



TRANSPORTATION CORPS AVIATION ASSOCIATION



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TCAA held our first Scholarship Luncheon on November 25th in Newport News. Matthew J. Pearson, grandson of LTC (Ret) Neville & Betty Pearson, was honored for winning our \$1000 merit scholarship. Matt attends the University of South Carolina. A photo of the event was published in the December 2d edition of the Fort Eustis newspaper.

We held our annual Wives Luncheon on December 2 at Le Yaca French Restaurant in Williamsburg. Nearly 40 people attended. Retired Navy Captain Jerry Twigg and his wife Virginia joined us; Captain Twigg is the Acting Deputy Garrison Commander at Fort Eustis. He gave us a vivid picture of the changes coming to Fort Eustis over the next two years. It appears the TRADOC 4-star is weighing-in with construction at the Club, the PX, and the Commissary.

The Transportation Museum Gift Shop is in the process of purchasing the last remaining Transportation Corps Regimental Ties and Ladies Scarves from the Fort Eustis Clothing Sales Store (AAFES). The manufacturer has gone out of business. There are only 25+ ties left and about 50 scarves. If you don't have one, now is your last chance to get one.

WHRO (PBS-TV) has completed filming the history of Fort Eustis and is ready to combine the Here & Then segments (each 90 to 120 seconds long) onto a single DVD so the TC Museum Gift Shop can sell them as mementos of our past glory. Problem --- two segments have not been filmed, and without them our history is not complete: the Aviation Logistics School and the Aviation Laboratories (AVLABS), both of which were TC aviation units. I've not been successful in finding people willing to pay the \$2500 it costs to produce each film. WHRO has agreed to combine both units onto a single segment, thus saving us \$2500. Our 2012 Budget already has this expense incorporated and approved. Once we finish filming, WHRO can begin the combining process onto a single DVD. This can be a gift to give your grandchildren when they ask, "What did you do in the war, grandpa?" If you would like to pre-order a DVD

(cost currently unknown, but estimated to be \$20-\$25), let me know.

Your Executive Committee is discussing two additional items: (1) scheduling membership lunches once a quarter vice monthly, and (2) incorporating into our Constitution and Bylaws provisions for when we must dissolve TCAA. Please let us know your thoughts.

I want all of you, around our nation and around the world, to have a most joyful Christmas and a wonderful New Year. 2012 promises to be an exciting election year. Please mark your calendars for July 28th, our next TCAA Reunion. Please come if you're able.

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-Next Meeting: Fri, Jan 6, 1130 Hours, County Grill-

Next TCAA Membership Luncheon: FRIDAY, January 6, 2012, 1130-1300, County Grill Restaurant, Route 17 (Near I-64), York County, VA (757-591-0600).

- TCAA Birthdays-

TCAA wishes "Many Happy Returns of the Day" to the following members celebrating a birthday in January:

- 1- Charles Cupp
- 7-Lesly McCorkle
- 9-Bob Lawson, Daun Pace, Larry Willer
- 12-George Johnson
- 15-Angela Farmer, Joe Pinard
- 20-Jim Eakins
- 22-Eldridge Brock, James Reid
- 24-Tom Reinshagen
- 26-Frame Bowers, Glenn Boykin, Ed Gilmore, Bentley Herbert
- 30-Allen Walker

- Annual Directory -

If you have corrections to make to the Annual Directory, please send them to the Secretary.

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