HAPPY NEW YEAR!

"HAPPY 70th BIRTHDAY"

YANKEE WARRIOR!

By Jerry Lester

Over two hundred people attended the "historic" birthday party for the Yankee Air Museum's B-25 "Yankee Warrior" held December 8, 2013, in Hangar 1, Bay 8. This birthday party was held to celebrate the 70th birthday of the "Yankee Warrior" which has a build date of December 8, 1943. By turning seventy, another milestone was added to the history of this rare and prized combat aircraft. (cont’d pg 7)
YANKEE AIR FORCE BYLAWS  ARTICLE II - PURPOSES
The YAF is organized exclusively to obtain, restore, preserve and operate historic and vintage aircraft, related components for historical research and public educational purposes, and to establish a museum to facilitate the public display and exhibition of such items.

PAST DATES OF INTEREST

3 Jan 1944  “Pappy” Boyington, top USMC ace, downed by a Japanese Zero
6 Jan 1942  Final Liberator II accepted by RAF
9 Jan 1934  Patent issued for Davis Aerofoil, future wing design of Liberator
9 Jan 1941  First flight of an Avro Lancaster
12 Jan-4 Feb 1945  First convoy down 1,044-mile Ledo Road highway between Ledo, Burma, and Kunming, China
13 Jan 1942  German test pilot uses first ejection seat to escape crash
13 Jan 1943  13th Air Force is formed. Although one of the smallest, it is the only numbered Air Force to fight in four theaters of war.
14 Jan 1943  Roosevelt and Churchill meet at Casablanca Conference to plan invasion of Europe
16 Jan 1991  Operation Desert Storm begins
22 Jan 1942  First B-24D delivered from San Diego production line
23 Jan 1942  First B-24D accepted by USAAF
25 Jan 1949  USAF adopts blue uniform
27 Jan 1939  First flight of a P-38
28 Jan 1945  8th AF observed its third birthday with a 1,000 plane raid on Germany
29 Jan 1943  64 B-17s make first USAAF bombing attack on Germany
31 Jan 1943  deHavilland Mosquitoes bomb Berlin to disrupt parade address of Herman Göring

December 50/50 was won by Tom Kaiser who donated his winnings to the SaveTheBomberPlant
Tom along with Gary Cash and Bob James also won a couple books and a DVD about aircraft carries

Correction: Brian Fowler is A-Team member not a Garbage Grunt

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FEBRUARY 2014 ISSUE DEADLINE IS JANUARY 10TH BUT BEST TO HAVE ITEMS IN JANUARY 1ST
Executive Director - Kevin Walsh

Welcome 2014!! I’m sorry, wait a minute, where did 2013 go? I know it was a year of big challenges and big opportunities but has 12 months already been logged in the history books?!! To say it was an incredible year at the Yankee Air Museum would be simply an understatement and 2013 will be remembered for many things.

When it comes to big challenges, one word summed up the biggest challenge of the year……..Sequestration. Entering 2013 most of us had never even heard that word let alone knew anything about the potentially damaging effects it could have had on our operation. It single-handedly forced the flyables and air show departments to rethink and recalculate the entire 2013 game plan. What was a promising air show season was decimated by sequestration and the majority of air shows were cancelled; what was a promising THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN Air Show was thrown into a ‘tail spin’ by the cancellation of all military assets. Only through fast and creative thinking and plain and simple hard work did both departments manage to pull the ‘possible’ from the ‘impossible’. The flyable aircraft enjoyed an almost record year nearing numbers of the 2012 season and THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN drew big crowds, a solid vintage military aircraft line up and did something very few shows in the country were able to do……turn a profit. We can’t thank the volunteers of the museum enough for the extra effort in beating the odds in such challenging times!

But 2013 wasn’t all challenges, in fact it brought us incredible opportunities and new relationships.

2013 saw the birth of the “Save The Bomber Plant” Campaign. The STBP campaign represented the single-biggest fundraising initiative ever put forth by the Yankee Air Museum. In the 30+ year history of the museum, we have never seen such cohesion on a single fundraising project and we derived media attention on the local, regional and national levels! This campaign almost overnight defined us as a museum and the incredible goals to which we are willing to aspire. Again, without the help of hundreds of volunteers (Rosie the Riveters not being the least) from Michigan Aerospace Foundation and the Yankee Air Museum, the STBP Campaign would have never gotten off the ground!

2013 also saw the exciting beginnings of new museum dioramas. We showed our imagination and capabilities to become a museum that is more than airplanes and signage. It was volunteers that brought innovative ideas to life in storytelling vignettes. 2013 saw a new relationship with partners from PPG and Finish Masters and provided us with an incredible paint job and ultimately a ‘show-piece’ aircraft in our F-4 Phantom. I am happy to report that this relationship will extend into the future and these supporters are ready to do more with our aircraft/exhibits. Again, without the assistance of volunteers none of this would have been achieved.

Another relationship was fostered in 2013 with the Michigan Institute of Aviation Technology. Students from the school repaired wingtip tank damage on our RB-57 Canberra and just recently acquired our F-86 Sabre Jet for corrosion repair work. Additionally, our own volunteers can be thanked for fostering this relationship and helping in coordinating the movement of parts and aircraft to and from the school for work.

2013 saw a complete overhaul of the education department and also saw substantial changes in funding with special thanks to some very generous donors. Volunteers came from far and wide to help build stronger educational programs. At year end the educational program had impacted over 4,000 students this year alone!

2013 saw the rescue and acquisition of the O-2, a combat-veteran aircraft (something the museum has not done in many years). Volunteers worked for weeks in coordinating the recovery of the airplane and dedicated multiple days to its safe transport to the museum. Again….nothing would have happened without volunteers.

I could literally write page after page of what transpired in 2013 and but I think I could surmise that it was a year of successes. However, none of it would be possible without the help of the irreplaceable volunteers.

Looking forward to 2014, there are many things in the “cross-hairs” but before we get there and say goodbye completely to 2013, I would ask that you join us for an important event. On Saturday January 25th, 2014 at 5:00 pm, we will hold our Volunteer Appreciation Bash & Holiday Party. I invite you to join us in looking back at 2013 as we gather to celebrate the holidays and honor our very own outstanding volunteers that made a great 2013 possible! I look forward to seeing everyone there!
Yankee Gal makes Debut at 70th Birthday Party for B-25 Yankee Warrior

The volunteer recruiting department has been fortunate to enlist the help of Jeannine Valentage to represent Yankee at different events to help boost interest in volunteering and membership at the museum.

She made her first appearance at the B-25 birthday party on December 8th. So say hi to this new Yankee Gal when you see her.

Photo at right is of Volunteer Coordinator Tom Carroll, Gavin Olson, and Jeannine. Gavin’s great-grandfather was a Doolittle Raider. See more on Gavin’s visit on page 7 & 14.

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Automatic electronic transfer can be set up for continuous giving as well.

Make Yankee Air Museum’s effort to SAVE THE BOMBER PLANT part of your legacy
Yankee Air Museum Historic Presentation Night News - Randy Hotton

(editor's note: in keeping with the historical nature of the presentations being given at the General Membership meeting, and the Yankee Air Museum mission in general, it has been decided to rename it the more appropriate “Historic Presentation Night”)

At December’s meeting we showed a CD from the YAM’s Oral History collection. It was from one of the last surviving Pearl Harbor veterans, Charlie McClain. He was at Pearl Harbor on December 7th and was then involved in the Pacific Theater of Operations (PTO) for the duration of WWII. He told captivating tales. Randy Hotton gave a brief introduction of the war in the Pacific prior to the showing of CD to integrate historic facts into the telling of Charlie’s story. We were honored to have his daughter present at the showing.

January 8th (NOTE: We will not meet on the first Wednesday January 1st) We will have a presentation by the YAM’s own WO-2 Jerry Towler. He will tell of his experiences in Vietnam as an Army Helicopter Pilot. Jerry flew with Bob Mason, the author of the famous book “Chickenhawk”, and he was featured in the book under the name of Resler. Our Huey on display in the museum is made up to look like the one he flew in Ia Drang Valley. This is a repeat of one of the best presentations ever given at the YAM.

February 5th We do not have a speaker lined up yet, but Major William Rundell may be available to tell us of his experiences flying the Michigan Air Guard’s A-10’s in Afghanistan last year. Hopefully this can be confirmed for the February issue.

March 5th John Wukovit’s a local author who has spoken at the museum before has a new book about the USS Samuel B. Roberts. Called For Crew and Country: The Inspirational True Story of Sacrifice and Bravery Aboard the USS Samuel B. Roberts, it is the story of the crew of a destroyer escort that in October 1944 sacrificed itself to help save MacArthur’s forces ashore.

This is also not confirmed but there is a good chance we will have former Astronaut Jack Lousma make a presentation on his experiences as an Astronaut.

As I have said many times in the past if you are not attending the Yankee Air Museum Historic Presentation Night you are missing some very interesting presentations.

If you know of anyone you think we could use as a speaker, please get in touch and we will see if we can schedule them. pilotyip@aol.com.

ALSO CHECK OUT THE NEW YANKEE AIR MUSEUM WEB SITE. SEE HH IN COLOR THERE TOO!

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Program is for Kroger shoppers in Michigan only.
Any friend of Yankee can register. You need not be a member. your friends and relatives to support YAM at no cost to them!

Ad space in HH
If your business would be interested in purchasing ad space in Hangar Happenings, please contact Dave Steiner via email at hangarhapps@yankeeairmuseum.org or call the Museum (734) 483-4030 ext 247, and leave a message for him to call you.
HH is mailed all around the world, so your message will reach the far corners of the globe. Most YAM members are in southeast Michigan and northwest Ohio, so you will also be reaching a local base and helping out the Museum. These ads help offset the printing and mailing costs for HH.
Because the campaign has been so successful so far, the deadline has been extended so the fundraising continues for the campaign to save a corner of the old Willow Run bomber plant as the new home for Yankee Air Museum. To not save this very historic CROWN JEWEL of the Arsenal of Democracy would be a shame. Yankee Air Museum is working with Michigan Aerospace Foundation to try to raise pledges and funds. If you know anyone who can contribute a significant amount please contact a Yankee board member. BUT NO contribution is too small. Go to the web site and pledge as much as you can! SAVETHEBOMBERPLANT.ORG

If the project comes to fruition, Yankee would have about 165,000 square feet of really HIGH BAY space, inside a truly historic structure. That volume would allow us to do just about anything we want, including bringing the historic Ford schoolhouse inside. Photos by Drano

Right: Artist’s concept of the Yankee Air Museum in the roll-out bays of the Willow Run Bomber Plant. We are trying to save just a corner of this massive historic structure.
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The "Yankee Warrior" was manufactured by North American Aviation in Kansas City, Kansas, on December 8, 1943, and delivered to the United States Army Air Force on December 17, 1943. It departed from Hunter Field in Savannah, GA, on January 19, 1944, for the island of Corsica and flew with the 12th Air Force, 57th Bomb Wing, 340th Bombardment Group, 489th Bombardment Squadron based on Corsica. The missions records indicate that a total of eight missions were flown before this aircraft was sent back to the United States in late May of 1944. In October of 1944 it was turned over to the government of Great Britain as part of the Lend Lease Program and was sent to the Royal Canadian Air Force. There it was used primarily as a trainer throughout Canada and was withdrawn from service in June, 1963. In 1963 it was offered for sale on the civilian market and was sold to a company in Ontario, Canada, and then sold to a private party. In October 1987, The Yankee Air Museum purchased the plane to join the fleet of flyable WWII aircraft in their collection. Over the years this plane has carried the nose art and name of the "ELLEN E. & SON", "GALLANT WARRIOR" and currently the "YANKEE WARRIOR". This B-25D is one of only two flying B-25Ds and one of two B-25 aircraft flying with documented combat history.

After on-going restoration, while being kept in operational condition, the "Yankee Warrior" has been a popular attraction at many air shows and aviation events over the years offering rides, tours and photo opportunities.

Those in attendance at the birthday party were treated to a brief presentation regarding the history of this B-25 and the introduction of the various crew members and volunteers who maintain, fly and represent the Yankee Air Museum’s B-25 flight program. Recognition was also given to several surprise guests who braved the cold and wind to come out to the party. Among the crowd was an original Rosie the Riveter from the Willow Run Bomber Plant who held and showed period pictures of herself. It was such an honor to have two WWII B-25 pilots show up to the event, adding a special touch which created many photo opportunities. Art Love, 97 of Ida, MI, flew 17 missions off Okinawa and looked right at home sitting in the cockpit and waving to the crowd of photographers. Love came to the hangar "just to see the plane". Earl Hart, 94 of Westland, flew a total of 55 missions in the Pacific Theatre and recounted "both good and bad" memories to those gathered around him. The attendees were captivated by 7 year old Gavin Olson who came dressed in his flight suit, including helmet and aviator sunglasses. His great-grandfather, Col. Jack Sims, flew with the famed Doolittle Raiders as the co-pilot of plane 14. The "Yankee Warrior" crew was pleased to presented Gavin with a signed aerial photo and they hope to see him one day reach his dream to "fly" a B-25.

Sundays’ event was also the unveiling of the three art renderings of the "ELLEN E. & SON ("Yankee Warrior") flying the sixth mission over Orvieto, Italy, May 2, 1944. These were created by nationally recognized aviation artist David Ails. The Yankee Air Museum presented each crew member with an individual picture to acknowledge their dedication and service in keeping this prized aircraft in flying condition. These marvelous pictures will be available to the public through the museum’s merchandise store. The museum holds the rights to these picture with all proceeds going directly to the museum.

A special thank you goes out to all of the museum volunteers and crew members who made this event possible. We wish also to thank the public for coming out to see the "plane that flies over their house all the time". Once again, history continues to be made by the Yankee Air Museum.
This year, the Yankee Air Museum had the honor to host three different Eagle Scout projects for local Boy Scouts seeking to earn their Eagle Scout rank.

In May, Boy Scout Andrew Wolf from Troop 854 designed wooden stands for text panels to have outside near our different aircraft in the Air Park. Andrew came up with a design that would be sturdy enough to be able to withstand the weather. Dozens of Scouts from Troop 854 came to the Museum to complete the project under the guidance of Andrew. Stop by the Museum to see the Text Panel stands that Andrew designed and created that significantly enhance visitors’ experience at the Museum! A large “Thank you” goes out to Andrew’s sponsors: the Canton Home Depot, the Canton Lowes, the Ann Arbor Lowes, Mans Lumber Millwork in Canton, Lee’s Fried Chicken in Plymouth, and Further Recycling. With the help of these sponsors, the Text Panel Stands were created with all donated material! Thank you to the sponsors and to Troop 854!

Our second Eagle Project was completed by Zachary Smith, from Troop 793 in Belleville. Zach, with the help of his fellow Scouts and adult leaders, built four 8ft long wooden park style benches that now reside in the Memorial Flaggole area east of the Museum. Zach researched and designed the benches and brought his vision to reality. The benches took 150 hours to build from start to finish. The materials for the project were donated by Mans Lumber Millwork in Canton. Zach is the son of Jeff and Margie Smith of Belleville, and is a sophomore at Father Gabriel High School in Ann Arbor.

Our third Eagle Scout Project was completed by Kyle Heiberger from Troop 755 in Northville. For this Eagle Project, Kyle worked in the Collections Department and accessioned a large Document and Artifact Collection, donated to the Museum in 2006 by Mr. Gary Skoloff. Kyle and a small group of volunteers from his Troop worked diligently over the summer to assign accession numbers, catalog, document, and organize the many artifacts within the Skoloff Collection. Over 1,500 individual artifacts (mostly paper documents) comprised this Collection. What started as an assortment of twenty or so boxes, turned into an organized collection which has helped the Collections Department be able to easily locate various artifacts within the Collection.

We are getting the 2014 year off to a great start, and already have two more Eagle Scout projects in the line-up! Thank you to all the Scouts who are helping Yankee Air Museum in a multitude of different ways!
In October of 1940, Knudsen reached a $500 million agreement with the carmakers in Detroit. They would build bomber subassemblies, this ensured that aircraft parts would now be stamped out by the auto companies, instead of being hand made by the traditional airframe manufacturers. After learning of Knudsen’s plans to involve automakers in building airplanes, the Secretary of War Henry Stimson was delighted. He wrote in his diary concerning airplane production “the first real stroke of light we’ve had around here”

Around this time Robert Lovett comes on the Washington scene. He was a WWI Navy Bomber pilot, he is a Wall Street Financier who was Chairman of the Board at the Union Pacific Railway. He had gone to Europe and saw the power of the German Air Force, and he had visited the US airframe manufacturers. He concluded that the American Aircraft Industry was too weak to meet the requirements of war. He was so concerned about the US being unprepared that he wrote a paper on airpower that was given to Secretary of War, Henry Simpson. Lovett said “you would win with airpower, with what you have now in quantity, not what you want in the future in quality”. He presented this in a point paper, stating that Heavy Bombers would be the quickest way to win the war with a minimum loss of US lives. But Heavy Bombers were the most expensive, complex and difficult airplanes to build. At the end he added these bombers could not be built without the auto companies for only they had the capability to mass-produce bomber parts. This was right in line with Simpson’s thinking. In December, Lovett became Special Assistant for Air Affairs. In the spring of 1941, he was appointed as Assistant Secretary of War for Air; basically the first Secretary of the Air Force. Lovett would bring order to a disorganized Army Air Corps procurement system. Bombers would become the way the US would fight in WWII.

The bomber plan was gaining momentum. In late November Knudsen showed the Detroit automotive makers the government’s all-out war program and then left it to the auto makers to adapt themselves to it. The original plan called for increased bomber assembly of 200 medium bombers per month at Omaha and 200 heavy bombers per month at Tulsa. The Army began surveys of available plants in order to determine what the auto companies could contribute to the program. The Air Corps stationed Maj. James H. Doolittle in Detroit as its liaison officer to assist the industry in its planning. Further study in December 1940 revealed that it would be impossible to reach this level of bomber production in the two plants planned for Tulsa and Omaha.

As the bomber program took shape during the late fall, it was decided to construct two additional bomber assembly plants for operation by aircraft companies with sub-assembly supplied by the auto companies. Plants would be built in Kansas City and Fort Worth. Chrysler, Ford, Hudson, and the Fisher Body Division of General Motors became subcontractors for the manufacture of parts and sub-assemblies. At Omaha, Martin would make 100 B-26’s per month from parts and assemblies to be built by the Hudson Motor Car Company, the Chrysler Corporation, and the Goodyear Aircraft Corporation, all of which were to expand their facilities. In Kansas City, North American Aviation undertook to assemble 100 B-25’s per month with parts supplied by Fisher Body Division of General Motors.

Douglas and Ford were selected to join with Consolidated in producing a 100 B-24’s per month above the production that was planned at Consolidated’s San Diego plant. Under this plan Ford was to make parts for a 100 "knock-down" sets of B-24’s per month. These “knock-downs’ would then be shipped to Fort Worth and Tulsa. Using these and other components, Consolidated was to assemble 50 B-24’s per month at a new plant at Fort Worth, and Douglas, though initially reluctant to participate in the pool, would assemble an equal number at the new plant in Tulsa. This plan had not yet dealt with the realities of building the B-24 and Mr. Ford had other ideas about building B-24 bombers. He is reported to have said “We will not just build parts, we will build whole airplanes”

Contracts for construction of the four new assembly plants were not signed until February and March 1941. In November of 1940, “Hap” Arnold Chief of the Army Air Corps issued a directive that all bomber plants built in the future will be built large enough to accommodate the B-29 and the B-32 bombers. The two medium bomber plants were to be built on a scale large enough to permit ready adaptation to build very heavy bombers. This is why the Willow Run Bomber Plant has doors that are 144 feet wide when the B-24 had a wingspan of only 110 feet. Had the war in Europe gone badly and England had fallen to the German’s, Willow Run would have been building B-29’s or B-32’s.
Hello Yankee Members!

Our Exhibit Design team is constructing a permanent diorama based on the Vietnam War. As part of this exhibit, we would like to honor all of our Yankee Members that served during the Vietnam conflict. If you served in the military during this conflict (whether in-country or not) and would like to be a part of our Vietnam Service Recognition exhibit, please contact our Conservator to have your name added! If you would like to include any pictures of your time in the service, we would be happy to include any photos in this exhibit as well.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Julie.

Thank you and Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans!

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Gavin Olson in flight suit and his family introduced by Bruce Stoddart of the B-25 crew. Gavin’s great-grandfather was a Doolittle Raider. Below, Jerry Lester addresses the crowd.

Al Hudson photos
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Memorial Brick Program – Someone with good management skills and a sense of initiative to run the brick program for the Memorial Garden.

Security – Virtuous people seeking adventure to be a part of all Museum activities.

If you are interested, or would like to know about additional volunteer opportunities, please contact Tom Carroll, Volunteer Coordinator at volunteers@yankeeairmuseum.org.

Yankee Photo Gallery

Here’s the link to the Yankee Photo Gallery maintained by Dwight Koslowski. The latest HH images in COLOR are there along with thousands of other Yankee and Yankee related photos.

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Also, if you hear about something questionable with regards to the Museum, contact PR first so Bob and his staff may check it out first to ascertain that it is fact or fiction before telling others. If he doesn’t know about it, he’ll look into it right away and get back to you with the correct information.

Bob also heads the Speaker’s Bureau, so if your organization is interested in having someone give a presentation about Yankee Air Museum, give Bob a call.

Call the Museum (734) 483-4030 ext 242. or Bob via email at bob.hynes@yankeeairmuseum.org or bobbhynes@yahoo.com

Yankee Air Museum Staff and B-25 Crew:

To most 7 year olds, a “Hero” comes with a cape, super powers and the ability to climb tall buildings and fight off villains. Our son, Gavin has learned and truly believes that someone that fights or has fought for our country and those who help preserve its history, are the true, real life “Heroes.” On Sunday Dec 8, 2013 our family attended the B-25 Mitchell 70th birthday party. At the request of Mr. Stoddart, Gavin arrived in his flight suit, helmet...and sunglasses. He looked like a pilot in training. The crew and staff treated Gavin, not like he was just a 7 yr old boy, but like he truly was “part of the club.” He had his picture taken, was interviewed, given a commemorative Doolittle Raid pin, and presented with an amazing signed picture. Gavin was shy and somewhat reserved, taking it all in, but inside he was positively beaming. My husband and I simply can not put into words how touched (and surprised) we were by the wonderful gestures and the kindness put forth by everyone involved yesterday. You made an impact on our family that will absolutely never be forgotten. As Gavin gets older, we will continue to remind him about the significance of, not only what you did yesterday, but what each of you have done to make a difference in the lives of others. I know that my Grandfather, Col. Jack Sims, Doolittle Raider, is looking down, so proud to have men and women like yourselves to carry on the legacy he fought for so many years ago. I am sorry I did not get the names of each crew and staff member yesterday, but please share this letter with each other and know you absolutely made Gavin’s day. He will proudly keep the B-25 autographed picture, the Doolittle pin, and the memories you helped him make and one day, when HE is an Air Force Pilot or crew member perhaps he can make just as big of an impact on some other child.

You can be sure that we will be back to the Yankee Air Museum soon. We intend to be first in line when the B-25 flights start in May. God Bless each of you.

Sincerely,
Sara and Kirk Olson

Need a Yankee Speaker?

If your organization would like someone from Yankee to give a presentation, contact Bob Hynes. The Yankee Speakers Bureau can provide speakers from the Yankee ranks to talk about the Willow Run Story and the future of Yankee Air Museum. Contact: bob.hynes@yankeeairmuseum.org or call (734) 483-4030 ext 242

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JANUARY
Wednesday 8th
Historic Presentation Night - Jerry Towler. Flying a Huey with the First Air Cavalry in Vietnam. A truly compelling story. Don’t miss it. 7:30pm.
Saturday 18th
STAFF and Operations annual meeting held on site 9-4pm
Saturday 25th
Yankee Air Museum Post Holiday Party and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, 5-8pm, High Bay of Yankee Collections & Exhibits Bldg. See back page for more information.

FEBRUARY
Friday 14th
Saturday 15th
Great Lakes International Aviation Conference, Lansing Center, Lansing, MI. YAM will have a combined booth with Michigan Aerospace Foundation and Wayne County Airport Authority For more information go to www.greatlakesaviationconference.com/

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Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th
THUNDER OVER UTAH™ - twilight air show, St George Municipal Airport (SGU), St. George, Utah
THUNDER OVER UTAH™ - St George Municipal Airport (KSGU), St. George, Utah, featuring the US Navy Blue Angels.

AUGUST
Saturday 9th
Sunday 10th
THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN™ Willow Run Airport (KYIP) Ypsilanti, MI
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Featuring the USAF Thunderbirds! It is now official!

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January 8th
Historical Presentation Night

Yankee’s own
Jerry Towler
Flying the Huey in Vietnam

Meeting is at 7:30pm at the
NEW Yankee Air Museum
Collections & Exhibits Building
east side of
Willow Run Airport.

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POST HOLIDAY PARTY
&
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

January 25th
5-8pm
High Bay
Yankee Air Museum
Collections & Exhibits Bldg

YAM will provide main meat dish and beverages
Attendees should bring appetizers, side dishes, deserts, etc.

YAM Board members will be there to show their appreciation for your volunteer efforts