no charge to them, so they can be there, for their children being treated...

Thanks again, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
Jeff Countermine
Donations

August 29, 2023

I'm writing in regard to my husband **Art Arro**. He passed away in June at the age of 81 years. He was involved with aircraft most of his life and this brought him much happiness.

Barbara Arro

ESAM Membership Application

Please check one: NEW MEMBERSHIP _____ RENEWAL _____

ANNUAL DUES:

INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY

_____ Senior Citizen \$35
_____ Student \$35
_____ Individual \$45
_____ Family \$60

VIP:

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_____ Supporting \$135
_____ Sustaining \$285
_____ Galaxy Club \$500
_____ Friend of ESAM \$1,000

BUSINESS

_____ Supporter \$285
_____ Patron \$500
_____ Benefactor \$1,000
_____ Not for Profit/School/Library \$60
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HAPPENINGS AT ESAM

MUSEUM HOURS

Winter Hours: Friday 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 – Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 9 AM to 12 noon

April 15, Monday - Board of Trustees Meeting: 7 PM. ESAM Community Room

April 20, Saturday - Pancake Breakfast: 8:30-10:30 AM. All you can eat: \$10 for ages 15 and older, \$8 for children 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 the north parking area.

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.

April 20, Saturday - Speaker: 10 AM. **Amanda Stahl, MD.** From Physician to Commercial Pilot, and Everything In-between

April 20, Saturday - Legends of the Skies: 1 PM-3 PM. Grumman A-6 Intruder. \$20.

May 18, Saturday - Pancake Breakfast: 8:30-10:30 AM. All you can eat: \$10 for ages 15 and older, \$8 for children 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.

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May 18, Saturday - Speaker: 10 AM. **Major General Denise Donnell, Commander, New York Air National Guard**

May 20, Monday - Board of Trustees Meeting: 7 PM. ESAM Community Room

May 25, Saturday - Legends of the Skies: 1 PM-3 PM. Lockheed C-130 Hercules \$20.

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

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June 15, Saturday - Speaker: 10 AM. Tba

June 29, Saturday - Legends of the Skies: 1 PM-3 PM. A-7 Corsair. \$20.

July 20, Saturday - Pancake Breakfast: 8:30-10:30 AM. All you can eat: \$10 for ages 15 and older, \$8 for children 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.

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July 20, Saturday - Speaker: 10 AM. tba

July 20, Saturday - July 28, Sunday - ESAM 40th Anniversary Celebration

August tbd - National Aviation Day Event

August 27, Tuesday - August 30, Friday - Becoming a Young Aviator: 8:30AM-12 Noon. Aviation STEM course for students ages 10-17. \$250.