

## Museum of Aviation Foundation HPA Board Member Report

From Jake Saylor

Mr. Tom McMichael called the March 11, 2004 meeting to order at 12:00PM EST. He welcomed everyone to the Museum and introduced the following individuals – Mr. Norm Richardson, *Volunteer of the Quarter*, and his wife Betty, Mr. Bill Stembridge – representative for Senator Saxby Chambliss, Mrs. Judy Goodard – WR Central District Director for Congressman Jack Kingston, Mr. Hobby Stripling – District Director for Congressman Jim Marshall, Mr. Buck Melton – Chairman, 8<sup>th</sup> annual B/General Robert L. Scott, Jr. Birthday Scramble, Mr. Carl Swearingen – Chairman, Capital Campaign, Mr. Steve Davis – Executive Director, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center (ALC), Mr. Tom Smoot - 78<sup>th</sup> ABW/CC and his wife Tammy, Col. Burce Curry – 78<sup>th</sup> ABW/CV, and his wife Lynn, the Honorable Donald Walker – Mayor, City of Warner Robins, Mr. Danny Carpenter – Superintendent, Houston County Board of Education and Mr. Eddie Wiggins – Chairman of the GA Invitational Golf Tournament 2004, new Board members Mr. Jimmy Autry – Flint Energies, Mr. Jeff Jones – Satilla Investment, LLC, Mr. Mike Hale – Macon State College, new Commander and Vice Commander Brig. General Michael Collings, Commander, Warner Robins ALC and his wife Jan and Vice Commander Brig. General Chris Anzalone, Warner Robins ALC. Mr. Henry Whitfield then led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Luncheon followed.

Following the luncheon Mr. Pat Bartness, Director of the Museum Foundation, reported on revisions to the Foundation’s constitution and by-laws. A motion was made to accept the changes. Motion carried. Mr. Bartness then reported that the Nominating Committee had met and created a “Chairman Elect” position to be filled by Mr. Mike Dyer. Motion was made and seconded to accept the recommendation of the Committee on the “Chairman Elect” position. Motion was approved. Following came an unveiling of the Presentation of Checks, dedicated to the Capital Campaign, as follows: Wings Foundation, Inc. - \$10,000, Butler Automotive - \$20,000, Hamilton Sunstran - \$25,000, Bud Parker - \$20,000 and James Reydell-Bouverie - \$50,000. Mr. Bartness next provided reports on the January 10,

2004 Marathon, the upcoming Membership Drive now to be chaired by Mrs. Marilyn Ashmore due to the illness current chairman, the upcoming General Scott Birthday Scramble schedule for April 16<sup>th</sup> and the Heritage Banquet scheduled for May 28<sup>th</sup>. Senator Saxby Chambliss will be the guest speaker at the banquet. Mrs. Ashmore followed with an update on the current Capital Campaign.

Mr. Paul Hibbitts, Museum Director, followed with an introduction of Mr. Dan Hart, as the new Volunteer Coordinator for the Museum. Mr. Hibbitts then gave a report on the Air Force Museum Certification which is so important to the Museum. He reported on the recent visit of M/General Charles Metcalf (USAF Ret.) who is the Director on the USAF Museum. General Metcalf advised that with some minor improvements Robins Museum would be the first “Field Museum” to be officially certified. Mr. Hibbitts then briefed the Board on the J Stars Exhibit, the 5CCG Exhibit and the Museum Expansion plans. Major Melissa Spalding followed with a report on available Education Programs and Summer Camps which may be used.

Mr. McMichael then urged all Board members to become members of the Museum during the upcoming Membership Drive. He also encouraged all to attend the welcome reception for General and Mrs. Collins and General Anzalone on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Mr. McMichael closed with the introduction of General Collins as the new Commander of Warner Robins ALC who thanked all for their warm reception of he and Mrs. Collins.

The meeting was then adjourned.

## How to Make a Donation to the Museum

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