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Meeting

September 12@ 10 AM

Lakefront Hangar



From the Left Seat

David Capo,

Greetings Big Easy Wing Members:

I hope everyone one had a great Labor Day holiday. We are now entering a very busy event season. We have suffered a few high-profile cancellations, but we are still in full gear!

This Saturday, September 12 during our regular monthly meeting, your Wing will be participating in the 111th birthday celebration for the oldest living World War II veteran, Lawrence Brooks. Pvt. Brooks lives here in New Orleans and the BEW will perform several flyovers above his home in Central City. We are part of a larger group of flights including Team AeroShell and the US Air Force Reserve 15s (if available). The day will look like this:

8:30 – Team AeroShell arrives at KNEW, Lakefront Airport

10:00 – BEW Meeting starts

10:45 – Our Stearman launches for flyover

10:55 – Team AeroShell departs for flyover

11:15 – F-15 flyover



As you can see, weather permitting, this should be a great day. I'm hoping that we will get to meet and hear from one or more the AeroShell pilots about what it means to belong to an internationally known Flight demonstration team.

Also, at our meeting Saturday, we will be collecting can goods and donations for the hurricane victims in Southwest Louisiana. Currently two of our members, both reservists, are deployed to help with the cleanup effort. Please remember to bring an items or donations. Please see Shirley's article for more details.



Don't miss this meeting!

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Safety Officer's Report-Dave Cantin



Keeping our Assets Safe!

**THINK
SAFETY
FIRST**

The theme of this month's article was easy to select... keeping the BEW assets safe. With Hurricane Laura bearing down on the Louisiana coast at the end of August we had an opportunity test the recently revised hurricane preparation procedure. The call for volunteers

went out late on Friday and we had a good turnout the next day to do the preparations. We expected a foot or so of lake water to back up through the ramp and floor drains due to high tides so anything that shouldn't get wet was raised. We didn't have a trailer to raise the golf cart and tractor so ingenuity came to the rescue. A few members decided we could make a ramp from our surplus lumber and proceeded to do just that raising



both vehicles almost a foot. With the floorboard clearance it was just what was needed.

The Stearman was flown to Hammond the day before but the Stuka and Harold's Cessna were still in the hanger. Paul Cutrer flew Jim Helms to Lakefront Airport to see if the Stuka would finally fly, and if successful to fly it to Hammond as well. Jim got all suited up including his may west, climbed into the Stuka and took it through it's pre-flight checklist only to fail at the mag test... again. We were able to get permission to store it at the McDermott hanger so Jim taxied it there and then he and Paul headed back to Hammond before the weather changed. The Cessna was moved there as well so the only thing left sitting on the floor was the Tug and it sat high enough to be safe. In the end Laura moved further West and slammed Lake Charles, and also exceeded the forecast intensity. We dodged a bullet as we had no water in the hanger. We also learned a lesson about hurricane intensity forecasting.

FYI, the latest BEW Hurricane Preparation Plan is in KASTrack.

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Wing Leader's Report Continued

November Lakefront Airport-Big Easy Wing Warbird Weekend

With the tentative plans by Governor Edwards to move the state into Phase 3 for Covid 19 recovery, I am moving forward with plans for our Warbird weekend Friday through Sunday, November 6-8. We have invited the [Gulf Coast Wing](#) (GCW) to participate with us bringing their C-45, B-17 and their just acquired T-6.

Like Opelousas, this will be a great event for us and an opportunity to sell rides and PX. This weekend was the originally scheduled for the Belle Chase airshow which was cancelled last month. I believe that New Orleans will be hungry for a fun outdoor event. We have a lot of work to do. I will talk more about this at Saturday's meeting.



Election time

Yep, it's that time again and I'm not talking about presidential politics but rather unit elections. Committee members Wayne Breaux, Richie Gray and Glenn Metzger will oversee the 2020 nominating process. You can see Wayne's article in this issue. Donald Allen will oversee the election committee. Assisting Donald will be Jeff Shaw and MaryAnn Clemens.

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Nomination Committee Chair—Wayne Breaux

As we approach the end of 2020, it is time for us to address election of officers. At the September meeting, we will begin the nomination process. The incumbent officers are: *Adjutant*-Harold Buchler, *XO*-Robert Claypool, *Maintenance*-Terry Clausing, and *Education*-Jim Buchler. Also, we will need an *Operations Officer* to finish a one year term. Start thinking of members who you think would be a good fit. Please consider running. Please contact me at me Wayne at wtbreaux@cox.net if you have any suggestions. Or you can contact my fellow committee members: Glen Metzger at glenn.metzger@corelab.com or 504-366-8091 Richie Gray stikjok70@gmail.com or 5044424737

Please visit this website https://commemorativeairforce.org/caf_documents/10 to learn about each officer's responsibility.

Job descriptions for each position are on pages 2-8 to 2-14

Nominations



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Membership—Shirley Colomb

MEMBERS, your organizations provides you with many opportunities to volunteer such as helping at airshows, hangar maintenance, rides day, general meetings, emergencies (like Hurricane Laura) and PX. We can use your help on a wide variety of tasks like construction, organizing displays, checking members in, meeting/ greeting new members, and organizing and selling items at PX as well as aircraft tasks. So far this year, we have had many volunteers attend the marshalling and loadmasters classes. We will continue these training in 2021 as we prepare for future airshows. Your officers are thankful for those of you that do volunteer but would be pleased to see more members getting involved.

Note: When you renew your **CAF** membership this year online you will get a confirmation email as soon as the payment is made. CAF will also send a renewal letters via email now in an effort to reduce overall cost to the organization. As you update **KAStrack with your renewal date**, please add email letter to the attachment section under your renewal date and add your CAF # to the Comment section.. If for some reason you cannot get into *KAStrack*, please send the renewal letter to me at info@bigeasywing.org. I will help you complete this task.

Full membership (\$50) Active military membership (\$25) Cadet membership for students between the ages of 13-23 (\$10) Online Payment are accepted:
BEW website [online store](#)

Checks mailed to:

CAF Big Easy Wing
c/o Colonel Harold Buchler, Adjutant
3014 Metairie Rd Metairie, LA 70001

Born to be involved



Youth Protection Article— Dave Cantin

The CAF Child Protection Program is a requirement for participating in any CAF event. It consists of taking a short on line course, taking a test and having a background check. Everything is done on line so if you haven't done so please take a minute to complete this important requirement.

It's for the protection of both the minors who attend our events and for yourself. The website to do this is below, and when you're finished email Dave Cantin and let him know at caf@cantin.org. Dave will get all the information he needs to set this up on KAStrack to show you as a certified "Event Participant". You can also contact him if you have any problems completing this.

A youth program is an essential component of the CAF-BEW

<https://www.cafeducation.org/youth-interaction-and-protection>

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Development—Shirley Colomb

Helping Our Neighbors

Normally, I would be asking you to participate in a fundraisers for the Big Easy Wing. But today, I asking you to help our Southwest neighbors. Calcasieu, Cameron and many other parishes was devastated by Hurricane Laura. Many of us experienced living through Hurricane Katrina so we have an idea of the devastation and needs of these residents.

So, I am asking our members to either bring a a check or cash donation to out Saturday meeting. If you would prefer to make a credit card donation , please visit the [Second Harvest site](#). Second Harvest is located at 700 Edwards Ave. I am sure that they will also accept food items. The Big Easy Wing has always and will continue being an active participant in its community.



Do you know!

The oldest WWII veteran, Lawrance Brooks, lives in New Orleans, LA. Check out his story on the [national geographic site](#).

Do you know anything about the Blue Star Memorials in Louisiana. Check out this video by AWE news— [Blue Star Memorials Honor Military in Louisiana Cities](#)

Have you every visited this [CAF youtube site](#). On this site, you will see the BEW videos about the Archbishop flight plus several CAF education webinar.

Upcoming Meetings

General Membership	September 12	10 am	hangar
General Membership	October 10	10 am	hangar
General Membership	November 14	10 am	hangar
General Membership	December Social		hangar



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Wing Leader's Report Continued

Thank You Robert Claypool

Our distinguished Executive Officer, Robert Claypool has come through for us again. Recently, Robert donated a state-of-the-art *Xerox* copy machine for our office. This full color copier is programable and even allows us scan, print, collate and even print whole manuals. Along with the copier, he donated thousands of dollars of supplies keeping our Wing fully stocked for a long time. As if that was not enough, Robert donated a full entertainment center which can hold up to a 75inch TV. I can only imagine how happy our Mx Officer, Terry Clausning is going to be! Terry practically lives at the hangar. Now he may never go home!! Ha! Ha! Thank Terry for all you do and thank you Robert for the generous donations.



Upcoming Airshow Events

[Arsenal of Democracy](#)—September 25—Washington DC

[Jennings Fly-In \(all taildraggers\)](#)—October 1-4

[CJAA Port of South Louisiana Cajun Jet Blast](#)—Oct.7-12

[Wings over Houston](#)—October 9-11-Houston, TX

Lakefront Fly-in— November 6-8



Fly N'awlins Lady



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REGISTERING YOUR ACCOUNT

For those that need to register, the easiest way is to go to our public page <https://bigeasywing.org/about/application/>, scroll down to the end, and click on the “[New Member](#)” link.

LOGGING IN TO YOUR ACCOUNT

First, choose your weapon! I suggest using the Edge, Chrome, or Firefox Browser. Internet Explorer users will find many websites do not render correctly, KAStrack included. Our KAStrack website is located at <http://cafbew.kastrack.com>.



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