



Big Easy Wing

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Saturday 6 P.M.

April 28, 2018

Lakefront
Airport

8550
Lloyd Stearman
Blvd.



From the Left Seat

David Capo, Unit Leader

Greetings!

March and April have been very busy. We now have a new home with our hangar. Many folks have come out to help get this great facility in ship shape. Thanks to all of you!

April 28 will mark our one-year anniversary. A copy of the founding members, those who signed up on April 13, 2017 making it possible for our unit to be formed officially on the 28th, is located on page 3. Thank you, guys, (and gal)! We will be celebrating this occasion in a big way. Pictured is our 2018 Officers: L-R Shirley Colomb, Don Clausing, Harold Buchler, Jim Buchler, Erin Seidemann, Sonny Schilleci, David Capo, Jim Helms, Jeff Segner, and Kurt Jostes.



As our unit grows, we want to see everyone get involved. To this end, The Big Easy Wing will inaugurate five new committees: *Development, Communications, History, Education, and Membership*. We are looking for folks willing to serve on these important new committees. We will have sign-up sheets at meetings or you can email us.

Upcoming, I will have the committee heads describe the role of the participants in the activities of the committees. In the meantime, Development will focus on fundraising as well as informing the public about our unit. History is where we will need an archivist and team to record our history. Education is for both adults and children. The cadet unit (youth ages 12-26) called "Lil Easy" will focus on getting young people involved in our living history museum. Finally, Membership. We are nothing without you, our members. This group will come up with exciting ways to grow our unit. Please join the fun. You won't regret it. We look forward to seeing you at our anniversary party on the 28th of April.

You are invited to the BEW Anniversary Party

When: Saturday, April 28, 2018

Time: 6 P.M.—8 P.M.

Where: Big Easy Wing Hangar

8550 Lloyd Stearman Blvd.

New Orleans, LA 70126



RSVP regrets only



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Operation Officer's Report on 2018 Wing Staff Conference

After 20 + years in the Commemorative Air Force, I recently attended my first CAF Wing Staff Conference. WOW, what an eye opener! I met many members from other Wings and shared and gathered a lot of useful information about fundraising and how they operate. Three days of different sessions were available to help all the Wings, and I still was not able to participate in all, not only because of the structure of time schedules for different sessions but because I found myself in the hallways at times talking to the Powers of HQ to help us get an aircraft.

As mentioned, it was an eye opener. The things heard and learned saturated and overloaded my limited brain cells. Thank goodness all the sessions are available online as I could not take notes fast enough! You can find them at the address below. Remember to log in as a member with your number and then last name in small caps.

<https://www.commemorativeairforce.org/2015-01-20-18-45-02/677-2018-wing-staff-conference>

If there is any way possible, I would recommend each of you try to make a Wing Staff Conference one year not only for the experience but to meet fellow members of different Wings, gather knowledge of their activities and the whole organization, as well as feel proud to be a member of the Commemorative Air Force.

Oh, if you can attend remember that during the general session roll call the response for the Big Easy Wing is "Who Dat".

Pictured L to R: Jim Helms, David Capo,
President Bob Stenevik and Harold Buchler



By Jim Helms

Fundraising

Double Your Donation on GiveNOLA Day: May 1, 2018

GiveNOLA Day is a 24-hour, online giving event organized by the Greater New Orleans Foundation to ignite the giving community in Southeast Louisiana. The goal is to inspire the community to come together for 24 hours to contribute as many charitable dollars as possible to support the work of local nonprofit organizations. Last year's event raised nearly \$4.9 million from 38,000+ donations across the nation.

The Big Easy Wing's GiveNOLA page can be found at [https://www.givenola.org/
thebigeasywing](https://www.givenola.org/thebigeasywing).

All donations made here on GiveNOLA Day, May 1, will go directly to our Wing.

Thanks to a matching challenge from an anonymous BEW member, all donations made by BEW members in 2018, including on GiveNOLA day, will be doubled, up to \$15,000!

By Kurt Jostes



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Founding Members—Thank You!

CURRENT AND ACTIVE MEMBERS TO COMPRISE THE NEW UNIT

NAME

- (1) David N. Capo
- (2) DAN Fordice
- (3) Eric Hollingsworth
- (4) Pete Vozzo
- (5) Jim Riviere
- (6) Harold Buchler Jr
- (7) Sonny Schilleci
- (8) Tim Helms
- (9) Pick Cordwell
- (10) Erin Seidemann
- (11) James D. Moore
- (12) DON PLASSING
- (13)
- (14) PAUL PARRIE
- (15) Robert Claypool

NAME

- (1) GLENN NORTHOTT
- (2) Jeff Seigner
- (3) Richard J. Long Sr
- (4) Tom Galt
- (5) Charles Everhardt
- (6) ROGER ROY
- (7)
- (8)
- (9)
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(MINIMUM OF 15 SIGNATURES OF ACTIVE CAF MEMBERS ARE NEEDED TO
ATTAIN UNIT STATUS)

Hangar Work Day— Pics by W. Mattheessen and S. Colomb





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March Meeting—Hangar Clean-Up Day

The Big Easy Wing's first combination meeting and "hangar work day" on March 31st was a resounding success, with 21 members in attendance. The day started with a short meeting of our new hangar, the old "Delgado Hangar." The meeting started off with a tour of the new facility and some important safety information. Areas that are "movement areas" at the airport were pointed out, and members were requested to stay within the actual hangar during our time there and to stay out of the movement areas lest we bring the wrath of the FAA down on us. In addition, all gates in the fencing need to remain closed always, so please do not pass through and leave the gate open behind you. Please cooperate with these measures to make the BEW's stay a harmonious one.

Potential future barricading and/or modifications for airshows were also shown during the tour. If things go as planned, BEW members may well have the best seats in the house for the next Air, Sea, and Land Festival. That's something to look forward to!

An announcement that we have the required funds to purchase the C-45 on hand was made. However, to do so at this time would drain our finances completely, which is not desired, so fundraising needs to continue to ensure the purchase. The second item was also an encouraging item: a pledge to donate up to \$15,000 per year for three years to match all member donations has been made from an anonymous source. This is a wonderful opportunity to have any gifts doubled. We offer our sincere appreciation from the BEW to our benefactor, whoever they may be!

During the meeting, we welcomed two new Cadets to our companion Wing, 'Lil Easy" Congratulations to our new cadets, and we are looking forward to great things from all of them. Pictured L-R David Capo, Kayl Falgout, and Louis Grillo.



By Doug Webb

BEW Hangar

The hangar is 1300 square feet with 3 large rooms and an office with full kitchen and bathroom facilities directly adjacent to the main hangar floor. The main hangar doors are under contract from KNEW to be fixed. There is plumbing and electrical work which needs to be performed. So, any members with experience or skills in these areas and willing to volunteer some time are requested to let David Capo know. David will inform us via email of work days..

The main hangar area was cleaned and swept to remove accumulated dirt. Large debris was removed from the site, and some exterior landscaping cleanup was completed. The office area was soaked for an unknown period due to a water leak in the plumbing. The water was successfully cut off. The wet carpet, padding, and furniture were removed from the

office and the area has been left to dry and air out for now.

Thanks to all who came out to help! Once the plumbing is repaired and major doors can open, we will need workers to help pressure wash the interior of the building, so be ready to volunteer.

The work was done with good spirits and we were getting to know each other better. A good time was had by all the 21 workers.

By Doug Webb
P.S. Lights work in hangar & office. The bathroom plumbing works-Thanks !

