

# MAPS Air Museum's Journey By Kim Kovesci, MAPS Executive Director

### **Organizational Life Cycle**

In the eyes of the business world, MAPS is an Entity.

MAPS has a formal name. Military Aviation Preservation Society dba MAPS Air Museum.

MAPS has a number 34-1651715 in the eyes of the government and pays taxes.

MAPS has a history and an organizational culture with policies and procedures.

MAPS has a life cycle. Startup, Growth, Plateauing, (Renewal or Decline)

All organizations will travel through these five stages of its life cycle and will eventually Renew or Decline.



### HOURS OF OPERATION

SUNDAY	11:30 - 4:00
MONDAY	CLOSED
TUESDAY	9:00 - 4:30
WEDNESDAY	9:00 - 4:30
THURSDAY	9:00 - 4:30
FRIDAY	9:00 - 4:30
SATURDAY	9:00 - 4:30

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To track our progress through the life cycles, we created Metrics. Metrics are tracking mechanisms that provide an indication of the direction and rate of the activity within a period of time. We track;

\$ Revenue - # Visitors - # Members - # Volunteer Hours

As you can see from the charts, before Covid, we were in a significant Growth Stage of our Organizational Life Cycle.





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### ★ Mission Statement ★

MAPS Air Museum is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating people about the history of aviation and its impact upon society. It accomplishes this mission by acquiring, restoring, preserving, studying and exhibiting the impact of aviation on the culture of man.

### Kim's article continued...



Organizations are in a constant state of some type of change. If the change begins to Plateau, the organization will begin to stagnate. This stagnation will require organizational decisions that ultimately will result in Renewal or Decline.

Change within an organization is inevitable. It will occur even if there is a significant effort to avoid it. I learned early in my career to embrace change, to become a change agent and encourage change because it's the only way you get better.

Some examples of change that we have experienced are; additional staff, added educational programs, and fundraisers. Most importantly, we have become an important part of the community.

#### Half full or half empty?

For the entire year during the construction of the second floor, I can't remember any negative situations that surfaced. When some of our volunteers began to return, there were two camps; 1) those who were happy, excited about coming back and amazed at the progress that was made and 2) those who saw the changes in a negative way and wanted to return to the old ways.

Which one are you? Half full or half empty? You determine this everyday by your attitude and actions! If we listened to all of the negative comments when new projects were introduced in the past, we would never have gotten permission to conduct a Boy Scout Campout on CAK Airport property, constructed signs on Rt. 77, placed a P-51 on the pole at our entrance, entered aircraft in the Hall of Fame Parade, installed the elevator, or finished the second floor - including construction of the banquet hall, classroom, restrooms, kitchen and museum rooms.

Negativity can have a powerful impact on an organization. It can change everyone's interpretation of communications. It can change it into nonproductive, wasteful activity and create a cancer within the organization. Negativity is emotionally draining and a barrier to organizational Renewal.

# "Don't sweat the small stuff and almost everything is small stuff."

My job is to create a culture of positivity and continual improvement which makes the organization better.

If you want to discuss a situation with me, have a solution ready to suggest!

If someone needs help, assist them!

If something needs to be fixed or cleaned, feel free to do it!

Since my tenure as Executive Director, MAPS has been considered a "Safe Place." The current political and religious environment creates a perfect formula for conflict and negativity. I think all our volunteers are in agreement to leave "it" at the curb. This is a "Safe Place" for all of us and that is one of the very important things that make us different.

We all have an obligation to make MAPS a better place. This can only happen if we embrace change. There is something very special going on here and it is because of our dedicated volunteers.

MAPS Air Museum is on a journey through its Life Cycle Stages. I will assure you that all decisions made by this administration are made with the best interests of the organization in mind. Renewal - not Decline

Have fun, stay positive, don't sweat the small stuff, and be proud of what we have been able to build - a **World Class Aviation Museum!** 



MAPS - the first 30 years, brought to you by hard work, dedication, creativity, change and growth! That is our legacy!

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### **MAPS DIRECTORY**

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# **Chairman's Notes**

### By Bob Schwartz, Director Chair

Linda Lippert's obituary is included in this issue but due to health issues, she hadn't been active for several years. In 2006, MAPS came close to closing and Linda was one of a number of members that helped MAPS get back on its feet. Linda had a lot of experience in office management and one of the tasks she tackled was going through all the existing files. She found many mistakes and documents that were incorrect or questionable. Linda and her long-time friend, Dick With were part of the team that helped us survive.

The MAPS reopening has gone very well. At first we had doubts about having enough tour guides and gift shop workers, but with an influx of new members and current members volunteering, almost all slots have been filled.

In the past three months, May through the end of July, we had a record 40 new members join! Many of them have already volunteered in almost all areas in the museum. You will see many knew faces when you come into volunteer or visit. Please welcome our new members to the MAPS family!

Our visitor count has increased as well. To everyone I ask, "How did you like your visit?" - the response is the same - "It's great!" One gentleman, visiting from Colorado, said that he really liked the museum. He went on to explain that he has visited aviation museums all over the country and MAPS is the only museum he has visited that tells stories about people. We have heard this comment before. The credit goes to our hard-working Curator Department. They spend many hours researching, planning, constructing, and producing a story to go with the display.

The gift shop has also been keeping very busy with the influx of visitors. They have been hampered somewhat by inventory shortages due to production issues but overall, they are doing well. Stop by and check out what they have, check out some newly added items and don't forget about your membership discount.

Several traditional MAPS events have also been held since our reopening - and have been very well-attended. See Upcoming Events on page 14 and also on page 16 for more fun events you and your family can enjoy.

Marylou Thompson's article, "Focus on Volunteers" that features husbandwife teams here at MAPS (page 15) is great and hits home for my wife Patricia and me. Like many couples, over our entire married life we have been involved in several volunteer groups. Many years ago, during my fireman-EMT years, Pat was involved with the Ladies Auxiliary that assisted with fund raising and preparing coffee and food when we were involved in a large fire situation. Pat had a Brownie Scout Troop, was the cookie chairperson and I helped deliver girl scout cookies. When my sons were into youth baseball, Pat kept the score book up-to-date during the games. We belonged to several other groups over the years as well. The point I'm making is that a good number of couples are a team and volunteer together. It's a fun and rewarding thing to do. Try it here at MAPS. You can work side-by-side or each try different volunteer activities. Come join the volunteer team - it's fun and you'll be glad you did!

Volunteers are key to our success!

### **MAPS** Anniversaries

May 1, 2021 to July 31, 2021 \*\* designates Family Membership

#### <u>30 YEARS</u>

Lindsay, Deborah Wargo, Dr John Cavalena, Larry Williams, Virginia

#### **20 YEARS**

Keller, Jim\*\* Jacobs, Red\*\* Cangemi, Carmello Marks, Gary\*\*

### <u>15 YEARS</u>

Lott, Joyce\*\* Popovic, James Dunning, Kenneth\*\* Jorgensen, Dane\*\* Kline, Dwight Galloway, Jordan

### CONGRATULATIONS

Thank You For Your Continued Support!

### <u>10 YEARS</u>

Walker, James\*\* Hollis, Robert\*\* Tober, Clayton\*\* Mesko, Jim\*\* Anderson, Brooke\*\* Kimball, Reed\*\* Schulz, Wayne\*\*

### <u>5 YEARS</u>

Felner, Sherl\*\* McClain, Richard Breeden, Kevin\*\* Caner, Joseph\*\* Hannon, William\*\* Walden, Michael\*\* Perry, Amanda Reese, George\*\* Drake, Timothy\*\* Ryerson, Peter\*\* Forman, Roger Grimes, Jessica\*\* Genshaft, Neil Davis, Ronald

# **New Members**

May 1, 2021 to July 31, 2021 \*\* designates Family Membership

Alspach Jr, John\*\* Antalek, Christopher\*\* Ayers, LaVerne Baily, Jerry\*\* Baldwin, Christopher\*\* Boone, David\*\* Butler. Brent Caetta, Chris\*\* Coates, John Coey, James\*\* Dorffer, Lana\*\* Fain, Ron Ferncez, Michael Finch, David\*\* Gerber, Claire Gilliss, David\*\* Gramlich, Kurt Guerin, Jordan Harig, Jack\*\* Hoffman, Melody\*\* Horst, Amy\*\*

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A Warm MAPS Welcome!

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# Veterans Day November 11, 2021

What is a Veteran?

"A veteran is someone who, at one point in their life wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America," for an amount up to and including their life." - Author Unknown

We need to remember that our freedom isn't guaranteed. It's protected by the men and women who put themselves in harms way to protect those freedoms. Our country's greatness is built on the foundation of the courage and sacrifice shown by our military.

Many thanks and much gratitude to our MAPS Veterans and their families!



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# THE CORNERED CURATOR

The journalistic musings of a disinclined raconteur. By Scott Denniss, Curatorial Department

The number one question I'm asked lately is what's going on with the new gallery. So I thought I'd take this opportunity to answer it, or at least try to.

C-H-A-N-G-E, it's a four letter word to some people, myself included at times. But life is about change and we have to roll with it, embrace it and make the most of it. Change is what you will see in the coming months in the new I DONT WANT TO ADAPT



second floor gallery. Not only the physical changes but the overall concept and how it's going to be accomplished.

In the past, the galleries and displays were for the most part left to the members of the curatorial department to handle. The Gallery of Heroes, OMM gallery and Hangar displays are all testament to the commitment, hard work, and talent of those that did them. I am quite fond of stating that those of us in the department now stand on the shoulders of giants - Gary Haught, Jim Cameron, Tim Rhodes, and Brooke Anderson. They are just a few of the people who built the world class galleries we now have.

But that nasty word "change" has raised its ugly head. The scope and size of the project alone requires that we change the way we approach and accomplish it. The task is no longer left to just the curators; we have adopted a team approach. Not just the curators but the entire organization is playing a role. The Executive Director, Directors, Education Director, Restoration staff, Library staff, Membership and many others all have a part to play. We've solicited ideas from the membership and have had some fantastic suggestions so far. We have hundreds of stories in the OMM and MAPS catalogues waiting to be told. We have the stories from our members and stories that haven't even come to us yet. Each and every one is important and unique but to tell them all would take a building the size of the Smithsonian. Unfortunately we don't have that kind of space to work with, at least not yet.... (Hey, you can't fault a guy for dreaming.)

So how will we decide what gets displayed and what doesn't? To understand that you need to understand the concept of the individual galleries. There are six rooms in the new space. Each has its own identity and each will be unique. The first room will be the **Bob Hope room.** The Museum is working with the Hope Foundation to create a room dedicated to the former Cleveland native. The next

room will be the National Guard & Reserves room and next to it will be the Friends of the Super Sabre room. The following three rooms will be broken up by era, Cold War / Korea, Vietnam, and the Global War on Terror.

Each room will have a graphical time line to help with the educational needs of our younger visitors. There will be individual displays that will help put a face on the big story. We try to use the stories of Ohioans, specifically NE Ohio, but that doesn't mean we will limit it to just Ohio. There will also be general displays such as the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) suit and accompanying case. All will work together and enhance the others.

The process to decide what gets displayed will be a team approach. Lists are now being formed of potential displays for each room. After the October 1st deadline for suggestions, (See request on page 15) those lists will be finalized. Once finalized, a team comprised of the core group will meet and decide what goes up and how we're going to do it. Because we are a museum, we strive to educate our visitors by preserving artifacts and telling stories. But the reality is that we have to entertain them also. We need them to leave wanting to come back - so we need a little razzle-dazzle thrown in.

So what is the current status of the new gallery you ask?



Well, right now we are trying out various layouts and exploring outside-of-the-box ideas. We want to be unique and meet the standards of excellence established in our other galleries. A few rooms

are empty and a few have possible layouts taped out, but they will change and evolve as we progress.

There's that nasty word "change" again but it's linked to progress, so maybe not so nasty. After all, we started with a gutted space and no walls. The progress made is incredible when you realize it's been done by an all volunteer group.







This year marks the 20th Anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. While the images are vividly implanted in the brains of those of us who lived through it, to anyone born after 2001, the events of that day are only known through what may be taught in school or media reports on the annual Day of Remembrance. This is not unlike the generations following the bombing of Pearl Harbor who did not live through it but instead, learned about it second hand.

In the following article, Reed Kimball outlines a moment-by-moment account of the events of that horrific day. On pages 10 and 11 is a pictorial collage of before and after the attack and the memorials that have been erected so that future generations "never forget."

# **A Day that Changed America**

### By Reed Kimball, MAPS Director of Education

Many of us have come to realize, time passes all too quickly and historical events, even those events that we have witnessed, seem to fade from consciousness. Some events, however, are indelibly burned into our memories. In this issue of *The Briefing*, I am going to change the focus of my presentation and go back just 20 years to "A Day That Changed America".

The September 11th attacks, more often referred to as 9/11, were four coordinated terrorist attacks by the terrorist group Al-Qaeda against the United States. In 102 minutes, America was forever changed.

This short review will not attempt to cover the background, motives, planning or possible intelligence failures but rather highlight a sequence of events of that fateful day. What made the attacks different from all those that came before was the fact that it was covered live by the media beginning moments after the first crash into the World Trade Center.

The following is the sequence of events that occurred on that fateful day:

**5:45 AM** - Hijackers pass through security in Portland, Maine, and board a flight to Boston, where they connect to American Airlines Flight 11.

6:00 AM - Polling stations open, as September 11th was a primary election day in New York City.





**7:59 AM** - American Airlines Flight 11 (a Boeing 767 with tail number N334AA) takes off from Boston's Logan International Airport enroute to Los Angeles International Airport. Eleven crew members, 76 passengers, and five hijackers are on board.

**8:15** AM – United Airlines Flight 175 (a Boeing 767 with tail number N612UA) takes off from Boston's Logan International Airport enroute to Los Angeles International Airport. Nine crew members, 51 passengers, and five hijackers are on board.

**8:19 AM** - Flight 11 crew members alert ground personnel that a hijacking is underway.



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### A Day That Changed America continued...



**8:20** AM - American Airlines Flight 77 (a Boeing 757 with tail number N644AA) takes off from Washington Dulles International Airport en route to Los Angeles International Airport. Six crew members, 53 passengers, and five hijackers are on board.

**8:24** AM - Attempting to communicate with passengers, a hijacker contacts air traffic control, unwittingly alerting controllers to the attacks.

8:32 AM - FAA officials were notified that Flight 11 had been hijacked.

**8:37** AM - Boston air traffic control alerts the North American Aerospace Command (NORAD). The Massachusetts Air National Guard is notified to mobilize to follow Flight 11.

**8:42 AM** - Following a departure delay, United Airlines Flight 93 (a Boeing 757 with tail number N591UA) takes off from Newark International Airport enroute to San Francisco International Airport. Seven crew members, 33 passengers, and four hijackers are on board.





**8:46** AM - Flight 11 crashes into floors 93 through 99 of the North Tower of the World Trade Center.

8:50 AM - President George W. Bush is alerted. His advisors assume this is a tragic accident.

**8:53 AM** - NORAD scrambles two Air National Guard F-15s from Otis Air Force Base in Massachusetts. Because of slow and confused communication from FAA officials, NORAD had nine minutes' notice, and no notice about any of the other flights before they crashed.

**8:55** AM - The South Tower is declared secure.

**8:59** AM - Port Authority police order the evacuation of both towers. The order is expanded to the entire World Trade Center complex, consisting of seven buildings.

**9:00** AM - A flight attendant aboard Flight 175 alerts air traffic control that a hijacking is underway.

**9:03** AM – As many Americans watch on live television, Flight 175 crashes into floors 77 through 85 of the South Tower.

9:05 AM - President Bush learns that a second plane has crashed into the World Trade Center.

**9:05** AM - Flight 77 passenger Barbara Olson calls her husband, U.S. Solicitor General Theodore Olson, who alerts other federal officials of the hijacking.

**9:30** AM - After both of the Twin Towers had already been hit, more fighters were scrambled from Langley Air Force Base in Virginia. President Bush addresses Americans, saying that "terrorism against our nation will not stand."

**9:36 AM** - Secret Service agents evacuate Vice President Dick Cheney to the Presidential Emergency Operations Center beneath the White House.

**9:37 AM** - American Airlines Flight 77 crashes into the Pentagon.

9:42 AM - The FAA orders all flights grounded.

**9:45 AM** - The White House and U.S. Capitol are evacuated.





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### A Day That Changed America continued...

**9:59 AM** - The South Tower collapses in 10 seconds after burning for 56 minutes.





**10:03 AM** - United Airlines Flight 93 crashes near Shanksville, Pennsylvania after passengers and crew storm the cockpit. Flight 93's target is believed to have been either the Capitol or the White House.

Flight 93's cockpit voice recorder revealed crew and passengers tried to seize control of the plane from the hijackers after learning through phone calls that Flights 11, 77, and 175 had been crashed into buildings that morning.



10:15 AM - The Pentagon's outer ring collapses.



**10:20 AM** - Vice President Dick Cheney issued orders to shoot down any commercial aircraft that could be positively identified as being hijacked. These instructions were not relayed in time for the fighters to take any action. Some fighters took to the air without live ammunition, knowing that to prevent the hijackers from striking their intended targets, the pilots might have to intercept and crash their fighters into the hijacked planes, possibly ejecting at the last moment.

**10:28 AM** - The North Tower collapses after burning for 102 minutes.

**11:02 AM** - New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani orders the evacuation of Lower Manhattan.



**12:16 PM** - The last flight still in the air above the United States lands. Within 154 minutes, every non-military aircraft was cleared from the air.

4500 planes that were in the air were guided to safe landings to prevent any more possible attacks.

Air Traffic Control map of planes in the air prior to the attack and 3 hours later.



**12:30 PM** - A group of 14 survivors emerge from a stairwell of the North Tower.

**3:00 PM** - A survivor is rescued from the rubble of the North Tower.

**5:20 PM** - After burning for hours, 7 World Trade Center collapses.

**8:30 PM** - President Bush addresses the nation from the White House, assuring Americans that a search is underway for "those who are behind these evil acts."





**10:30 PM** - Rescuers locate and extract two Port Authority Police officers injured but alive in debris of the World Trade Center.

A total of 2,996 people died in the 9/11 attacks, including the 19 terrorist hijackers aboard the four airplanes.

Citizens of 78 countries died in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania.

At the **World Trade Center**, 2,763 died after the two planes slammed into the twin towers. That figure includes 343 firefighters and paramedics, 23 New York City police officers and 37 Port Authority police officers who were struggling to complete an evacuation of the buildings and save the office workers trapped on higher floors.

At the **<u>Pentagon</u>**, 189 people were killed, including 64 on American Airlines Flight 77, the airliner that struck the building.

On <u>Flight 93</u>, 44 people died when the plane crashlanded in Pennsylvania.

The 9/11 attacks had immediate effects on the American way of life. In the largest restructuring of the U.S. government in contemporary history, the United States enacted

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### A Day That Changed America continued...

the Homeland Security Act of 2002, creating the Department of Homeland Security.

In an effort to effectively combat future acts of terrorism, the National Security Agency (NSA) was given broad powers. NSA commenced warrantless surveillance of telecommunications, which was sometimes criticized since it permitted the agency "to eavesdrop on telephone and email communications between the United States and people overseas without a warrant".

In response to requests by various intelligence agencies, the United States Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court permitted an expansion of powers by the U.S. government in seeking, obtaining, and sharing information on U.S. citizens as well as non-U.S. people from around the world.

The FAA ordered that airplane cockpits be reinforced to prevent terrorists gaining control of planes, and assigned sky marshals to flights. Further, the Aviation and Transportation Security Act made the federal government, rather than airports, responsible for airport security. The law created the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to inspect passengers and luggage, causing long delays and concern over passenger privacy.

The 9-11 Commission (formally known as the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States) was formed in late 2002 to prepare a thorough account of the circumstances surrounding the attacks, including preparedness for and the immediate response to the attacks.

On July 22, 2004, the Commission issued the 9-11 Commission Report. The report detailed the events of 9/11, found the attacks were carried out by members of al-Qaeda, and examined how security and intelligence agencies were inadequately coordinated to prevent the attacks.

The report stated that, "We believe the 9/11 attacks revealed four kinds of failures: in imagination, policy, capabilities, and management". The Commission made numerous recommendations on how to prevent future attacks, and in 2011 was dismayed that several of its recommendations had yet to be implemented.

**Tribute in Light** The two ghostly columns of light rise each September 11th, replicating the shape of the Twin Towers that were destroyed on 9/11.



# **Veterans Celebration IX**

By Valerie Kinney, Veterans Celebration Coordinator

MAPS Veterans Celebration VIII was held on August 14th of this year - a postponement of our 2020 program due to Covid-19 restrictions. MAPS is now poised to get back on track and our Veterans Celebration IX will be held on Saturday, November 13th.

An F-4 Phantom will be dedicated to LT Leonard Jack Schoeppner (Chops) from Canton Township and LTJG Rex Lewis Parcels, Jr. (Rex Tex) from Berkley, CA.

The two were assigned a photo reconnaissance escort mission in their F-4 Phantom. After taking off from the aircraft carrier, USS Ranger, they disappeared over the Bay of Tonkin in North Vietnam on March 7, 1970. Schoeppner was the pilot and Parcels served as the Radar Intercept Officer (RIO) on the flight.





### The F-4 Phantom on display at MAPS was actually flown by Schoeppner and Parcels during their tenure in the Navy.

Registration forms will be available on the MAPS website beginning September 1st and can be downloaded and mailed. Registration forms will also be available in the gift shop. The cost is \$25 per ticket and includes the program, a catered dinner by Mr. Mikes and access to the MAPS museum. If you want to ensure everyone in your party can sit together, tables of 6 or 8 can be also be reserved for an additional \$20.

We look forward to seeing you in November for this very special event!

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## 9/11 Memorial

# September 11, 2001 - Never Forget!



Twin Towers 9/10/01



**Memorial Reflecting Pools** 



Twin Towers 9/11/01

The National September 11 Memorial and Museum remembers and honors all those killed in the four horrific attacks of 9/11, as well as those who risked their lives to save others and all who demonstrated extraordinary compassion in the aftermath of the attacks.

The two square Reflecting Pools sit in the footprint of where the Twin Towers once stood. The names of those who died are etched in bronze on parapets surrounding the Reflecting Pools.

The Museum seeks to remember victims for how they lived, not just for how they died.



Twin Towers 9/11/01



9/11 Museum at the epicenter of what was Ground Zero

### **Pentagon Memorial**



Pentagon 9/10/01



**Memorial Units** 



Pentagon 9/11/01

Each memorial unit at the Pentagon Memorial consists of a cantilevered bench, a lighted pool of flowing water, reflecting light and a permanent tribute, by name, to each victim. Each victim's age and location at the time of the attack have been permanently inscribed into each Memorial.

Elegant and simple, each Memorial Unit sits along a timeline. Etched into granite, zero line is the date and time of the attack. The Memorial serves as a timeline of the victim's ages spanning from the youngest victim - 3 years old to the oldest - 71 years old.



Pentagon 9/11/01



**Reflecting Lights** 

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# **MAPS Mourns A Loss**

### Linda Lippert 1945-2021



It is with a heavy heart that we report the passing of MAPS member Linda Lippert on July 31, 2021.

Linda joined MAPS in 2006 and was very active until about 2018, assisting with events and office work. Dick With and Linda were very dedicated members until health issues curtailed their activity.

Linda was a life resident of Canton, a 1964 graduate of Lehman High School and was retired from the Hoover Company. She was co-founder of Wishes Can Happen in 1982, a non-profit organization that grants wishes to children with life threatening illnesses in Ohio.

Linda is survived by her brother, Rodney (Nancy) Lippert of Colorado Springs, Colorado and nieces and nephews.

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### Flight 93 Memorial



Shanksville, PA 9/10/01



#### Shanksville, PA 9/11/01



Wall of Names

The Flight 93 National Memorial was created to honor the passengers and crew of Flight 93, who stopped the terrorists from reaching their target by fighting the hijackers and trying to take control of the plane.

The concrete and glass Visitor Center is situated high on a hill overlooking the Wall of Names and the final crash site.

The Wall of Names consists of 40 white polished marble stones, each inscribed with the name of a passenger or crew member who perished.

The Wall of Names is located underneath the flight path and final approach of Flight 93. Visitors can look down the flight path to the last piece of granite etched with the time of the crash toward the impact site marked by a distant 17.5 ton sandstone boulder.

The Tower of Voices is 93 feet tall and contains 40 chimes to represent the eternal voices of the passengers and crew members of Flight 93.



The Visitor Center overlooks the crash site



**Impact Site Boulder** 



**Tower of Voices** 

\* \* Restoration Magic! \* \*

The Grumman OV-1 Mohawk is an armed military observation and attack aircraft that was designed for battlefield surveillance and light strike capabilities. This twoseat, twin turboprop aircraft was designed to op-

erate from small, unimproved fields under all weather conditions.

The radar imaging capability of the Mohawk, the Side-Looking Airborne Radar (SLAR) could look through foliage and map terrain, presenting the observer with a film image of the earth below only minutes after the area was scanned. In military operations, the image was split in two parts, one showing fixed terrain features, the other spotting moving targets.

The Mohawk was introduced in 1959 and had a long career with the US Army, seeing combat service in both Vietnam and Desert Storm before being finally retired in 1996.

MAPS was fortunate to acquire an OV-1 Mohawk in November of 2018. Kim Kovesci, MAPS Executive Director was contacted by the owner of this plane, **Ken Foote**, from Transupport, Inc. in Merrimack, NH to see if MAPS would be interested in the plane. The rest is history and the plane is now on permanent loan to the museum!

Jim Jackson and Tony Bistransky traveled to MN to see the plane and found it sitting in the muddy grass with tires deflated. When it was decided that MAPS wanted the plane, volunteers Jim, Tony, Chet Starn, Paul Gates, Larry Lewis and Dennis Bachtel traveled back to MN, took the plane apart over several days, loaded it on a truck and brought it back to MAPS.

Local MN business owners, Luke Connolly and Doug Weske, were more than helpful in getting the plane ready for transport back to Ohio. Jerry Leek and Jamie Mayer are owners of the truck that transported the Mohawk to MAPS.

Donations from **Carey Bosch and Don Foster** helped us financially to make the trip to bring the Mohawk to its new home at MAPS. **Tim Petroff and Ray Weber** came to the rescue and donated money to jump-start the restoration process which began with sandblasting the old paint. Restoration has been ongoing ever since by a talented group of volunteers in restoration. Bruce Beatty, John Disco, Ron Duplain, Tim Feaser, John Gilbert, Mark Hanna, John Harding, Gary Hengtsenberger, Tod Krino, Brett McKay, Al Petschauer, Bob Stoller and Clay Tober, ML Weaver and Ray Weber worked their magic for almost three years and have logged over 3500 hours to bring the Mohawk to the amazing plane on display in our hangar.

When it was discovered that the Mohawk had an Ohio connection, MAPS dedicated it to honor 1LT Robert Weiss from Toledo and SP4 William Foster Jr. from Elyria who were KIA on September 12, 1968 over South Vietnam. The two were honored at our postponed 2020 Veterans Celebration held in August of this year.

Following are pictures of before and after the restoration.



The Mohawk as it sat in the grass in MN



Two views of the OV-1 Mohawk on its arrival at MAPS in 2018



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**Restoration Magic continued...** 

The dedicated and talented volunteers in restoration have done an amazing job restoring this plane!



Sandblasting complete



**Painting begun** 



Nose painted with map of Vietnam - green to represent the jungles and red lettering to represent the blood shed by all who served their country.





Completely restored OV-1 Mohawk after over 3500 hours of restoration work!



# **Vietnam Veterans Memorial - Never Forget!**

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is a U.S. National Memorial in Washington, D.C., honoring service members of the U.S. armed forces who fought in the Vietnam War.

The 2-acre site is dominated by a black granite wall engraved with the names of 58,281 men and women who gave their lives in Vietnam and South East Asia during the war. The *Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall*, completed in 1982, has since been supplemented with the statue *The Three Soldiers* and the *Vietnam Women's Memorial*.







## **Meet MAPS Newest Interns**

Once again, MAPS is fortunate to have two very talented interns in our midst - both from Kent State and both are pursuing a B.A. in History degree.

### **Brent Butler**



Brent was born and raised in Canton and will be graduating this December. His interest in history was sparked by his grandfather who was a Korean War Vet serving in the U.S. Army. Brent loved hearing his stories.

> His primary interests are American Military history and local history. He recently wrote a scholarly paper about Native Americans in Ohio.

Brent is hoping to pursue a Masters in Library Science but would like to work in his chosen field first. At MAPS, he is working with the curators doing research on the Korean War which will be used in building the new exhibit room on the second floor.

#### **Tanner Immel**



Tanner is a native of Dover and will graduate in the spring of 2022.

His love of history grew from his great-grandparents who shared many stories of their lives. Tanner is intrigued about how people lived in the past.

He currently works with the 8th Ohio Civil War as a reenactor. Tanner's main interests are in living history, interpretation and muse-

ums. In the future, he would like to work in a museum and also pursue a masters in history.

He is currently working on a book with one of his professors on the history of women in baseball.

At MAPS, he is also working with the curators doing research on the Korean War which will be used in building the new exhibit room on the second floor.

We thank Brent and Tanner very much for all they are doing for us at MAPS and hope that the experiences they have here will stay with them and contribute to the success we wish for them in their chosen career paths.

Wishing a Happy Thanksgiving and many blessings to everyone in our MAPS family!

## **Upcoming Events**

### **SEPTEMBER**

WED, SEP 8	DIRECTOR MEETING	3 PM
SAT, SEP 11	MEMBERSHIP MEETING	11 AM
SUN, SEP 12	PANCAKE BREAKFAST	8 AM - 1 PM
SAT, SEP 18	ROBOTIC COMBAT EVENT	9 AM - 3 PM
SAT, SEP 18	MAPS FUNDRAISER - DINNER & DANCING	
	WITH LAFLAVOUR	5:30 - 10 PM
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
WED, OCT 6	DIRECTOR MEETING	3 PM
SAT, OCT 9	MEMBERSHIP MEETING	11 AM
SAT, OCT 9	CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL	4 PM - 8 PM
SUN, OCT 17	MILITARY SHOW	9 AM - 4 PM
FRI, OCT 29 &	POLITICAL & POP CULTURE	
SAT, OCT 30	SHOW	TBA
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
WED, NOV 3	DIRECTOR MEETING	3 PM
SAT, NOV 13	MEMBERSHIP MEETING	11 AM
SAT, NOV 13	VETERAN CELEBRATION IX TBA	
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
SAT, DEC 5	SANTA FLY-IN (TENTATIVE)	
WED, DEC 8	DIRECTOR MEETING	3 PM

SAT, DEC 11 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 11 AM

### A note about events

Please call MAPS or check our website, Facebook or Instagram for details about events and any updates. Do not rely on any other internet sites as they may not have the most current information.

# ★ MAPS ★ **Endowment Fund**

### A message from Kim Kovesci, Executive Director

Our Endowment Fund has been set up to ensure the long term survival of the organization. If you plan to have a financial review done, MAPS Air Museum would appreciate being considered in your plans. Thank you!

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## **Congrats to Bob Johnston!**

Congratulations to our own Bob Johnston for coming in first place in the over-80 age group at the recently held 5K run at the Akron-Canton Airport.

Bob has been a member and volunteer at MAPS since 1990. The pictures below show Bob at the finish line and also inside the MAPS hangar after receiving his award.



# **Request of Members**

### Dear MAPS Member,

The Museum has finished the construction phase of the new second floor gallery. The next step is to identify the specific displays that will be going into each area. We would like to hear from the members about displays, themes, or just any idea in general. Tell us what you would like to see covered. Perhaps you have a story that would fit right in or maybe an idea for a display.

The rooms are broken up by era or topic. There is an Ohio National Guard & Reserves room, a Cold War & Korean War room, a Vietnam War room, and a Global War on Terror room.

Feel free to offer your suggestion via email to: <u>library@mapsairmuseum.org</u> or drop a note in the designated box in the Gift Shop. Of course there is always snail mail too.

The final date to submit a suggestion will be October 1, 2021.

Every story is important and as much as we would like to tell them all, it's just not possible. Every suggestion is also important. Please understand that we only have so much room and resources to work with. Not all the stories or suggestions can be used.

Thank you.

Scott Denniss, Curatorial Department

# **Focus on Volunteers**

Sweetest Day is celebrated on Saturday, October 16th this year. Sweetest Day originally began in Cleveland during the month of October in 1922. It was started by philanthropist Herbert Birch Kingston who decided to bring a little happiness into the lives of orphans, shut-ins and others who were often forgotten. With the help of friends, he distributed candy and small gifts to Cleveland's underprivileged.

While originally started as a way to do something nice for the less fortunate, it ended up turning into a holiday in which couples give each other candy or small gifts to recognize their love and togetherness.

We thought this would be a good time to recognize some of our MAPS volunteers who also happen to be married!

### Happy Sweetest Day to ...

Bachtel, Denny & Debbie - members since 2010 Boyea, Jim & Jan - members since 2012 Cody, Bill & Mary - members since 2013 Gottschalk, Ron & Lynn - members since 2019 Hollis, Bob & Sandy - members since 2011 Jackson, Jim & Bernice - members since 2012 Johnston, Bob & Barb - members since 1990 Kovesci, Kim & Chris - members since 2008 Luisi, Mark & Michelle - members since 2019 Nofel, Pete & Mary Ann - members since 2019 Neidert, Don & Leona - members since 1999 Ramey, Jerry & Julie - members since 2005 Reese, George & Dianne - members since 2016 Sanders, Dave & Marie - members since 2009 Schwartz, Bob & Pat - members since 2006 Shoop, Jim & Alice - members since 2010 Stauder, Dave & Judy - members since 2017 Thompson, Scott & Terryann - members since 2019 Tober, Clay & Betty - members since 2011 Willaman, Rick & Marcia - members since 2007



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Fall Pancake Breakfast Sunday, September 12th 8 AM - 1 PM



Veterans Celebration IX Saturday, November 13th (See more info on page XX)



Craft Beer Festival Saturday, October 9th 4 PM - 8 PM



Military Collector's Show Sunday, October 17th 9 AM - 4 PM



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