



TRANSPORTATION CORPS AVIATION ASSOCIATION

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WHRO (PBS-TV) filmed the Here & Then segments associated with the Army Aviation Technology Directorate (better known to us as AVLABs) and the Army Aviation Logistics School (better known to us as the Aviation Maintenance Training Department) on December 27th, paid for by TCAA. WHRO has sent me a DVD of these two segments so we can add them to our TCAA website (www.TCAvAssn.org) along with our TC aviation segment placed earlier on our website. Dr. John Quarstein wishes to film two more segments before we finalize the DVD that will be sold in the Museum Gift Shop. These are: Brigadier General Abraham Eustis (from whence our beloved fort gets its name) and Fort Crafford, a Civil War encampment built by the South at the tip of Mulberry Island, which prevented the Union navy from sailing up the James River to Richmond. John and Julia Adie gave us a check for \$2500 on December 31st for the Abraham Eustis segment. John Adie, as you know, is our President Emeritus and our first Hall of Fame awardee. WHRO filmed the Abraham Eustis segment on January 11th. Dr. Quarstein believes the City of Newport News will fund the Fort Crafford segment. I'm hoping we can start selling the Fort Eustis history DVD soon.

TCAA sent a \$500 check to Quad-A as 2011 Scholarship Fund contributions from seven members: Neville Pearson, James Earl Hyers, Bob Price, James Touchet, Emmett Knight, Marty Meyer, and myself. These funds are tax deductible for the individuals who contributed. TCAA will always accept contributions to its Scholarship Fund. For those of you who have relatives going to college next year, be sure to contact Quad-A and ask for the Merit Scholarship Application Package. Completed packages must be submitted by May 1st. TCAA participants did very well last year; let's do it again this year!!!! The winner of the 2011 TCAA \$1,000 Scholarship, Matt Pearson, sent me a very nice Thank You note for his award luncheon, held November 25th.

Our latest luncheon was held at the County Grill Restaurant on January 6th. About 20 attended, including Otis Haislip!!! We had some great barbeque and lots of war stories (and other lies) being told.

Please mark your calendars for July 28th, our next TCAA Reunion. The Army Transportation Museum Foundation (ATMF) will hold its annual membership meeting that Saturday morning. A \$100 contribution to ATMF makes you a Life Member; that's the cost of a brick for the sidewalk outside the Museum. The Transportation Corps will celebrate its 70th birthday the week of July 23d, ending at the Museum on July 28th. That afternoon TCAA plans to

go to Colonial Downs Race Track for ten horse races, a buffet dinner in a private room, and lots of speeches by people who should know better. It promises to be a very special TCAA Reunion. If you're coming from out of town, stay on post at the General Smalls Inn, stay in a hotel just outside the gate, or stay in a hotel near the racetrack. More later as we firm up the details. Please come if you're able.

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-Next Meeting: Fri, Feb 3, 1130 Hours, Hayashi Sushi & Grill-

Next TCAA Membership Luncheon: FRIDAY, February 3, 2012, 1130-1300, Hayashi Sushi & Grill, 1820 Merchants Walk, Newport News City Center, VA 23606 (757) 223-5783. Hibachi Grill entrees range from \$12 to \$16 or order off the menu.

-TCAA Birthdays-

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

- 1- Jim Brennan, Tom Towle
- 4-Howard Tuggey
- 7-Don Jordan
- 10-Jim Knight
- 11-Sam Woolf
- 12-Ed Landry
- 14-Jim Wilkie
- 17-Maurice Avery, Bill Tedesco
- 19-Robert Corscadden
- 21-Roger Meissner
- 24-Don Schessler
- 25-Tim Bisch, Mrs. Harrell Gillis
- 26-John Sparks
- 27-Jim Poteat

- Directory Changes -

- 1. Don Jordan's phone number is now: 904-534-6055
- 2. Jerry Mellick's phone number is now: 509-599-8957
- 3. Bob Petersen's e-mail is now: petebb@cablelynx.com

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

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