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IMPORTANT MEETING NOTE:

**The Program for the
March meeting on the
9th will be a video
presentation of the day
time activities from the
November hangar
dance.**

PT-19 UPDATE

The top fuselage longeron cap strip aft of the front cockpit has been installed. This is the piece that the fabric covering is attached to. Chuck Heick is working on the pieces for the front cockpit and will have them ready shortly. The front cockpit enclosure has been temporarily installed to ensure proper fit and the front floor is finally completed including the stainless steel heel plates which were installed by Col. Jack Wells.. We are now ready to begin fabricating the fuel, oil, and hydraulic lines. The radio rack is also complete and is only awaiting shock mounts and a coating of wrinkle paint to finish it up. Jim Diley has finished the fabrication of the electrical junction box, and still has the use of most of his fingers after the process. Carl Halfpap completed the mount for the Hobbs meter and the thing looks like it has always been there. Great going to both of you guys.

B-24 UDDPDATE

Diamond Lil is still awaiting the completion of the repairs to her oil tanks. Once the oil tanks are returned, the gang can start the reassembly process and hopefully have the old girl out the door by early April.

February Winners! -by Col. Karen Dagg

I would like to say “thank you” to all who participated in the February Dinner / Meeting. We had a great time and the food was delicious.

The lucky prize drawing winners were: Ladies’ Drawing, **Beth Dagg** - a box of Godiva chocolates and **Linda Herron** – a book of World War II Love Stories. Gentlemen’s Drawing, **Shad Morris** – a book on WWII Aircraft and **Bob Nichols** – a National Geographic set of 3 DVD’s on WWII. And in the Cadet and Teen Division **Kim Demarest** - \$15 gift card to FYE (For Your Entertainment at Woodland Hills) and **Jeff Swanson** - \$15 gift card to the Game Stop!

Congratulations to all of you!

OTHER NEWS

Squadron History and Scrapbooks -by Col. Linda Herron

Thanks to everyone who is willing to share their pictures with me for the Squadron scrapbooks. I am very excited to be doing this work for our organization.

So I won’t be totally overwhelmed by this task, I would like to start by concentrating on 2003 and 2004. Once I have this part under control, I will begin working backwards to fill in the gaps since the founding of our Squadron.

I also request that you give me only copies of the photos you wish to share and not the originals. It would be very easy in the confusion of the moment to crop or trim the wrong photo. I would feel terrible if your original were destroyed.

At sometime in the near future, I will be asking you to share your

personal military and /or flying experiences. I want assembly this journal as an example for our Cadets. Thanks for your help with these projects!

The Spirit of Tulsa Squadron Receives the Distinguished Unit Award for 2004

We would like to thank **Col. Ed Straigis** for representing the Spirit of Tulsa Squadron at the Winter Staff Conference, in Midland, on Feb. 21st. Ed returned to Tulsa with an *E Flag*, for Excellence; a *Distinguished Unit Plaque*, and the following *Citation*:

Under the provisions of Commemorative Air Force Regulation 900-1, the **Spirit of Tulsa Squadron** is presented the **Commemorative Air Force Distinguished Unit Award**.

The criteria for this award is that a unit must have consistently demonstrated extraordinary, meritorious, and exceptional service to the Commemorative Air Force. The **Spirit of**

Tulsa Squadron has a record that fulfills all of the criteria. The **Spirit of Tulsa Squadron** continues to distinguish itself through exceptional dedication and support of the goals and objectives of the Commemorative Air Force in all areas of unit operations. The Squadron has been extremely instrumental in the maintenance of the B-24, "Diamond Lil" during her winter maintenance in Tulsa, Oklahoma. This local Squadron has promoted "Diamond Lil" heavily throughout the community by conducting fund raising dances and providing experienced volunteers to support the maintenance efforts. The Squadron's dedication to supporting "Diamond Lil" has truly enhanced the positive recognition of the Commemorative Air Force in their community. The dedication and enthusiasm of the Squadron's members has increased its membership numbers and ensured their continued success. The Squadron's ability to complete significant projects has established

a truly outstanding record of service within the CAF. The dedicated and enthusiastic members of the **Spirit of Tulsa Squadron** are setting a very high standard of performance.

The **Spirit of Tulsa Squadron** is hereby presented the **Commemorative Air Force Distinguished Unit Award for 2003** in recognition of their outstanding dedication and enthusiasm toward supporting the goals and objectives of the Commemorative Air Force.

By order of:

Jethro E. Culpeper
Colonel, CAF
Commander

SQUADRON LEADERS NOTES

What can I say, but, "Way to Go People". Your hard work and dedication has made this award possible. It is my hope that our squadron continues to grow and prosper as much in the future as it has these past three years. Congratulations to all of you for a job well done.

On another note, Col. Bob Prater, just recently returned from Iraq, and our new Operations Officer, is busy putting together a not only a new flight manual for our airplane, but also a training syllabus as well. As we near the completion of the PT-19, ground schools will be scheduled for pilot check out on the aircraft.

New squadron patches will soon be available thru the squadron's PX. We will advise you as soon as they are in.

Put this in your calendars now
**CELEBRATE
FREEDOM HANGAR
DANCE 2004
SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 13TH.**