

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilors  
**From:** Michael Spurgeon, City Manager  
**Date:** August 18, 2017  
**Re:** Notes to Council

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### **1. STAFF REPORTS / ITEMS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ATTENTION**

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Respectfully submitted,



Michael L. Spurgeon

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Attachments

# 1. STAFF REPORTS / ITEMS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ATTENTION



**INTEROFFICE MEMO**

***Broken Arrow Fire Department***

**To:** Michael Spurgeon, City Manager  
**From:** Office of the Fire Chief  
**Date:** August 15, 2017  
**Re:** July 2017 Monthly Report

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Please see the attached reports detailing:

EMS Responses  
Fire Responses  
Fire Prevention Inspections  
Fire Investigations  
Fire & EMS Overview  
Monthly Incident Summary Report



Broken Arrow Fire Department Monthly Report  
July 2017

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	<u>This Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Last Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
EMS Responses	849	760	11%
Fire Responses	187	259	-27%
Fire Prevention Inspections	85	68	25%
Fire Investigations	03	07	-57%
Total Training Hours	868	575	50%



Broken Arrow Fire Department Monthly Report  
July 2017

	Station	Assist Other Stations	Assist EMS	
District 1	38	08	110	This Month
	38	08	110	Total Fiscal Year
District 2	15	01	58	This Month
	15	01	58	Total Fiscal Year
District 3	17	01	38	This Month
	17	01	38	Total Fiscal Year
District 4	26	02	66	This Month
	26	02	66	Total Fiscal Year
District 5	32	04	104	This Month
	32	04	104	Total Fiscal Year
District 6	50	04	93	This Month
	50	04	93	Total Fiscal Year
District 7	24	07	96	This Month
	24	07	96	Total Fiscal Year
Total	202	27	565	This Month
	202	27	565	Total Fiscal Year
	<b>6.5</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>Total Number Runs per Day</b>



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Fire Suppression Average Response Times

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	This Month	Same Month Last F/Y	Total This F/Y	Total Last F/Y
Station #1 Eng 1	4:31	3:38	4:31	3:38
Station #2 Eng 2	5:13	5:45	5:13	5:45
Station #3 Eng 3	4:42	5:06	4:42	5:06
Station #4 Eng 4	5:42	7:08	5:42	7:08
Station #5 Eng 5	4:51	4:37	4:51	4:37
Station #6 Eng 6	5:42	5:02	5:42	5:02
Station #7 Eng 7	3:38	4:13	3:38	4:13
<b>Total Average</b>	<b>4:54</b>	<b>5:07</b>	<b>4:54</b>	<b>5:07</b>

**BAFD Bench Mark Average Time - 1st in Engine 5:00, 2nd in Engine 7:00**

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**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

EMS Unit Run Destinations

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Saint Francis - Tulsa	201	Hillcrest MC South	72
Saint Francis South	98	Hillcrest MC Tulsa	26
Saint John MC - Tulsa	110	OSU Medical Center	03
Saint John MC -BA	52		



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EMS Runs by Type

	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Same Month Last F/Y</u>	<u>Total This F/Y</u>	<u>Total Last F/Y</u>
Numbers of Runs	879	760	849	760
Treated/Transported	572	574	572	574
Treated/Released	118	31	118	31
Cancelled	65	51	65	51
Refused Treatment	82	93	82	93
DOA	08	11	8	11
Standby	01	--	01	--
Assist other units	03	--	03	--
EMS Suppression	76	68	76	68

EMS Average Response Times

	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Same Month Last F/Y</u>	<u>Total This F/Y</u>	<u>Total Last F/Y</u>
Station #1 Sq-1	3:54	3:54	3:54	3:54
Station #2 Sq-2	4:19	4:25	4:19	4:25
Station #3 Sq-3	4:17	4:25	4:17	4:25
Station #4 Sq-4	5:45	6:03	5:45	6:03
Station #5 Sq-5	4:11	3:53	4:11	3:53
Station #6 Sq-6	4:35	4:25	4:35	4:25
<b>Total Average</b>	<b>4:30</b>	<b>4:31</b>	<b>4:30</b>	<b>4:31</b>

**BAFD Bench Mark Average Time 5:00**

**General information:**

Total number of calls . . . . .	Fire - 187	EMS - 779	Exposures - 0	Unknown - 0	All - 966
Average calls per day . . . . .	Fire - 6.03	EMS - 25.12	All - 31.16		
Total number of arson calls . . . . .	0				
Estimated dollar loss . . . . .	Fire - 116,410	Other - 501	All - 116,911	Arson - 0	
Estimated value . . . . .	Fire - 538,109	Other - 105,000	All - 643,109	Arson - 0	
Percentage saved . . . . .	Fire - 78.36%	Other - 99.52%	All - 81.82%	Arson - .00%	
Total injuries . . . . .	Fire service - 0	Civilian fire - 0	EMS - 0	Arson - 0	
Total fatalities . . . . .	Fire service - 0	Civilian fire - 0		Arson - 0	
Total apparatus responses . . . . .	Emergency - 1,739	Non-emergency - 189	All - 1,928		
Average responses per day . . . . .	Emergency - 56.09	Non-emergency - 6.09	All - 62.19		
Average apparatus per call . . . . .	Fire - 2.26	EMS - 1.93	All - 1.99		
Average turnout time . . . . .	Emergency - 0:00:48	Non-emergency - 0:00:49	All - 0:00:48		
Average response time . . . . .	Emergency - 0:05:12	Non-emergency - 0:05:30	All - 0:05:14		
Average contain time . . . . .	Emergency - 0:11:50	Non-emergency - 0:07:32	All - 0:10:45		
Average total time . . . . .	Emergency - 1:04:42	Non-emergency - 0:27:06	All - 1:00:49		
Total man hours . . . . .	Fire - 258	EMS - 2,815	All - 3,073		
Average personnel per call . . . . .	Fire - 5.86	EMS - 5.21	All - 5.33		
Total aid given calls . . . . .	11				
Total aid received calls . . . . .	0				

**Total calls by incident group:**

	Count	Average response time	Aid given	Exposures
100-173 Fire	13	0:05:45	0	0
200-251 Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat - no fire	2	0:04:41	2	0
300-381 Rescue and emergency medical service incidents	779	0:05:05	9	0
400-482 Hazardous conditions (no fire)	16	0:06:04	0	0
500-571 Service call	42	0:06:37	0	0
600-672 Good intent call	64	0:01:22	1	0
700-751 and 7009 False alarm and false call	49	0:05:49	1	0
800-815 Severe weather and natural disaster	1	0:07:48	0	0

**Total calls by incident type:**

	Count	Aid given	Aid received	Exposures
111 Building fire	2	0	0	0
130 Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other	1	0	0	0
131 Passenger vehicle fire	2	0	0	0
142 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	3	0	0	0
143 Grass fire	1	0	0	0
151 Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	1	0	0	0
154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire	3	0	0	0
221 Overpressure rupture of air or gas pipe/pipeline	1	0	0	0
243 Fireworks explosion (no fire)	1	0	0	0
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	3	2	0	0
321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	720	7	0	0
3211 EMS call, Possible Non Emergency Transfer	3	0	0	0
322 Vehicle accident with injuries	33	0	0	0
324 Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	11	0	0	0
331 Lock-in (if lock out, use 511 )	6	0	0	0
353 Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	2	0	0	0
381 Rescue or EMS standby	1	0	0	0
400 Hazardous condition, other	1	0	0	0
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	6	0	0	0
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	2	0	0	0
442 Overheated motor	1	0	0	0



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Total calls by incident type:		Count	Aid given	Aid received	Exposures
444	Power line down	2	0	0	0
445	Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	3	0	0	0
463	Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1	0	0	0
500	Service Call, other	2	0	0	0
511	Lock-out	1	0	0	0
520	Water problem, other	1	0	0	0
531	Smoke or odor removal	4	0	0	0
551	Assist police or other governmental agency	6	0	0	0
552	Police matter	1	0	0	0
553	Public service	2	0	0	0
554	Assist invalid	21	0	0	0
561	Unauthorized burning	4	0	0	0
611	Dispatched & canceled en route	25	0	0	0
6111	Dispatched & canceled en route-EMS	22	1	0	0
621	Wrong location	1	0	0	0
622	No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	10	0	0	0
631	Authorized controlled burning	3	0	0	0
650	Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke, other	1	0	0	0
651	Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1	0	0	0
671	HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	1	0	0	0
700	False alarm or false call, other	13	0	0	0
715	Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	2	0	0	0
731	Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1	0	0	0
733	Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	8	0	0	0
736	CO detector activation due to malfunction	2	0	0	0
740	Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	2	0	0	0
743	Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	8	0	0	0
744	Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	2	0	0	0
745	Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	10	0	0	0
746	Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1	1	0	0
814	Lightning strike (no fire)	1	0	0	0

Totals calls by property use:		Count	Arson	Aid given
NNN	None	3	0	
UUU	Undetermined	5	0	
000	Property use, other	4	0	
100	Assembly, other	1	0	
110	Fixed-use recreation places, other	1	0	
120	Variable-use amusement, recreation places, other	1	0	
124	Playground	1	0	
130	Places of worship, funeral parlors, other	1	0	
131	Church, mosque, synagogue, temple, chapel	7	0	
141	Athletic/health club	2	0	
142	Clubhouse	1	0	
150	Public or government, other	3	0	
162	Bar or nightclub	1	0	
211	Preschool	1	0	
213	Elementary school, including kindergarten	4	0	
215	High school/junior high school/middle school	4	0	
311	24-hour care Nursing homes, 4 or more persons	106	0	
321	Mental retardation/development disability facility	5	0	

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Totals calls by property use:		Count	Arson	Aid given
331	Hospital - medical or psychiatric	15	0	
340	Clinics, doctors offices, hemodialysis cntr, other	33	0	
341	Clinic, clinic-type infirmary	2	0	
343	Hemodialysis unit	1	0	
361	Jail, prison (not juvenile)	5	0	
365	Police station	3	0	
400	Residential, other	9	0	
419	1 or 2 family dwelling	498	0	
429	Multifamily dwelling	57	0	
439	Boarding/rooming house, residential hotels	1	0	
449	Hotel/motel, commercial	7	0	
459	Residential board and care	5	0	
500	Mercantile, business, other	8	0	
511	Convenience store	12	0	
519	Food and beverage sales, grocery store	20	0	
529	Textile, wearing apparel sales	2	0	
539	Household goods, sales, repairs	3	0	
549	Specialty shop	3	0	
557	Personal service, including barber & beauty shops	1	0	
559	Recreational, hobby, home repair sales, pet store	2	0	
569	Professional supplies, services	1	0	
580	General retail, other	1	0	
581	Department or discount store	6	0	
592	Bank	2	0	
596	Post office or mailing firms	2	0	
599	Business office	2	0	
629	Laboratory or science laboratory	1	0	
642	Electrical distribution	1	0	
700	Manufacturing, processing	2	0	
899	Residential or self-storage units	1	0	
900	Outside or special property, other	6	0	
931	Open land or field	4	0	
936	Vacant lot	2	0	
940	Water area, other	2	0	
960	Street, other	50	0	
961	Highway or divided highway	8	0	
962	Residential street, road or residential driveway	10	0	
963	Street or road in commercial area	13	0	
965	Vehicle parking area	14	0	

Total calls by district:		Count	Arson
001	District One	170	0
002	District Two	85	0
003	District Three	84	0
004	District Four	120	0
005	District Five	178	0
006	DISTRICT SIX	177	0
007	District Seven	132	0
010	Outside City Area	20	0

Total calls by station:		Count	Aid given
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Total calls by station:		Count	Aid given
001	Station #1	182	2
002	Station #2	119	1
003	Station #3	103	1
004	Station #4	115	2
005	Station #5	187	1
006	Station #6	179	4
007	Fire Prevention	27	0
777	Station #7	54	0

Total calls by shift:		Count
001	A Platoon	352
002	B Platoon	319
003	C Platoon	295

Total calls by action taken:		Count
00	Action taken, other	16
11	Extinguishment by fire service personnel	6
13	Establish fire lines (wildfire)	1
22	Rescue, remove from harm	4
30	Emergency medical services, other	51
31	Provide first aid & check for injuries	56
32	Provide basic life support (BLS)	46
33	Provide advanced life support (ALS)	606
34	Transport person	2
40	Hazardous condition, other	1
45	Remove hazard	1
52	Forcible entry	3
58	Operate apparatus or vehicle	1
63	Restore fire alarm system	1
64	Shut down system	1
70	Assistance, other	3
71	Assist physically disabled	19
73	Provide manpower	7
78	Control traffic	1
80	Information, investigation & enforcement, other	1
81	Incident command	39
84	Refer to proper authority	2
86	Investigate	48
87	Investigate fire out on arrival	2
92	Standby	1
93	Cancelled en route	47

Apparatus totals:

Apparatus	Emergency responses	Average per day	Non-emergency responses	Average per day	Total responses	Average per day	Average turnout	Average response
BT1	2	.06	0	.00	2	.06	0:00:49	0:05:48
BT2	4	.12	0	.00	4	.12	0:01:05	0:12:00
BT3	2	.06	1	.03	3	.09	0:01:41	0:06:58
BT4	5	.16	0	.00	5	.16	0:00:20	0:05:16
BT5	4	.12	1	.03	5	.16	0:01:12	0:06:26
BT6	6	.19	1	.03	7	.22	0:00:21	0:04:19

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**Apparatus totals:**

Apparatus	Emergency responses	Average per day	Non-emergency responses	Average per day	Total responses	Average per day	Average turnout	Average response
BT7	1	.03	0	.00	1	.03	0:00:00	0:00:00
EMSA	2	.06	0	.00	2	.06	0:00:53	0:11:02
E1	147	4.74	15	.48	162	5.22	0:00:49	0:04:27
E3	43	1.38	12	.38	55	1.77	0:01:06	0:05:03
E4	94	3.03	6	.19	100	3.22	0:00:46	0:06:44
E5	128	4.12	14	.45	142	4.58	0:00:45	0:04:51
E7	127	4.09	17	.54	144	4.64	0:00:58	0:04:26
FD111	2	.06	0	.00	2	.06	0:00:04	0:02:39
FD211	16	.51	1	.03	17	.54	0:00:47	0:09:03
FD212	68	2.19	4	.12	72	2.32	0:00:33	0:06:08
FD312	3	.09	1	.03	4	.12	0:00:50	0:10:57
FD313	1	.03	1	.03	2	.06	0:00:03	0:00:00
FD314	1	.03	0	.00	1	.03	0:00:51	0:11:00
FD414	1	.03	0	.00	1	.03	0:00:03	0:00:05
LAD2	71	2.29	5	.16	76	2.45	0:00:49	0:05:30
LAD6	130	4.19	24	.77	154	4.96	0:00:42	0:06:10
RES1	20	.64	2	.06	22	.70	0:01:09	0:05:34
SQD1	161	5.19	24	.77	185	5.96	0:00:58	0:05:24
SQD2	123	3.96	9	.29	132	4.25	0:00:48	0:06:02
SQD3	85	2.74	16	.51	101	3.25	0:01:11	0:06:39
SQD4	110	3.54	4	.12	114	3.67	0:01:04	0:07:00
SQD5	169	5.45	11	.35	180	5.80	0:00:56	0:05:42
SQD6	157	5.06	16	.51	173	5.58	0:00:50	0:05:57
SQD7	56	1.80	4	.12	60	1.93	0:00:53	0:04:58

**Fire incidents with dollar loss:**

Incident ID	Date	Description	Dollar loss	Dollar value
2017-0005718-000	7/05/17	Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire 13021 E 67TH ST, BROKEN ARROW, OK, 74012	200	250,500
2017-0005720-000	7/05/17	Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire 1026 N OAK CT, BROKEN ARROW, OK, 74012	201	1,600
2017-0005775-000	7/06/17	Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire 1703 W EL PASO PL, BROKEN ARROW, OK, 74012	2	2
2017-0006055-000	7/16/17	Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other 504 W FT WORTH ST, BROKEN ARROW, OK, 74012	6,000	16,000
2017-0006271-000	7/22/17	Passenger vehicle fire INTR HIGHWAY 51 WB & N 9TH ST	25,000	55,000
2017-0006294-000	7/23/17	Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire 8803 S FAWNWOOD CT, BROKEN ARROW, OK, 74011	2	2
2017-0006300-000	7/23/17	Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire 16006 E 131ST ST, BROKEN ARROW, OK, 74012	2	2
2017-0006453-000	7/27/17	Building fire 2612 W FREDERICKSBURG ST, BROKEN ARROW, OK, 74011	25,000	155,000
2017-0006472-000	7/28/17	Passenger vehicle fire INTR ASPEN & W OMAHA ST	60,000	60,000
2017-0006536-000	7/30/17	Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire 100 N FIR AVE, BROKEN ARROW, OK, 74012	3	3
<b>Totals:</b>			10 incidents	116,410 538,109

**Other incidents with dollar loss:**

Dollar loss Dollar value

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**Other incidents with dollar loss:**

			<b>Dollar loss</b>	<b>Dollar value</b>
2017-0006169-000	7/19/17	Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	501	105,000
2156 W ALBANY ST, BROKEN ARROW, OK, 74012				
		<b>Totals:</b>	1 incidents	501 105,000

## 2. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE / NOTIFICATION



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**PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Broken Arrow Residents Can Now Use Tulsa Mulch Site for Free**

*The site accepts green waste such as tree limbs, leaves and grass clippings*

**Broken Arrow, Okla. (8/16/2017)** – City of Broken Arrow residents are now able to take their green waste to the City of Tulsa’s Mulch Site free of charge.

Located at 2100 N. 145th E. Ave., the Tulsa Mulch Site accepts tree limbs, leaves and grass clippings. The site also offers unlimited wood chips/mulch and firewood to be picked up by residents. A firewood cutting area is available, but patrons must bring their own saws. Tree and shrub root balls are not accepted.

To use the site, Broken Arrow residents just need to provide a driver’s license or recent utility bill showing their Broken Arrow address. The Tulsa Mulch Site is open from 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., seven days per week, excluding City of Tulsa-observed holidays.

“This is a great new benefit for our Broken Arrow refuse customers,” said Lee Zirk, General Services Director for the City of Broken Arrow. “Not only will it provide our residents a no-cost means of self-disposal of their green waste, it also diverts green waste from the refuse waste stream.”

Terry Ball, City of Tulsa Streets and Stormwater Director, agrees the partnership between Broken Arrow and Tulsa provides environmental benefits for the entire metropolitan region.

“This agreement sets the stage for a regional effort to keep green waste out of the waste stream,” said Ball. “Partnerships such as this foster good relationships within the region, as we work together on various initiatives that help all citizens.”

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**PRESS RELEASE**

Previously, the Tulsa Mulch Site was available to Broken Arrow residents for a fee. Over the past year, Broken Arrow residents dumped 950 cubic yards of green waste there. That number is expected to increase under this agreement.

The agreement between the Broken Arrow Municipal Authority (BAMA) and the Tulsa Authority for the Recovery of Energy (TARE) will transfer the fee Broken Arrow residents paid to BAMA, which will be charged at a rate of \$0.55 per cubic yard. The Broken Arrow City Council approved the agreement at its Aug. 15 meeting.

With many residents disposing of their own green waste, this arrangement will help some refuse customers avoid bulky pick up charges and also help reduce tipping fees City sanitation trucks incur at the energy recovery plant and landfill.

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**To:** Michael Spurgeon, City Manager  
**From:** Lori Hill  
**CC:** Norman Stephens  
**Date:** August 17, 2017  
**Re:** Notes to Council – 2018 OneVoice Regional Tourism Task Force Top Priority Issue Statements

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OneVoice is Northeast Oklahoma's principle business-driven regional advocacy effort. Facilitated by the Tulsa Regional Chamber and 70 regional partner organizations, OneVoice engages the business community each year to identify key legislative priorities that advance the region and its business prosperity. Each summer, nine OneVoice task forces meet to identify state and federal priorities in target areas. The top issues from each task force are then vetted by the OneVoice Summit in the fall, where the final OneVoice agenda is crafted.

**Please note, the OneVoice Legislative Summit will take place on Thursday, September 7 from 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Hard Rock Hotel, Sequoyah Room.** The tourism task force's number one state and federal issues will automatically be on the 2018 OneVoice Legislative Agenda. The subsequent two issues on both state and federal lists will advance to the Summit for further consideration.

#### **STATE**

- 1. Modernizing Oklahoma's Alcohol Laws:** Continue to support legislation that reforms Oklahoma's outdated alcohol laws with particular focus on easing legal and regulatory burdens on restaurants, bars, event and sports venues, festivals, and other public events resulting from the elimination of low-point beer and the implementation of Oklahoma's new alcohol laws (Title 37A) in October 2018. We propose the creation of new licenses to be issued by the Oklahoma ABLE Commission, which would permit the aforementioned entities to sell and serve beer in the same manner in which low-point beer is currently sold and served; provided beer does not exceed the strength (8.99% ABV) that will be sold at grocery and convenience stores under the newly created Retail Beer License.
- 2. Self-Determination in Facility Firearm Policies:** While supporting the rights granted by the Second Amendment, protect the current law giving venue owners, event operators, and recreational facilities the authority to control firearm policies on property they manage. Removing this control would endanger Oklahoma's ability to attract events that bring thousands of visitors and millions of dollars into our economy each year. Many events—especially in youth and collegiate sports—have non-negotiable firearm policies and removing the controls under current law would limit facility operators' ability to ensure the safety of their events, increase the cost of providing security, and could subject them to additional liability.
- 3. Route 66:** Promote Oklahoma's 410 miles of Route 66 and its associated attractions and businesses as a cultural/heritage tourism destination. Route 66 is a tremendous economic engine that attracts hundreds of thousands of national and international tourists each year, and Oklahoma has the most navigable miles of any of the eight states through which Route 66 passes. Tourism is the third largest industry in Oklahoma, and support for Route 66 will provide an enormous return on investment for our state. According to a report prepared for the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, destination spending in Oklahoma totaled \$8.9 billion in 2014, creating \$366 million in public revenue for the state, \$261 million in revenue for municipalities, and supporting more than 95,000 jobs.

## **FEDERAL**

1. **Federal Historic Tax Credits:** Maintain federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits for the restoration of historic buildings. These credits have for 30 years been an important catalyst for incentivizing private investment to preserve our nation's historically-significant buildings and revitalize the historic cores of American cities. The existing 20-percent income tax credit for certified historic structures and 10 percent credit for certain non-certified historic structures should be preserved. Additionally, support the School Infrastructure Modernization Act, which expands the tax credit to include historic school buildings that still operate as an educational institution.
2. **Continue Funding for Brand USA:** Support continued funding for Brand USA, a national tourism marketing association that promotes the United States overseas as a premier tourist destination. The president's FY 2018 budget seeks to eliminate this bipartisan tourism program, even though funding for Brand USA comes exclusively from fees paid by in-bound international travelers, not by American tax dollars. Studies have shown the program helped bring an additional 4.3 million visitors to the United States over the last four years, which generated \$4 billion in federal, state, and local taxes.
3. **Aviation Workforce:** Support efforts by Congress to review federal flight training requirements and reduce the time and expense associated with reaching minimum commercial flight certification, while achieving comparable training levels. Despite record airline profits and low oil prices, the U.S. domestic airline network is getting smaller. New federal requirements for airline pilots implemented two years ago have created additional barriers for those seeking to enter this critical industry. This is affecting Tulsa and many other communities who have seen a loss of flights or no increase in service despite high passenger load factors. Congress should explore reforms in order to attract more pilots to this critical industry.

### 3. SPECIAL EVENTS / ACTIVITIES



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## "Promoting Patriotism through the Preservation of Military History"

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### United States Armed Services Day of Observance

Coast Guard Birthday – August 4

#### Important Dates

##### POW/MIA Recognition Day

On Saturday, September 16, at 11:00 a.m., the MHC will host a POW/MIA Recognition Day event on the Memorial Flag Plaza. The highlight of the event will be the dedication of the Oklahoma Vietnam War MIA Memorial, with the participation of Oklahoma Rolling Thunder. Please make plans to attend this important patriotic event.



#### Civil War Weekend

The tenth annual Wagoner County Coweta Mission Civil War Weekend will be held on October 13-15 at the farm of Mr. Arthur Street, located southeast of Coweta.

This is an event you won't want to miss. So, mark your calendars now. The September newsletter will contain detailed information about the event. **Proceeds from the Civil War Weekend are for the benefit of the MHC.**

### End of World War II Commemoration

On Saturday, August 12, the Military History Center hosted a commemoration of the end of World War II. When President Truman and other allied leaders announced on August 14, 1945, that the Japanese government had accepted the Potsdam Declaration as the basis for surrender, the Allied world went wild with relief and joy.

This is the second consecutive year that the MHC has hosted this commemoration. World War II veteran, Mr. Frank Riesinger, a local retired businessman, is the human force behind these commemorations. Once again, this year, he produced a fabulous event. Union High School Air Force JROTC cadets, under the command of Chief Master Sergeant Don Snow (USAF, Retired) gave us a short demonstration of a manual of arms drill and posted the colors, as a bugler played "Stand to the Colors". We were entertained by The Goforth Brass and Miss Maggie Bond, a former Miss Tulsa, sang the National Anthem and other patriotic songs.

MHC President, BG Tom Mancino (U.S. Army, Retired), served as Master of Ceremonies. Dr. Clarence Oliver, a veteran of the Korean War, gave the invocation and introduced SGT James Wheeler of Oklahoma's 45<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team, who gave an address on the combat history of the 45<sup>th</sup> Division/Brigade. Mr. Paul Andert, a veteran of world War II, and recipient of a Silver Star, three Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts, related his experiences as a Sergeant First Class in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored "Hell on Wheels" Division. Finally, CMSGT Snow recited a poem of his own composition. The event closed with a bugler blowing "Taps".

The weather drove the event inside, where it was a little crowded, and several attendees had to stand, but the crowd of about 150 or so enthusiastic patriots, mostly veterans and their spouses, thoroughly enjoyed the program. We are grateful for all who helped put the event together, especially Mr. Riesinger and the primary sponsors, AVB Bank and Metro Appliances and More.





Union High School JROTC cadets performing their drill



SGT Wheeler giving his address



Dr. Oliver introducing SGT Wheeler



Mr. Riesinger addressing the audience

## National Purple Heart Day

The Ernest Childers Chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart commemorated National Purple Heart Day by holding a Purple Heart City Ceremony. The Ceremony was held in Broken Arrow's Veterans Park on Tuesday evening, August 8. More than 200 enthusiastic veterans, their families, friends and supporters attended the impressive ceremony, where Broken Arrow was proclaimed a Purple Heart City.



Master of Ceremonies, Dr. Clarence Oliver, a Korean War veteran and long-time supporter of the MHC, introducing Mitch Reed, Commander of the Ernest Childers Chapter, a Vietnam War veteran, two-time recipient of the Purple Heart and MHC docent. Mr. Reed was organizer of the event. Ms. Elaine Childers, daughter of Medal of Honor recipient, COL Ernest Childers of Broken Arrow, is seated in the background.





Broken Arrow City Manager, Michael Spurgeon, Vice Mayor Scott Eudey and City Councilors, Johnny Parks, Debra Wimpee (MHC Board member) and Mike Lester unveil the plaque designating Broken Arrow a Purple Heart City. The first plaque was installed beneath the Rose District sign at the east bound off-ramp of the Broken Arrow Expressway at Elm Street.



The Purple Heart truck at the Purple Heart Day event – On August 9, a ceremony was held at Matthews Ford at 1101 Expressway Drive in Broken Arrow to send-off the Purple Heart Truck. The truck is a 2017 Ford F-150 Raptor especially modified for a combat wounded veteran.



On May 23, 1944, Henry Schauer was serving as a PFC in 2<sup>nd</sup> BN, 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry “Rock of the Marne” Division. On that day, near Cisterna di Littoria, Italy, he single-handedly killed five German snipers and disabled two machine gun emplacements. The next day he destroyed a third German machine gun nest. His Medal of Honor citation:

“Pfc. (now T/Sgt.) Schauer left the cover of a ditch to engage 4 German snipers who opened fire on the patrol from its rear. Standing erect he walked deliberately 30 yards toward the enemy, stopped amid the fire from 4 rifles centered on him, and with 4 bursts from his BAR, each at a different range, killed all of the snipers. Catching sight of a fifth sniper waiting for the patrol behind a house chimney, Pfc. Schauer brought him down with another burst. Shortly after, when a heavy enemy artillery concentration and 2 machineguns temporarily halted the patrol, Pfc. Schauer again left cover to engage the enemy weapons single-handed. While shells exploded within 15 yards, showering dirt over him, and strings of grazing German tracer bullets whipped past him at chest level, Pfc. Schauer knelt, killed the 2 gunners of the machinegun only 60 yards from him with a single burst from his BAR, and crumpled 2 other enemy soldiers who ran to man the gun. Inserting a fresh magazine in his BAR, Pfc. Schauer shifted his body to fire at the other weapon 500 yards distant and emptied his weapon into the enemy crew, killing all 4 Germans. Next morning, when shells from a German Mark VI tank and a machinegun only 100 yards distant again forced the patrol to seek cover, Pfc. Schauer crawled toward the enemy machinegun. stood upright only 80 yards from the weapon as its bullets cut the surrounding ground, and 4 tank shells fired directly at him burst within 20 yards. Raising his BAR to his shoulder, Pfc. Schauer killed the 4 members of the German machinegun crew with 1 burst of fire.”

Henry Shauer was born at Clinton, Oklahoma, on October 9, 1918. He entered the Army at Scobey, Montana. After the war, he eventually settled in Oregon. He died on June 16, 1997, at Salem, Oregon. He is buried in City View Cemetery in Salem. We know nothing else about his life.

### Museum Hours and Admission Fee

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## World War II Ace



COL John Dave Landers

John Dave Landers was born near Wilson in Carter County, Oklahoma, on June 23, 1920. At the time of his enlistment, April 25, 1941, he lived in Joshua, Texas. He was commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant and received his pilot's wings at Stockton Field, California, on December 12, 1941. LT Landers was assigned to the 9<sup>th</sup> Pursuit Squadron, 49<sup>th</sup> Pursuit Group, flying P-40 Warhawks in the Pacific Theater, where he was credited with destroying six enemy aircraft in aerial combat. He was shot down near Dododura, New Guinea, in December 1942, evaded capture and was subsequently rescued. He returned to the U.S. in January 1943.

After a tour in the United States as a flight instructor, he was assigned to the 55<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group, 38<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron stationed at Duxford, England. There, he flew the newly developed, powerful P-51D Mustang. He named his fighter *Big Beautiful Doll*. During his time in Europe, he was credited with shooting down eight and a half German fighters and destroying twenty during strafing attacks. His shared aerial kill was a German ME-262 jet fighter. He ended the war as a Lt. Colonel and commander of the 78<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group, with 174 missions and a total of thirty-four and one-half combined aerial and ground kills.

Colonel Landers was a highly-decorated combat pilot, having been awarded four Distinguished Flying Crosses, three Silver Stars, British Distinguished Flying Cross, French Croix de Guerre, twenty-one Air Medals, Purple Heart and Victory Medal.

After the war, Landers was employed at Brown and Root Construction. At the time of his death, September 12, 1989, he lived in Granbury, Texas. He is entombed in Greenwood Mausoleum, Fort Worth, Texas.



Painting of Landers flying *Big Beautiful Doll* over France

## World War I Ace



LT William Portwood Erwin

William Portwood Erwin was born at Ryan in the Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory, on October 18, 1895. Sometime in his youth, his family moved to Chicago.

In 1917 or 1918, he joined the Aviation Section, Signal Corps, a part of the Army. After pilot training, Erwin was assigned to 1<sup>st</sup> Aero Squadron of the 1<sup>st</sup> Observation Group. The group's mission was reconnaissance, artillery spotting and infantry contact, in order of importance. Between September 15 and October 22, 1918, Erwin is credited with shooting down eight German aircraft with half of the kills shared with his gunner, Arthur Easterbrook. The gunner was an enlisted man who operated a machine gun from an open cockpit behind the pilot (also in an open cockpit), who operated the aircraft's forward machine guns. LT Erwin was awarded two Distinguished Service Crosses and a French Croix de Guerre for actions during the war.

After the war, Erwin continued flying, including participation in air races. In August 1927, he disappeared somewhere over the Pacific between Oakland, California and Hawaii, while competing in the Dole Air Race.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Aero Squadron, formed on March 5, 1913, is the lineal ancestor of today's 1<sup>st</sup> Reconnaissance Squadron, the oldest flying unit in the United States Air Force.



Unidentified air crew – 1<sup>st</sup> Aero Squadron



## 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade in Afghanistan

In the fall of 2003, the 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry “Thunderbird” Brigade, Oklahoma National Guard, was deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, assuming command of Task Force Phoenix II from 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division. The purpose of the deployment was to assist in training Afghan security forces. Over the next few years, soldiers of the 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, including its headquarters and headquarters company, would deploy in support of this mission. In April 2004, 350 soldiers from the Brigade’s 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 279<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment also deployed to Joint Task Force Phoenix. During this rotation, the brigade grew the size of the Afghan National Army to over 14,000, as well as fielding a corps-sized force ahead of schedule. In August 2004, the Brigade was replaced in this mission by the 76<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, and subsequently returned home to the United States. The Brigade spent three years at its home base, and in that time transformed into an infantry Brigade Combat Team as a part of a new transformation plan for the Army.



45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Headquarters staff posing on and around an Afghan destroyed, Russian tank near Kabul, Afghanistan – 2004. Brigade Commander, Brigadier General Tom Mancino, is standing in the front center.

In March 2006, the 180<sup>th</sup> Cavalry (still infantry in 2006) deployed as part of Task Force Phoenix V. They were attached to the 41<sup>st</sup> Brigade Combat Team (Oregon National Guard). The 180<sup>th</sup> returned in June 2007.

The 45<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team deployed to Afghanistan in 2011 and reunited with the 201<sup>st</sup> Corps of the Afghan National Army (ANA), as partners this time, in combined combat operations against insurgent forces in Eastern Afghanistan where they suffered the loss of fourteen soldiers but made significant progress in disrupting and destroying insurgent operations while continuing to mentor the ANA and progressively handing off security missions to them.



SPC Jonathan Clattenburg of Oklahoma City receiving his Thunderbird combat patch – September 2011



Lt. Colonel Tommy Mancino (right), commander of the 45<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team Special Troops Battalion – December 2011



45<sup>th</sup> Infantry BCT, stationed at Forward Operating Base Gamberi, Afghanistan, eating a traditional Thanksgiving meal – 2011.



Insignia of 45<sup>th</sup> BCT Special Troops Battalion



## This Month's Featured Exhibit



Except for the uniform on the far left, this part of the Afghanistan War Exhibit showcases a variety of uniforms worn by soldiers in the war.



The two uniforms on the left are a continuation of the uniform array in the first photo. The ceremonial uniform is an Aghan Ceremonial Guard's uniform. The indigenous clothing on the far right is a Hamid Chapans – formal wear for Afghan men. The flag, "From the Ashes", is the flag of Task Force Phoenix. This flag flew over the Task Force headquarters when it was operated by the 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, commanded by BG Tom Mancino in 2003-04.

The war in Afghanistan began within a few weeks following the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001. Afghanistan's Taliban government had provided sanctuary for the terrorist group, Al Qaeda, responsible for the attack. The purpose for U.S. entry into Afghanistan was to destroy Al Qaeda and kill or capture its leader, Usama bin Laden. But, he escaped into Pakistan, where he was killed by members of Seal Team 6 in a daring raid on May 2, 2011. The Afghanistan War continues to this day. It has become America's longest war.

## Aerial Combat in MiG Alley



An American F-84 destroys a North Korean MiG-15 in MiG Alley

Most aerial combat during the Korean War occurred in the notorious MiG Alley, in the northwestern portion of North Korea where the Yalu River empties into the Yellow Sea. The communist fliers favored fighting close to the Chinese border, where they could easily flee over the Yalu River to the safety of China, where the Americans weren't supposed to follow, although that order was often winked at.

The Republic F-84 Thunderjet, a turbojet fighter-bomber, was the USAF's primary strike aircraft during the Korean War. It flew 86,408 missions and destroyed sixty per cent of all ground targets in the war as well as eight Soviet-built MiG fighters. The F-84s were armed with six 0.50 caliber (12.7 mm) M2 Browning machine guns – four in the nose and one in each wing root – and had the provision for wingtip fuel tanks holding 226 gallons each. During the war, the F-84 became the first USAF fighter to utilize aerial refueling. It was the first aircraft to fly with the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds demonstration team. The USAF Strategic Air Command had F-84 Thunderjets in service from 1948 through 1957.

The Chinese and North Korean air forces were equipped with the Mikoyan-Gurevich MiG-15, a jet fighter developed by the Soviet Union. The MiG-15 was one of the first successful swept-wing jet fighters. It achieved fame in the skies over Korea, where early in the war it outclassed all straight-winged fighters in most applications. The MiG-15 was armed with three cannons: two 23-mm with eighty rounds per gun and a single 37-mm with forty rounds.



## Operation Tidal Wave



1LT John C. "Jack" Martin standing beside his B-24 Liberator bomber, *The Oklahoman* – Benghazi, Libya

On August 1, 1943, 177 B-24 Liberator heavy bombers flew from their base at Benghazi, Libya, to Ploesti, Romania, in an operation named Tidal Wave. Their mission was the large oil refinery complex located there. One of the bombers, No. 42-40738, "*The Oklahoman*", was piloted by 1LT John C. Martin of Tishomingo, Oklahoma. After crossing the mountainous Balkans, the pilots dropped down to a few hundred feet above ground to avoid German radar. Some of the pilots lost their way to the target, but in the end, 167 managed to drop their bombs over the refinery complex. Fifty-seven of the bombers were lost – fifty-four over Romania and three at sea.

On the return flight to base, LT Martin's bomber ran short of fuel, and he had to land on Malta. He was awarded a Distinguished Service Cross for his actions during the operation:

"The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross to John C. Martin, First Lieutenant (Air Corps), U.S. Army Air Forces, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving as Co-Pilot of a B-24 Heavy Bomber in the 566th Bombardment Squadron, 389th Bombardment Group (H), NINTH Air Force (Attached), while participating in a bombing mission on 1 August 1943, against the Ploesti Oil Refineries in Rumania. During a long and hazardous attack against a vital enemy oil installation made at low-altitude by a formation of B-24 type aircraft, First Lieutenant Martin flew through heavy enemy fire against impossible odds, and despite heavy damage to his bomber, skillfully remained in control to divert his bomber for an emergency landing at Malta without the loss of a single man. The personal courage and devotion to duty displayed by First Lieutenant Martin on this occasion, even when confronted with practically certain destruction, exemplified the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, the 9th Air Force, and the United States Army Air Forces." (Editor: Although Martin is referred to as co-pilot in the Citation, he actually piloted the aircraft.)

1LT Martin was assigned to the 566<sup>th</sup> Bomb Squadron, 389<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group (Heavy), "Sky Scorpions", Eighth Air Force, based at Hethel, England. The 566<sup>th</sup> had been detached to Ninth Air Force specifically for Operation Tidal Wave.



1LT Robert W. Sternfels of Laguna Beach, California flying his B-24, *The Sandman*, low over the Ploesti refinery complex. The bomber lost an engine when a propeller was struck by a barrage balloon cable. On the flight back to base, Sternfels had to land on Cyprus for repairs.

John Chandler Martin, Jr. was born at Richmond, Virginia, on December 2, 1918. His parents moved to Tishomingo when he was a boy. He enlisted in the Army Air Force at Oklahoma City on February 28, 1942. He died at Vacaville, California, on October 27, 2001. (We could find nothing else about his life, including where he is buried, suggesting his body may have been cremated.)



1LT Martin (first row, second from the right) and his crew at Hethel

The last mission of *The Oklahoman* was December 5, 1943. She was flown from her regular base at Hethel for a mission to Cognac, France. On that day, she was flown by 1LT Harley Mason and his crew, who ordinarily flew *Fightin' Sam*. The weather was bad over Cognac, so the bombers diverted to their secondary target, St. Nazaire. *The Oklahoman* was hit by a direct burst from an anti-aircraft gun and came apart in air. 1LT Mason was the only crewmember who survived. He was captured and spent the remainder of the war a POW.





## Tulsa's Jewish World War I Hero



Maurice Meyer

Maurice (original name Morris) Meyer was born on December 8, 1895, in Bellville, Texas. As his father progressed in politics and business, Maurice and his family moved from Bellville to Sayre, Oklahoma Territory, then to Guthrie, then to Oklahoma City and finally to Tulsa.

On June 5, 1917, Meyer registered for the draft in Oklahoma City. After induction, he was sent for training to Camp Travis near San Antonio, Texas, in November 1917. He was assigned to Company A, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 357<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 179<sup>th</sup> Infantry "Oklahoma" Brigade, 90<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division.



Training at Camp Travis – 1917

After training, the 90<sup>th</sup> was shipped to France to become part of General John J. Pershing's American Expeditionary Force. The 90<sup>th</sup> Division departed Camp Travis for the port of embarkation at New York City in June 1918. Most of the units landed at Liverpool, England, and then took trains to channel ports for the move over to France – Cherbourg and Le Havre. From there, they were disbursed to camps around France for further training. PFC Meyer was soon promoted to corporal.

The first combat by the newly created American First Army was the reduction of the St. Mihiel Salient. The 90<sup>th</sup> Division was on the right flank of the American line, anchored against the Moselle River. The jump-off date was September 12. The Germans were in the process of evacuating the salient in order to straighten their lines; nevertheless, American forces engaged in heavy combat and sustained substantial casualties. From September 17, until the 90<sup>th</sup> Division was relieved three weeks later in order to prepare for the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, the men finished mopping-up the battlefield and dug defensive trenches opposite the German Hindenburg Line.

After the salient was cleared, American forces engaged in nightly patrols and trench raids. Trench raids were conducted to gather intelligence and/or to grab prisoners. On the night of September 23-24, CPL Meyer and several other men of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 357<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, conducted a trench raid to acquire prisoners. The men advanced behind a machine gun barrage, crossed two bands of wire and entered the Hindenburg Line near Sebastopol Farm. It was a successful raid, in that they captured five Germans, but CPL Meyer was mortally wounded. He succumbed to his wounds on the 24<sup>th</sup>.



Barbed wire in front of the forward trench of the Hindenburg Line – Germany's main defensive line in France.

Meyer was posthumously promoted to sergeant. He was initially buried in France with a cross on his grave, but upon his father informing the military that his son was Jewish, the marker was changed to a Star of David. In April 1922, Meyer's body was disinterred in France and returned to Oklahoma. On May 3, 1922, Maurice Meyer was given a proper funeral at Temple Israel in Tulsa. The local American Legion Post's Color Guard led the funeral cortege from Temple Israel to Rose Hill Cemetery. A Legion Honor Guard escorted SGT Meyer's casket. Two squads of cadets from Oklahoma Military Academy came to pay their respects. At the time, it was the largest military parade ever conducted in Tulsa.

Maurice's father, Leo Meyer, was Oklahoma's first Secretary of State (1907-1910) and state Auditor in 1910. Due to his political influence and financial support, Leo Meyer succeeded in having the first barracks built in 1920, for the new Oklahoma Military Academy, named Maurice Meyer Barracks. It was first utilized during the school year, 1920-21. It's now called Meyer Hall, located on the campus of Rogers State University.



SGT Meyer's grave – Rose Hill Memorial Park

*Editor: The idea for this article, including the title, came from an article published by Phil Goldfarb in the July issue of "Tulsa Jewish Review". Portions of this article are excerpted from his article. Mr. Goldfarb is President of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Tulsa and a supporter of the Military History Center.*

## United States Coast Guard



Intercepting smugglers – North Carolina – 1793



Convey escort, *USS Tampa*, sunk by a U-Boat off Wales – 1918



Confronting a British raider – Long Island, New York – 1813



Rescuing a trapped Marine Battalion – Guadalcanal – 1942



Blockading Havana Harbor, Cuba – 1898



Protecting an oil tanker in the Persian Gulf – 2003



Since August 4, 1790, the United States Coast Guard has been protecting America from smugglers and pirates, saving lives on the high seas and inland waterways, and in time of war, defending the nation in combat against foreign enemies.

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Marine Corps PFCs William A. McCoy and Ralph L. Plunkett holding a sign thanking the U.S. Coast Guard after the battle for the liberation of Guam (21 July – 10 August 1944).



Coast Guard service mark or racing stripe, painted on both sides of a cutter's bow

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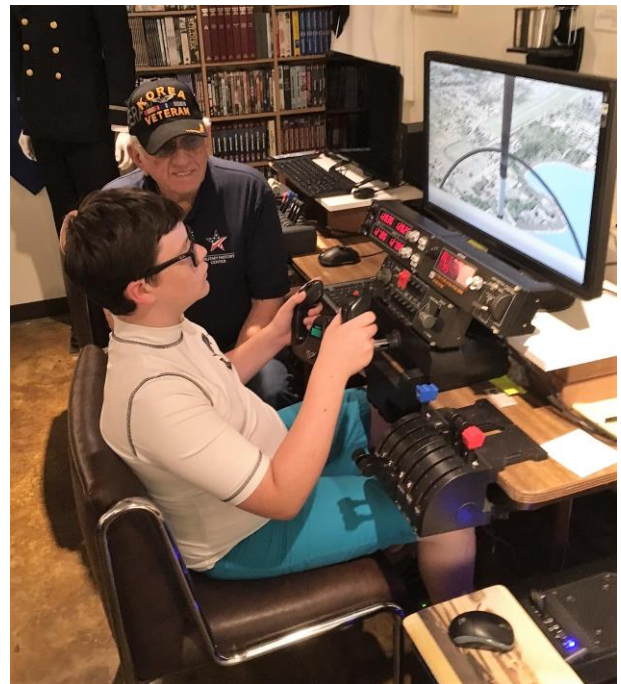
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## MHC's Newest Feature

Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Earl Laney, the MHC has acquired two computerized flight simulators. They have been installed in the Jane and Henry Primeaux Media Room. The simulators' software contains several thousand actual airports and several different types of aircraft, civilian and military. The simulators allow trainees to "fly" under various weather conditions and other factors common to pilots.

Mr. Laney is a licensed pilot, qualified to fly several different types of private and commercial aircraft. Using the simulators, he will train anyone interested at \$10 per hour. After three successful take-offs and landings and one solo, trainees will receive a MHC Flight Training Certificate. The Certificate, of course, does not qualify anyone to fly an aircraft, but the experience is very educational and a lot of fun. This can be a wonderful experience for young people, whether or not they are ultimately interested in a career in flight. Mr. Laney is generously providing his time gratis. All proceeds of the training sessions are for the benefit of the MHC.



Mr. Earl Laney instructing Jack Mancino on one of the computerized flight simulators



Example of a flight simulator screen

# *“Lest We Forget”*



**Clark Veterans Cemetery – Clark Freeport Zone, Philippines**

Clark Veterans Cemetery contains the remains of almost 8,600 individuals with the earliest recorded burial being Private Santiago Belona, a Philippine Scout, who served in the U.S. Army and died on January 13, 1900. While there are no remaining records, it is believed he was moved from one of the two old Fort Stotsenburg post cemeteries. In addition to the 650 Philippine Scouts, there are thousands of U.S. veterans from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard and their dependents, which comprise the preponderance of the burials. There are veterans interred at Clark who served in every American conflict since the Spanish–American War, including the Philippine Insurrection, World War I, World War II, (survivors who died after the war), the Korean War, Vietnam War and Iraq War. There are also over 2,100 unknowns buried at Clark.

*Freedom is not free.*



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