



TRANSPORTATION CORPS AVIATION ASSOCIATION



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TCAA held its monthly luncheon at Patriots Colony in Williamsburg on April 29th. This was a joint meeting with the Army Transportation Museum Foundation (ATMF) Board of Directors and the Patriots Colony community. Thanks to Hal Campbell who made all the arrangements.

Bob Price's ad hoc group reviewing the proposed Constitution met on April 21st; they will recommend changes at our next meeting. We will vote on the budget at our July 8th luncheon. Changes to the TCAA Constitution & Bylaws require a vote at our Reunion on July 30th.

TCAA membership remains very strong, but participation at monthly luncheons has fallen due to a variety of reasons. We are all aging, incomes are not keeping up with inflation, and the Army isn't making TC aviator replacements anymore. Options: (1) continue monthly luncheons, (2) hold luncheons quarterly in the future, (3) only hold annual wives luncheon and annual reunion, and/or (4) send monthly Newsletter only. Tell us your druthers by contacting TCAADigest@msn.com or (757) 877-5796.

Fort Eustis held its annual Retiree Appreciation Day on May 14 from 0900-1400 at the PX. We handed out flyers for new members: the Reunion, the 7th Brigade's Open House, and the UH-1H helicopter rides.

We are continuing to collect contributions for our Scholarship Fund and for our WHRO (PBS) Here & Then film series segments (starring Dr. John Quarstein) about the history of Fort Eustis. Three segments are in the works: TC Aviation, TC Aviation Logistics, and AVLABS. Please send donations to Warren Joyce, 955 Harpersville Road, Apt 3052, Newport News, VA 23601.

TC Birthday Weekend promises to be extra special this year. Out of town Army retirees can reserve a room at the General Smalls Inn on Fort Eustis by calling (757) 878-5807. Other veterans call The Mulberry Inn (800) 223-0404, say "TC Birthday", and get a special room rate. The Museum Foundation holds its annual membership meeting the morning of July 30th. The 7th Sustainment Brigade will hold an Open House at 3d Port and offer landing craft tours as we celebrate "The Year of the Army Mariner." The TCAA & TC Birthdays will be celebrated on July 30th at the Fort Eustis Club, starting at 1800. Cost is \$30. Casual dress. BG (Ret) Doornink, President of the TC Regimental Association (TCRA) and Dr. John Quarstein, have agreed to join us. Make reservations and send checks (TCAA) to Warren at the address above. Reservation form is on the back of this Newsletter. Women receive a gift. Cash bar. Music. 50/50 raffle. Food. Speeches. Just think: Wine, Women, and Song!!! Even two Birthday Cakes!!!

We've teamed with the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation again this year for the Huey Ride Program July 30 & 31 at the Williamsburg-Jamestown Airport. We will be commemorating the 50th anniversary of TC Aviation's involvement in Vietnam. Attending also will be two military reenactor groups that will display Vietnam era materiel, plus the Civil Air Patrol who will assist with parking.

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- Next Meeting: Fri, June 3rd, 1130 Hours, Fort Eustis Club-

Cost: \$10. Residents of Patriots Colony will join us for lunch. They will tour the Museum after lunch

- TCAA Birthdays-

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

- 3-Art Moen, Joseph Moore, Blair Smith
- 4-Herb Williams
- 6-Warren Joyce
- 7-Al Johnson
- 12-Harold Byars, Leonard Pickhartz, Bill Slye
- 15-Gerry Royals
- 16-Paul Bankit
- 18-Andy Andreson, Dick Hout
- 20-John Adie, James E. Campbell, Charles Priem, Al Wolfe
- 21-Al Luster
- 23-Art Bowdoin
- 24-Bill Blair
- 25-Les Weinstein
- 27-Joe Thornton
- 28-Mike O'Shea
- 30- Al Hannum, Norb Patla

- Directory Updates -

1. Roger Meissner's address is now: 2429 Emerald Lake Dr. #211, Sun City Center, FL 33573 (Phone and e-mail remain the same as listed in the last directory.)
2. Bob Price's e-mail address is now: robertprice1@verizon.net
3. Louis Share's e-mail address is now: louisshare@embarqmail.com
4. Jim Touchet's zip code is now: 76182



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It is our sad duty to inform the membership of the death of Life Member LTC (R) Wallace L. Tate, 8 May 2011

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