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Submitted by Chris Ehart

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 8 - 11: **Altus, OK - Altus AFB Air Show - Cancelled**
- Sept 9: **Monthly Wing Meeting - Cancelled**
- Sept 15: **Midland TX - Airsho**
- Sept 18 - 21: **Albuquerque, NM - Barnstorm**
- Sept 22 - 24: **Colorado Springs, CO - Pikes Peak Airshow**
- Sept 29-Oct 1: **Lubbock, TX - Barnstorm (Pending)**

(See Complete Touring Schedule on Page 4)

The Wing Meeting on Saturday, September 9, has been cancelled.

I am sure our Wing team is all busy with either cleanup and/or survival. There are many high water areas that prevent getting from various parts of the greater Houston area to the Conroe area. I am cancelling the Wing Meeting for September. I am sure that Jed and the maintenance team will try their best when able to continue the maintenance effort of TR and the Beech 18. Please coordinate with Jed as to when maintenance efforts will continue.

Wayne Kennedy
Wing Leader

TEAMWORK - RESPECT - AMBASSADORSHIP - COMMUNICATION

Fellow Colonels

Needless to say, the past couple of weeks have been very stressful for everyone. Hurricane turning Tropical Storm Harvey left one heck of a mark on the state of Texas. Entering near Corpus Christi as a Category 4 hurricane, then down grading to a tropical storm did not by any means make the storm less lethal. Thousands of homes are under water, tens of thousands of

Texans are rendered homeless and in shelters. Deep water rescues continue to occur as I write this article on Saturday evening (September 2nd). Due to the massive amount of water that still flows downstream from other areas to the Addicks and Barker Reservoirs, creating an overflow situation, thousands of homes were flooded that were not normally on a flood plain. My prayers are that you and your families are all safe. Kay and I are safe - we sustained some roof damage and the adjuster at USAA is scheduled to come out and assess the claim. My heart and prayers go out to all who have lost everything but the clothes on their backs due to the flooding. Many friends at my church and the subdivision behind are flooded to almost the tops of the doors. We have been busy assisting with evacuations and providing dry clothes, food and warmth to many.

With all this said, I am happy to report that our aircraft are safe and sound in our hangar at Conroe. I have heard from the Houston Wing. Their hangar and aircraft are high and dry despite the fact that the other end of West Houston Airport is under water. At this point, we are all busy with either cleanup and/or survival.

Due to the present situation, our Wing Meeting for September is cancelled. Maintenance on Texas Raiders has been temporarily suspended to allow time for Wing members to deal with this crisis. In addition, gas stations are presently running a shortage of fuel due to refineries not being fully up on line.

Like any true Texan, we will get through this. Please reach out to your friends and neighbors and provide any assistance that you possibly can.

As mentioned in our last issue of Cowl Flaps, the Wing Election will be coming up on November 18th. The Nominations and Election Committees have volunteers that have stepped forward. Our Staff will be reviewing and approving these committees via a conference call in the coming week. Meanwhile, if you are interested or if you know someone that is interested in running for election for one of the elected staff offices, please review the requirements and responsibilities and posted in my article in last month's Cowl Flaps. We will send out a Cowl Flaps web blast to all our members once the committees are approved by our Staff.

One final note – Please mark your calendars - the Wings Over Houston work day is coming up on Saturday, September 23rd at Building 125 at Ellington Airport.

WING LEADER'S**REPORT**

Wayne F. Kennedy
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**TEAMWORK – RESPECT –
AMBASSADORSHIP – COMMUNICATION
(TRAC)**

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The working party will start at approximately 0700 and run until finished, which is usually just after lunch. Refreshments will be provided. Wings Over Houston is one of our key events that provides funds for our Wing, Houston Wing, and Tora. The success of the preparation is dependent upon the involvement of us volunteers. I look forward to seeing y'all out there.

Take care and may God Bless you all.

Semper Fi !!! !! !!!

Wayne F. Kennedy

As I write this the flood waters are receding in Houston, but flooding is still happening in places like Beaumont and Port Arthur. Our hearts go out to our friends and neighbors who have been impacted, many of them for the second time in as many years.

<p><u>EXECUTIVE</u> <u>OFFICER'S REPORT</u></p> <p>Nancy Kwiecien nkwiecien@suddenlink.net</p>	
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The aviation community is stepping up to assist in flood relief. Last Saturday we saw Facebook posts from David Oliver at CAF HQ, showing the C-47 Blue Bonnet Belle en route to Orange and Port Arthur to deliver supplies. It was heartening to see the CAF aircraft participating in the relief efforts. You can see the video of the Highland Lakes squadron at work here:

www.vimeo.com/232135544

Also, general aviation pilots partnered with the Salvation Army in Operation Air Drop. Donations are being made at FBO's all over the south east, and private pilots are using their own aircraft to ferry those supplies into Conroe Airport where the Salvation Army will distribute them to Harris, Montgomery and Liberty counties. The Conroe airport saw 80 landings last Friday for the delivery of supplies. You can go to www.operation-airdrop.org for more information. General Aviation Services, our "home" FBO has been open throughout the storm for emergency relief operations, including supporting the local Army Reserve 158th Aviation Regiment unit as well as others from out of state.

It's great news to know that TR is safe and dry in her hangar, but our hearts are heavy for the thousands of our friends, neighbors and fellow citizens who are starting the road to recovery. The aviation community and the CAF will continue to support those efforts, as only Texans can!

Nancy

Please log in to www.B17TexasRaiders.org under the Members Tab and place your bids for the next mission. Please see below for the rest of Texas Raiders 2017 Tour Season...

OPERATION OFFICER'S REPORT

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Hello GCW Members,

Hopefully you all weathered Harvey with little or no damage! Other than Wayne's roof springing a leak, I haven't heard of any other wing members with damage from the storm or flooding. If you did suffer some flooding or damage and need any help, please let the staff know and we will do whatever we can to help out.

Hopefully, Texas Raiders will be back flying better than ever and on her way to Midland next weekend! A big round of applause for the GCW Maintenance Team for all of their hard work getting Texas Raiders back in the air!

We still have a busy couple of months left in the 2017 Tour Season... Please check your schedules and log on to www.B17TexasRaiders.org and Place Your Bid for some of the upcoming missions.

Fly safe,

Aric

TOURING SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER MISSION

_Sept 15-17 -- MIDLAND, TX AIRSHO!

Sept 18-21 -- ALBUQUERQUE, NM Barnstorm

Sept 22-24 -- COLORADO SPRINGS, CO -- Pikes Peak Regional Airshow

Sept 25-28 -- DENVER, CO -- Barnstorm @ Centennial Airport

Sept 29-Oct 1 -- LUBBOCK, TX -- Barnstorm (Pending)

Oct 6-8 -- DALLAS, TX -- Wings Over Dallas Airshow @ CAF HQ

Oct 20-22 -- HOUSTON, TX -- Wings over Houston Airshow @ Ellington

Oct 26-30 -- NEW ORLEANS, LA -- WWII Airpower Expo 2017

Nov 2-4 -- SAN ANTONIO -- Kelly AFB Airshow (Pending)

Nov 11-12 -- CONROE, TX -- Rides Day @ General Aviation

Nov 14 -- BEGIN WINTER MAINTENANCE

TRAC - What it means to me.

TEAMWORK - To me, there's no better description of why Teamwork is so important to the successful accomplishment and performance of an organization than a quote from Aristotle back in 335 B.C. He said that, "The whole is greater than the sum of its parts." In other words, when individual

connected together to form one entity, they are worth more than if the parts were in isolation from each other. And so his theory has been proven to be true over thousands of years. People and organizations are much more likely to perform well when the people work effectively as a team. This is because good teamwork creates synergy – where, as Aristotle said, the combined effect of the team is greater than the sum of individual efforts. Makes sense don't you think?

RESPECT - Treat others as you would want to be treated. The "Golden Rule". What your mother may have taught you when you were little and is about as old a saying as Aristotle. Remember respectful behaviors aren't limited to management and therein lies their potential. Anyone at any level in the organization can, and should, show respect for others. Respectful behaviour displays personal integrity and professionalism, practices fairness and understanding, demonstrates respect for individual rights and differences.

AMBASSADORSHIP - if you read Wayne Kennedy's comments last month in TRCowlFlaps you saw the official definition of Ambassadorship. In our environment, we are all ambassadors for the GCW. When we go out into the public environment, we are all representing the Wing as ambassadors. Our behavior, how we all act, dress, talk, and represent the Wing will ultimately result in either a positive or negative impression. Our Wing Ambassadorship role is evaluated every minute we're in the public's eye. Ambassadorship could also have a positive or negative effect amongst ourselves, at our own internal meetings, influencing each of us, on how we feel about our Wing.

COMMUNICATION - Effective communications is the foundation of any successful organization. If you don't have it, it's likely you don't have and won't have a very organized, efficient, successful and safe organization. All the parts of TRAC are interrelated. But poor communications, in any form, has a more immediate, direct negative effect on any organization and affects Teamwork, Respect and Ambassadorship directly.

Reporting on our safety team initiatives this last month, the team, comprising of Tim Daggett, Bill Howard and myself have had a couple of telephone conversations over the last month. We're putting together a "First Steps" prioritized list of things that need to be accomplished to start the Wing toward becoming one of the safest CAF organizations (we have a way to go). Hurricane Harvey has slowed our efforts a bit but we'll continue to work our safety related objectives and report our findings and forward plans at the next scheduled meeting.

I'd like to take this opportunity to express my deep sympathy to all the folks who were severely affected by Hurricane Harvey.

<p>Safety Officers Report Col Per Barsten perbarsten@gmail.com</p>	
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As I watched on TV, as many of you did, the wide spread devastation taking place, I began to feel a strange feeling of guilt. The Barsten house was not in any danger, throughout the storm, of flooding. The effects of this storm will be felt by many for months to come. Let's practice good TRAC skills, use some elbow grease, time, and \$\$ to help our families, friends, neighbors and even strangers (and make some new friends) through this Harvey aftermath. I hope maybe it will help my guilty feeling go away.

Stay safe - on behalf of your Safety Team

Per Barsten

I'm pleased to communicate that our current Wing membership includes 190 Colonels and 4 Cadets. As I announced to you at the last Wing meeting we are now collecting dues for the 2018 Gulf Coast Wing membership. Each year we ask you for a renewal of your Gulf Coast Wing membership. As a CAF and Gulf Coast Wing member, you will experience the rewards of restoring, maintaining and flying in one-of-a-kind unique vintage aircraft thus honoring the veterans who once flew in them.



If you are a NEW wing member who has only recently joined (in July or August of 2017) you are not required to resubmit new dues, and will not need to renew until the 2018 renewal drive. Wing membership renewals are due by January 31st, 2018 (or whichever date the 2018 ground school will be held) in order to be included in the Wing roster, and to be considered "current" for participation in wing events. Please consider sending in your renewal as soon as possible so that we can keep our roster up-to-date. A renewal form can be found on our website, or in this newsletter (Pages 13-14.)

If you would complete the application and send your \$50 renewal check payable to CAF-Gulf Coast Wing, I can then show your status as active for the 2018 calendar year. If you live outside of the United States, please provide a credit card number on your renewal form in lieu of sending a check (never send cash). You must also be a CAF member in good standing (current dues paid) to join/renew with the Gulf Coast Wing. Payment of your Gulf Coast Wing dues without CAF current membership results in your payment being considered as a "donation" to the Gulf Coast Wing without Wing membership benefits. Wing membership benefits include ability to vote in elections, ability to wear the wing uniforms, participate in wing committees, attendance and certification in B-17 Ground School, crew member training, and eligibility to hold wing office. Note that GCW Cadets cannot hold wing office and cannot be titled "Colonel". Thanks for your continued support of the CAF and the Gulf Coast Wing!

This is a great organization and there are numerous possibilities to recruit more members. With both the B-17G and the JRB-6 Twin Beech in our fleet we should have plenty of opportunities to astonish the warbird community in 2018. When you see a new visitor in the hangar, walk up, greet and engage them in some "CAF warbird" talk. The Commemorative Air Force brings young and old together and with our mission of education, we have a lot to offer through CAF and Gulf Coast Wing membership.

Rex McLain

Adjutant

Hello GCW,

It is my prayer that all of our members and families are safe and in good health after this extreme rain event from Hurricane Harvey. If there are any of you needing assistance please get in touch with me or other members and we will do our best to help! We got flooded in 1994 so we know what everyone is going through. It is a nasty, smelly, disease filled mess that stays around for months. Please get whatever vaccinations as are recommended by the Red Cross to protect your health. As I write this, we are still waiting on our power to come back on at our home and we have heard many reports of looting in our area. Please remain vigilant and protect yourselves. Please conserve fuel as much as you can due to shortages and help your neighbors. Cleanup is hot, back breaking, tiring work and your neighbors need your help. I worked most of Friday cleaning mud out of a house for friends and I intend to continue through Monday.

This has been an extremely trying time for B-17 maintenance. With all the mechanical issues we had to deal with, and then we had to deal with this rain from Harvey and we lost a whole week of work. We have made good progress with all the issues that we knew of and the new engine is installed along with the propeller. This has been no easy task because of the huge number of repairs that had to be made during the engine installation. The new engine needs another day of work to be ready to run but I feel very good about what we have done thus far.

We have added some safeguards to our maintenance procedures. The extra checks will add two more days during the 25 hour inspections, but may keep us from having another engine failure like the last one. We still have more inspections to do before the airplane is ready to fly and it also needs the flight controls installed, but that should only take a day or so. We have held off on that because of repairs to the flight control attach points. The inspections should take 3 or 4 days if we find nothing that needs to be repaired.

The Beech is being worked on too. It needed an annual inspection and some cylinders changed. The airplane has been completely opened up and many problems are being addressed. As with the B-17, unless you look carefully you will not find the problems that can cause parts to fail later. I would much prefer to fix problems at home than on the road, that is why we must look carefully at each airplane so they can be reliable.

I would like for everyone to know that we have a great Maintenance Team. They have worked extremely hard in oppressive heat to get this job completed. We have come a long way and we have repaired several things that were extremely important to the safety of the airplane. We have learned that there is no substitute for careful inspections and repair of worn parts before they fail.

I would ask everyone to please come help us with maintenance. There is something each of you can do no matter who you are. Our team is tired and we can only work so fast. All of you should come out on our workdays, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Meet the people that spend those days in the heat repairing the airplane and make it possible to fly. It is a thankless job but is necessary to keep the airplane in the air and I appreciate our Maintenance Team!

MAINTENANCE**OFFICER'S REPORT****Col Jed Doggett**doggett.jack@gmail.com

Jed Doggett

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CAF Members & Volunteers

Mark Your Calendars!!!

The Wings Over Houston Air Show will be held October 21-22, 2017. The Gulf Coast Wing will set up 3 PX locations at the Air Show. I am asking for volunteers to work the PX at this event. Please let me know via email (twokatz08@yahoo.com) if you wish

to volunteer. You may work both Saturday and Sunday, morning and afternoon shifts. Or you may work only morning OR afternoon. You will be expected to work the entire shift for which you volunteer. Each PX will have a "Team Leader", who is responsible for handling the cash and credit card transactions, making sure the PX stays fully staffed throughout the day, and making sure all merchandise is displayed in an attractive manner. You may volunteer as a Team Leader if you meet the following criteria:

Are a CAF/GCW member in good standing;

Have experience working the GCW PX at Wings Over Houston; and

Have knowledge of the Chase Paymentech Credit Card app and Magtex Credit Card Reader

Volunteers who work the PX will get free entrance to the Air Show (plus a parking permit) for the day they work. EACH CAF/GCW MEMBER WILL BE ALLOWED ONLY 2 FREE PASSES per day (1 for the member and 1 for a family member who wishes to work at the PX). ONLY 2 MEMBERS FROM A FAMILY MAY WORK THE PX (including the GCW member). We have so many new members who want to participate in W.O.H. that we must limit family members to allow new members to have a spot at a PX. However, members will always have priority. Thank you for understanding. A child must be at least 15 years of age to work in the PX locations. CAF Cadets who are under the age of 15 will be allowed to participate.

At last month's CAF wing meeting several members eagerly signed up to work the PX at the upcoming Wings Over Houston (WOH) Airshow. I want to say thank you to the following volunteers:

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| John Williams | Nancy Smith | Ricky Yerena |
| Dale Morningstar | Suzanne Fruchtnicht | Hal Fruchtnicht |
| Danny Jan | Betsy (Liz) Jan | Mike Fitzgibbons |
| Ken Hyman | Shirley Hyman | Larry Doucette |
| Paula Coranado | Bill Clark | Janice Lawrence |
| Mike Lawrence | Jim Buggell | |

Team Leaders:

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| Sandy Lee | Nancy Kwiecien |
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PX OFFICER'S

REPORT

Kathy Doucette

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This is a great start to filling the positions of PX volunteers, but an additional twelve members are needed to fill in the gaps. I especially need one or two extra Team Leaders to sign up. (A Team Leader must have worked at a WHO Airshow in the past, has a Chase Mobile app, and is willing to receive a short training session on “How to Use the New Credit Card Reader”. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Kathy Doucette. Thank you one and all for your continuing support!

Col Kathy Doucette

GCW PX Officer

twokatz08@yahoo.com

Article from Marketing

As I write this, the touring schedule for September remains unsettled, as the Wing and its members recover from Hurricane Harvey. The trip to Altus AFB that was scheduled to begin on September 7 has been cancelled. We are hopeful that the balance of September will go according to plan, or perhaps with modifications, but the first priority is the safety of the crew, and the aircraft.

There are some exciting events waiting for us in September, including the Midland Airsho which is an iconic CAF event, plus the Pike’s Peak Regional Airshow at Colorado Springs. The Pike’s Peak event is particularly noteworthy, because the Tour Planning and Marketing team has arranged for a very special performance – a parachute jump from Texas Raiders! Colorado Springs is home to the Wings of Blue parachute jump team, whom we met at Sheppard AFB last year. They expressed interest in jumping with us, and we continued the conversation at ICAS last year. After a significant amount of discussion and review among the airshow management team, the jump team, the GCW and CAF headquarters, the hurdles were cleared, and on September 23 and 24 four members of the Wings of Blue will kick off the airshow each morning jumping out of TR’s bomb bay. It will be an exciting weekend for sure, so watch our Facebook page in advance for more information.

Our Facebook page now has over 33,000 dedicated followers, and we got messages from around the U.S. during the hurricane wishing us well and offering thoughts and prayers for the Houston area. To all the crew of the GCW, stay safe, and we’ll see you soon.

Nancy



NEW MEMBERS



Betsy and Danny Jan



Hal Fruchtnicht



Levi Juravle



Ryan Goldman



Ted Kirkpatrick



Chance Dutton



Timothy Keough



Potential new wing member
Ricky Yerena

All pictures this page taken by
Kathleen Brown



In this picture **you can see only part of our crew**. I would like to bring to everyone's attention that Jim Hower lives over 150 miles away and he is there. Dave Madden lives in Austin and he drives over every other week. If you don't know all of our Maintenance crew you need to come out on work days and help! There is work for anyone that shows up. We are working on 2 airplanes and need more help.

These are the people that make it possible for the airplane to fly. They work 10-12 hour days each workday.

Col Jed Doggett

Fellow Team Colonels,

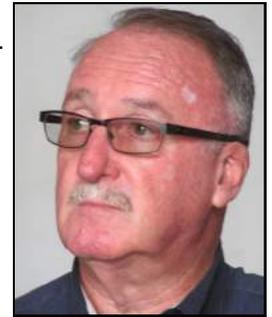
As you know, our Wings Over Houston Airshow is just around the corner. Ticket sales are already going very well. In a progress meeting last Thursday, it was reported that ticket sales are already \$250,000 over what they were this time last year. It appears that we may have another record breaking year.

With all this said, please plan on attending and helping with our **Wings Over Houston Work Day on Saturday, September 23rd at Building 125 at Ellington Airport.** Work will start at approximately 0700 and run until finished which is usually by just after lunch. Refreshments will be provided to all the workers. Wings Over Houston is one of our key events that provides funds for our Wing, Houston Wing and Tora. The success of the preparation is dependent upon the involvement of us volunteers. I look forward to see y'all out there. Please mark your calendars.

Have a great week.

Semper Fi !!! !! !!!

Wayne



The CAF organization tells the story of a nation in crisis during World War II. Little did we know, 70 years later, that a Douglas C-47 would be rumbling down the runway full of supplies for a nation in crisis.

One of the many cities to be hard hit by Hurricane Harvey is Beaumont, Texas. Currently, the city is under water and all electricity and water service is unworkable. They need help urgently. Some proud Texans in the city of Georgetown, Texas, located outside Austin, quickly went to work collecting much needed supplies at the local airport. A call went out for general aviation aircraft and pilots in the area to help take supplies down to Beaumont. The CAF Highland Lakes Squadron answered that call.



Photo by Chris Ebdon

Imagine the look in everyone's eye when the shiny C-47 Bluebonnet Belle pulled up to the hangar to take a monster payload of supplies. The excitement was palpable as they loaded the large cargo airplane with diapers, food, and water, knowing a shipment of this size was going to move the needle. We paused for a quick picture with about 50 volunteers, many of them young students who skipped school to volunteer with their parents.

Once loaded, the Pratt and Whitney 1830s roared to life just as they did 70 years ago on similar missions transporting much needed supplies during the war.

The Commemorative Air Force members embodied the spirit and tenacity of the Greatest Generation, who in a time of need, stepped up to help a nation in crisis.

We commend our CAF leaders in the area of the Texas Gulf Coast who did an incredible job securing the hangars and staying in communication with CAF Headquarters. While the CAF hangars fared well during the storm, we realize many CAF members did not. Many CAF members are still displaced and waiting to be able to return to their houses and see what damage has occurred. In the coming weeks, we will continue to reach out to those groups and members and see what can be done to help.

David Oliver, VP of Operations and Maintenance



COMMEMORATIVE
AIR FORCE

Commemorative Air Force **GULF COAST WING**

2017 Adjutant Officer



Membership Renewal for 2018

(Please Print Clearly)

It's time to renew your Gulf Coast Wing - Commemorative Air Force membership for the 2018 calendar year. The data you provide to us allows for the Wing to update our various databases, so please carefully check the accuracy of your information. Please make any necessary changes on this form when you return your renewal remittance. Please note that GCW members must be in good standing regarding 2018 dues in order to be eligible for required unit training. The GCW Staff is delighted to have you renew as one of our members for 2018. The GCW supports two (2) aircraft: B17-G and C-45.

2018 Wing Membership Renewals are due by January, 31st 2018

COLONEL NUMBER:

LIFE MEMBER NUMBER:

NAME:

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ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP CODE:

SPOUSE:

HOME PHONE:

CELL PHONE:

CELL PHONE:

FAX NUMBER:

MEMBER E-MAIL

Are you an aircraft sponsor? YES NO (Types are Full, Restoration, or Supporting)

(If YES, Please advise type and aircraft you sponsor _____)

WING DUES ARE \$50.00 EACH YEAR. CADET DUES ARE \$35.00. YOU MUST BE A PAID UP MEMBER OF THE CAF TO RENEW YOUR GCW AFFILIATION. PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO GULF COAST WING - CAF, and REMIT PAYMENT TO:

Col Rex McLain, Adjutant
17638 Seven Pines Drive
Spring, TX 77379

Col McLain's E-mail: breitlingsteeler@hotmail.com
Cell Phone: 281-639-6480
Home: 281-251-0138

Additional Funds can be credited towards sponsorships. My renewal dues of \$50 and an additional \$ _____ are enclosed. I want the extra money to be credited towards:

\$ _____ General B-17 Maintenance Account

\$ _____ Unrestricted.....Whatever is best for the GCW.

FOR OUR INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS

We are now able to accept credit cards for your Membership Renewals. If you want to charge your credit card for your membership renewal, or for additional contributions, please complete the following:

Circle One: Master Card Visa American Express

Amount Authorized: \$

Credit Card Number - - -

Expiration Date:

3 or 4 Digit Security Code:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Additional Funds can be credited towards sponsorships. My renewal dues of \$50 and an additional \$_____ are enclosed. I want the extra money to be credited towards:

\$_____ General B-17 Maintenance Account

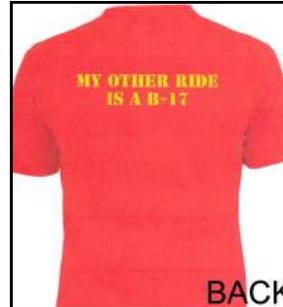
\$_____ Unrestricted.....Whatever is best for the GCW.



\$20.00



Front



BACK

**\$25 for small to XL, and \$30 for 2XL and 3 XL
Available On Line After Wings Over Houston**



\$20.00

Please consider volunteering to work the PX on missions! Remember, you must have attended Ground School to be eligible for "away" missions. Hope to see you on a trip soon!

Col Kathy Doucette - PX Officer, Gulf Coast Wing

For Aviation merchandise and B-17 collectibles, please visit our Online Store at <http://b17texasraiders.org/index.php/gift-shop>



Front



Back

If anyone would like business cards made for Texas Raiders please email Gulf Coast Wing member Kevin Hong at kevin@sectorkmedia.com

The price is \$65 for 500 business cards. The cards can be customized if you are a crew member, FE, Loadmaster, pilot, etc. Please contact him for more details.

Kevin Hong

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We welcome any comments, suggestions, and contributions to the newsletter. If you have something to show or tell, don't be shy...send it in! No article is too short or too long. When sending in photos, please be sure to identify the people in them. Also, let us know who the photographer is. We would like to give them proper credit.

Let us honor your veteran. If you have a story about a family member who is or was a veteran, we encourage you to submit it for a future issue of Cowl Flaps. Send pictures with it. We can "ghost write" it for you.

Send your contributions to: trcowflaps@aol.com

THE COWLFLAPS STAFF:

Colonels Jeff Brown, Kathleen Brown,
Catherine Young And Beverley Brown



GULF COAST WING STAFF 2017:

Elections are held each winter (usually in November at the general meeting). Staff members are elected for a two-year term and elections are held in compliance with CAF Unit Manual Sections 3-8 through 3-23. The current Elected Staff members for 2017 are:

Wing Leader	Col Wayne Kennedy	281-389-4538	wfkennedy@swbell.net
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Adjutant Officer	Col Rex McLain	281-251-0138	breitlingsteeler@hotmail.com
Operations Officer	Col Aric Aldrich	979-830-0077	opsngulfcoastwing@gmail.com
Finance Officer	Col Dayna Salter	281-229-1365	dayna.salter@ymail.com
Maintenance Officer	Col Jed Doggett	281-773-4054	Doggett.jack@gmail.com
Safety Officer	Col Per Barsten	281-682-0806	perbarsten@gmail.com

Appointed Staff Members serve at the appointment and discretion of the elected staff:

PX Officer	Col Kathy Doucette	936-524-0249	twokatz08@yahoo.com
Wings Over Houston Rep.	Col Wayne Kennedy	281-855-2520	wfkennedy@swbell.net
Supply Officer	Col Lee Brown	832-541-8349	lebro29@yahoo.com
Rides Coordinator	Col Jane Copeland	936-499-8147	janecope@msn.com
Marketing Team Lead	Col Nancy Kwiecien	936-273-4182	nkwiecien@suddenlink.net
Recruiting Officer	Col Larry Doucette	281-782-9633	larrydoucette0@gmail.com
Retention Officer	Col Rick Neu	832-767-8041	rickneu1@icloud.com
Wing Curator and Historian	Col Ben Doggett	832-773-4054	vbdoggett@gmail.com
Tour Planning Leader	Col Aric Aldrich	713-305-7363	B17TourPlanning@gmail.com
Co-Lead Flight Engineer	Col Lee Brown	832-541-8349	lebro29@yahoo.com
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MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Wing dues for CAF Adult members are \$50/person and are due no later than the last day of February each year. Wing dues for CAF Cadet members (ages 12-23) are \$35/person and are due on the last day of February each year. Adult wing members are eligible to vote on committees. Cadets are not eligible to vote or serve on committees.