

## FALL / WINTER 2004

Ladies Luncheon and style show, among other things. We could not have done without you all.

One last thing can be said. Many members offered sad comments during the Reunion about next year being our last year. It appears that many are not quite ready for that. But age trumps good times and all good things must eventually end. We wish that was not true.

Hope to see you all in Nashville, TN next year.

### Museum of Aviation Foundation HPA Board Member Report

by George H. "Jake" Saylor

I was unable to attend the recent Museum of Aviation Board of Directors Meeting held September 8, 2004, due to my attendance at our 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion in Denver, CO, at that time. However, I am able to provide the following highlights from that meeting:

Board Chairman Mr. Tom McMichael opened the meeting with a welcome to all and a reminder that some of the Museum's biggest fund-raisers were coming up – the Georgia Invitational Golf Tournament, later in September, and the Wings & Wheels Show in October. Everyone was encouraged to support these fund-raisers.

Following lunch Mr. Pat Bartness, Foundation Director, reviewed the FY05 Budget proposal. The proposal was unanimously approved by the Board. Mr. Bartness then reported on the World War II Hanger Expansion Project. He reported a Building Committee would be appointed to review all World War II building issues prior to making a final decision. Mr. Bartness then asked that the Board give the Building Committee contract approval authority to establish/approve groundbreaking for the WWII building. The Committee would be required to report back to the full Board at the December meeting on actions taken. This motion was approved by the Board. He also reported that the Middle Georgia Luncheon will be held in November with Susan Eisenhower as the guest speaker.

Mr. Paul Hibbits, Museum Director, then made a report on recent Museum activities. He also reported that he would be retiring from his position effective in February 2005. He thanked Major General Mike Collins, Commander, Warner Robins

ALC, for giving him an opportunity to work at the Museum.

Following, Chairman McMicheal appointed a Nominating Committee to provide recommendations for potential new Board Members for 2005. Chairman McMichaels also announced the appointment of members of the Building Committee for the World War II hanger expansion project.

After closing remarks by General Collins the meeting was adjourned.

### How To Make A Donation To The Museum

Donations in memory of someone should be made payable to CBIHPA and on the memo line: In Memory of (person's name) and mailed to:

CBI Hump Pilots Association  
720 S. Tyler St., Suite B132  
Amarillo, Texas 79101

HPA will record and then send their check in the same amount to Warner Robins who will return an acknowledgment to the donor.

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### Denver Reunion First Day Report

It would be very difficult to pass up the opportunity to comment on the great bronzed C-46 sculpture dedication ceremony that was held at the U. S. Air Force Academy during the Denver Reunion on September 9, 2004. There will be further mention of this dedication elsewhere in this newsletter issue so will try to keep this article on the broad side.

We left Denver in six busses around 8:30AM. By the starting time of the ceremony, scheduled to begin at 10:00AM at the Academy, all our busses had arrived. We started just a few minutes late. Approximately 400 people were present at the ceremony including Academy personnel and the news media.

Ceremony presentations were made by the Academy event coordinator Mr. Dave Bragg, Academy Chaplain Captain Ronald Ragon, HPA President Jay Vinyard, retired Navy Commander John Bradford who represented Groups Memorials of the