

A/101 AVIATION ASSOCIATION, INC. 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

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Our association completed another successful year of operations DEC 31, 2012. Our 2012 membership numbers grew to 592 members by year end 2012.

Our association in partnership with the 101st Airborne Museum Foundation took ownership and then moved the Comanchero aircraft UH-1H 67-19502 from FL to Fort Campbell, KY. Ralph "Buck" Maher along with the leasing truck company Mercer transportation, Louisville KY, transported the aircraft for a minimum cost of fuel charges. Now that the aircraft is located outside of the museum on Fort Campbell we need volunteers that can work with the museum to restore this aircraft to static display condition. Our association has a savings fund set up with our bank to help with the restoration cost. What we need most right now is the manpower to organize and follow through with this project. Please contact us if you want to join the team to help save the deuce.

Our 2009 A/101 Aviation Memorial scholarship award winner Emily Morris, daughter of Robert Morris graduates in June 2013. We continue to support our 2010 award winner Ronnie Lee Gainer, granddaughter of Lawrence Payne; Megan Van Almsick the 2011 award winner, daughter of William Van Almsick; and our 2012 award winner Daniel Robert Ramirez, grandson of Jerry Wofford.

The 2013 A101 Aviation Association scholarship award winner is Ms. Sonnie Gainer, granddaughter of Lawrence Payne. She will be attending Northern OK College and majoring in a Pre-Dental degree. Ms Sonnie Gainer will be awarded a \$2000.00 four year scholarship, payable in four (4) \$500.00 annual installments.

A huge thank you to our scholarship committee members who have the difficult task of selecting our scholarship winners from several qualified applicants each year.

I also would like to thank everyone who has so generously donated to help our Comanchero children with their college expenses through our A/101 Aviation Memorial Scholarship Fund. We should be very proud of what we are accomplishing with our scholarship program.

The 2013 A/101 Aviation Association reunion and annual meeting is being held in Portland, Oregon, August 14 - 17, 2013 in conjunction with the 68th annual reunion of the 101st Airborne Division Association. The reunion hotel is the Red Lion Hotel on the River, 909 N Hayden Island Drive, Portland, OR 97217. Registration forms, hotel and reunion information are on the web site at <http://comanchero.org/Reunions.htm> Hotel reservations must be made by 29 July 2013. The A/101 Aviation Association, Inc 2013 annual membership meeting will be held at the Portland reunion on Friday, August 16th at 4:00-5:00pm at the Red Lion Hotel on the River.

Enclosed is a confidential ballot for the election of the two trustees running for 2013-2016 terms as association trustees. Chuck Slezak and Curt Bodin, JR are both running unopposed in this election. Association ballots can be returned by mail or you can vote in person at the annual meeting in Portland. A reduced size copy of the 2012 association financial statement is included with this report. Full size financial reports are available online at http://comanchero.org/Dec312012_A-101_Financial_Statement_Issued.pdf Please consider sending a tax free donation along with your ballot.

Thank you, Vickie and I look forward to seeing you all in Portland, OR

Richard A. Bittle, President/Trustee