



**SPECIAL EDITION – DIRECTOR'S ELECTION**



## THOUGHTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*By Kim Kovesci, MAPS Executive Director*

This has been a very emotional month. It started out with a phone call from my mother, "Is Ben ok? There was a Navy jet accident in Key West Florida." "I don't know." I text Ben (my son) and he replied, "We lost a jet and it was our guys but I don't know who." He called me later, "Dad, it was Brice." "Is he gone?" "Yeah." LCDR James Brice Johnson was an Air Force Academy graduate, F/A-18 Super Hornet Pilot, best man in Ben's wedding, and Ben's roommate for 4 years. He passed away in this accident on March 14, 2018. He was the best of the best and the brightest of the brightest. He departed this world doing exactly what he loved in service to this great country.

Two days later, on March 16, I received the news that Ralph Lynn had passed away. He spent eight years at MAPS as a very special Tour Guide and a gifted speaker in the MAPS Speakers Bureau. Very simply speaking, Ralph made everyone a better person when he was around.

Betty Tober, library volunteer, has been working to resurrect the MAPS Memorial Brick program. The new bricks will replace the bare bricks under the flags in front of the main hanger. We brought the first group of engraved bricks into our office for storage until they could be installed. While I was writing my article for the special memorial Briefing for Ralph, I looked over at these lovely bricks. They are patiently sitting, propped up against the wall, waiting for their turn to be placed in their final resting place below our flags.



LCDR James Brice Johnson &  
LT. Benjamin Leo Kovesci

*Kim's thoughts continued on following page*

### 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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North Canton, Ohio 44720  
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### DIRECTOR'S ELECTION

Information and Candidate Listings  
See Pages 6, 7 and 8



### 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.

## Thoughts from Kim continued....

The first brick is for Lt. John J. Cabral, US Navy pilot from VA-105, Vietnam 1972. The second one is Ralph Lynn's. The third is CMDR Clement Reymann, Navy Cross (My Father-in-Law). Then I looked at our member's bricks; Ron Chumley (maintenance), Leo "Bud" Mock (restoration), Rick Jones (tour guide), Milan Savan (tour guide), Joseph Miller (operations), Larry Moore (restoration), Keith Swinehart (director, C-47 crew chief), Dean Putnam (restoration), and Bob Williams (tour guide). There are other bricks, but these are the ones dedicated to those that have passed away.

As I thought of Brice and looked at the bricks, I thought of the part of each person's life that I knew about. Some sacrificed their lives for our country, some were veterans but not all, and some made significant contributions to the success of MAPS Air Museum. All lived good lives and were loved by their families and friends.

The loss of Brice, Ralph, most recently, Len Palmer, and seeing the names on the memorial bricks made me reflect on the purpose of our work here at MAPS. We are here to tell the stories of local people, immortalize their lives and tie their stories to our mission.

Tom Brokaw was the author of the book, "The Greatest Generation." In it he quotes... "In your pursuit of your passions, always be young. In your relationship with others, always be grown-up."

We have a passion at MAPS because we believe in what we are doing and have the organization's best interest at the forefront of all of our decisions.

In dealing with each other, sometimes we forget to be the "grown-up" in the room. I want to remind everyone, that we only have a short time here and are not privy to our individual end date. Just look at LCDR James Brice Johnson's life, his time seemed too short.

The Greeks believed that as long as you speak a man's name, they are immortal. We are keeping our member's, family's and friend's memories alive by telling their stories and honoring them with memorial bricks.

God Bless Brice and all our departed members - May You All Rest in Peace.



## Upcoming Events

### JUNE

SAT, JUN 9	DON SITS CAR SHOW	9 AM - 1 PM
WED, JUN 13	DIRECTOR MEETING	3 PM
SAT, JUN 16	MEMBERSHIP MEETING & DIRECTOR ELECTION	11AM

### JULY

SAT, JUL 14	PANCAKE BREAKFAST	8 AM - 1 PM
WED, JUL 11	DIRECTOR MEETING	3 PM
	NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING	

### AUGUST

AUG 10, 11 & 12	COLLINGS FOUNDATION	
WED, AUG 15	DIRECTOR MEETING	3 PM
SAT, AUG 18	MEMBERSHIP MEETING	11 AM

### SEPTEMBER

WED, SEP 5	DIRECTOR MEETING	3 PM
SAT, SEP 8	MEMBERSHIP MEETING	11 AM
SAT, SEP 23	PANCAKE BREAKFAST	8 AM - 1 PM

*(Please check website for updates)*



## 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!

## Going...going...come get them before they're gone!

MAPS is offering these glass shelving units for sale at a great price! Much less than retail! Sale times are any Saturday from 9:30AM to 3:30 PM. Ask about them at the gift shop counter.



## MAPS DIRECTORY

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Kim Kovesci

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Reed Kimball

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Kent Kleinknecht

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Kim Kovesci

## The Collings Event Gets An Updated Look for MAPS Volunteers

By Valerie Kinney

In August, Collings will take on a new look for our volunteers and guests! Volunteers will have an “updated look.” Guests and volunteers will receive wrist bands upon check-in or admission; volunteers will check in at Headquarters, plus a few extra perks for the volunteers and much more!

To add a bit of WWII flair, all the women will dress in a modified Rosie look, donning navy “Rosie” t-shirt, polka dotted scarf and red *volunteer* lanyard with Rosie “area working” tag. The men will be wearing different colored t-shirts, depending on where they volunteering - inside or out of the hangar. All the men will wear a black *volunteer* lanyard with a P-51 and “area working” tag.

Here are a few of the changes:

- Every volunteer working the event will need to sign up during June to mid July. *(T-shirt orders need to be filled.) Each area will be posted after the assigned “Crew Chiefs” have created job descriptions and determined the number of volunteers needed.*
- MAPS will provide the first t-shirt to each event volunteer. *If you would like more t-shirts, you will be charged the “at cost” price. (TBD)*
- Each Crew Chief will provide a briefing for their volunteers to answer any questions they may have. *This will be a week or two before the event. (TBD)*
- Volunteer Check-In and Check-Out for the Collings weekend will be in Headquarters.

Here are some MAPS perks for the volunteers working at least 2-four hour shifts during the Collings Event:

- Free admission each day you work at least a four hour shift.
- Free t-shirt
- Free lunch ticket
- Raffle ticket for Collings flight (plane TBD) *One ticket for every four hours volunteered.*
- Invitation for Sunday's “Come and Get It” and chow down with the Collings Crew after the event. *Cookout prepared by MAPS board members)* We promise no MRE's!

Interested in volunteering at the event?  
Stay tuned for updates!

**Remember, if you are a member and DO NOT volunteer, you will be required to pay \$7.50 admission fee (50% of the Collings admission of \$15. MAPS 50% of the admission is waived.)**

**Please make sure your membership fee is current at that time!**

**If you have any questions or comments, please email Valerie at [kinney.valerie@mapsairmuseum.org](mailto:kinney.valerie@mapsairmuseum.org) or stop by her office in Headquarters.**





## FIRST PLACE WINNER!

MAPS Air Museum is the 2017 **FIRST PLACE WINNER** in the Akron-Beacon Journal's **BEST** for the Category of Museum.

MAPS received a 3rd place for **BEST** things to do under \$10 and 3rd place for Kids/Family Outing.

We were also in the top ten for three other categories: Area Attraction/Non-Sport, Party Center/Event Hall and Wedding Venue.

**Congratulations to the membership for great results!**



## MAPS MOURNS A LOSS

It is with great sadness and heavy heart that we report the death of MAPS member Len Palmer.

Leonard R. Palmer, Jr., 68, passed away May 8, 2018 with his family by his side. Born in Akron, he lived the last 40 years of his life in Tallmadge.

Leonard served in the Marines and the National Guard. He was a member of Our Lady of Victory Church and was the owner of Palmer Products.

Len joined MAPS in 2015. He was on the Board of Directors, Crew Chief of the BT13 WWII Trainer Restoration Team and was an Eagle Scout.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Dolly Palmer and sister, Diana Alfama.

Leonard is survived by his wife, Marianne; daughter, Deborah (Trent) Stanley of Green; sons, Leonard (Tara) Palmer of Green, Greg (Mandy) Palmer of Akron; grandchildren, Bailey Palmer, Colin Palmer, Reese Stanley, and Riley Stanley.

**REST IN PEACE LEN**



## SCOUT'S EXPERIENCE AT MAPS LED TO CAREER PATH

Below is a letter that was sent to Jim Felner, MAPS Scout Coordinator, from a very grateful father.

*Sir,*

*I'd like to thank MAPS and you for continuing the aviation merit badge program and to give you an update on my son, Erik Fortney.*

*Erik attended the aviation merit badge weekend at MAPS in 2014 as a Life Scout. He was inspired by the program and instructors and decided that weekend that he wanted to become an aviator himself. He went on to earn Eagle Scout and joined the U.S. Army.*

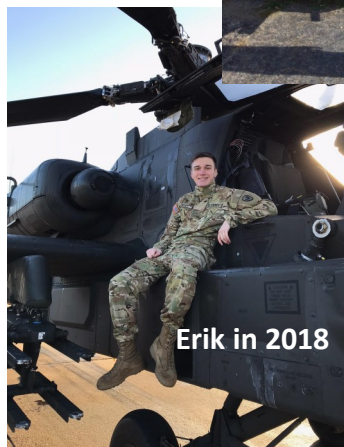
*Erik is currently a Warrant Officer pilot at Ft. Rucker, Alabama flying the AH-64E Apache Guardian helicopter gunship.*

*Thanks again for educating and inspiring Erik to find his dream and calling in life.*

*Dale Fortney*

What a wonderful story on how MAPS and Merit Badge weekend directly affected one young man's path forward in life.

Wouldn't it be great to have Erik come back to MAPS!



# THE MAPS “ARTISTS”

By Reed Kimball, MAPS Director of Education

The group of dedicated MAPS volunteers that will be highlighted during this edition of *The Briefing* work behind the scenes. Only viewed for brief periods during the full moon, they rarely appear in public. They leave the dark recesses of “the vault” only for the Saturday “feeding frenzy.” Catching them out and about takes the patience of a hunter. Getting them to hold still long enough for a photograph often requires trickery, a high intensity sound or car headlights.

What they leave behind, however, is the art of this museum. They take random artifacts and pieces of history that have been donated and mold them into presentations worthy of the world’s best museums. It is these presentations that tell the story of historical events and of the local men and women who made history. They are the Curators.



The challenge that they face is a daunting one. How to collect, catalog, preserve, assemble and present materials so that visitors of all ages can relate to a person or to a historical event. In our lifetimes, we experience no more than a few seconds of the history of this country and only a portion of the history of aviation that is the central focus of our organization. Even the oldest of us have experienced only a small slice of history. Those that remember and can tell us the stories of World War II are passing all



too quickly. History prior to that time comes to us only in books, pictures and paintings. That is the part that the Curator Staff plays at MAPS.



The curators develop the stories of events through their displays that make them real to the guests that come to MAPS. Much like the “Magicians” that restore the aircraft displayed in the museum, they produce representations of the history that most can only read about in books – memories of generations that have gone before us. The Curators assemble and display the stories of events and people in printed words, in pictures and in memorabilia that are often brought to life by the “Teachers” that serve as tour guides. The displays that are prepared and presented by the Curator staff tell of not only events but of service, sacrifice and heroism. That sacrifice and heroism becomes even more “real” when the local connections become evident.



That is particularly true for the large numbers of school students that make up a significant portion of our visitors. The things that we have retained in life are those that we have formed a connection with – a link between the event or the person and ourselves. Without the connections that are made with the displays produced by the curators, the aircraft and the stories, history would never be more than an abstract subject – for them history would never “come alive.”





## DIRECTOR'S ELECTION 2018



At the April Membership Meeting, nominations were accepted for the four (4) Director's seats that are up for election at the Annual Membership Meeting to be held on Saturday, June 16, 2018 at 11:00 AM.

Seats up for re-election are currently held by **Bob Schwartz, Rick Hamlet and Valerie Kinney**. **Len Palmer's** seat is also open due to his passing in May. Members will be voting for four (4) positions. Five nominations were received and accepted. The nominees for these positions are: **Doug Perry, Dennis Bachtel, Rick Hamlet, Valerie Kinney and Bob Schwartz**.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** If you can't attend the election meeting, proxy votes will be accepted by e-mail or postal mail. Mail votes must be signed and must reach MAPS no later than Friday, June 15th. Please mark "**Proxy Vote**" on the envelope and mail to MAPS Air Museum, 2260 International Parkway, North Canton, OH, 44720.

Proxy ballots will also be available at MAPS. See Reed Kimble in the office on Wednesday through Sunday starting June 1, 2018.

Email proxies will also be accepted by Reed Kimble at [mapselection@mapsairmuseum.org](mailto:mapselection@mapsairmuseum.org). Place your name at the end of the e-mail and make the subject as "Proxy Vote."

An email with detailed information will be sent to all members with current email addresses the first week in June. If MAPS does not have your current email address, please send to Bob Schwartz at [schwartz.robert@mapsairmuseum.org](mailto:schwartz.robert@mapsairmuseum.org)

**NOTE:** Per the Code of Regulations, a family membership qualifies for one vote.



## CANDIDATE BIOS FOLLOW



### DENNIS BACHTEL

**Education:** Washington High School, Massillon; Stark State College - Associate Degree Civil Construction; Ohio Licensed Realtor; Ohio licensed water treatment plant operator, Ohio licensed waste water collections; Ohio licensed commercial driver

**Work Experience:** Worked nearly 40 years for Aqua Ohio (Water Utility) and its predecessors. Worked in the following capacities: Meter Reader, Water Treatment Plant Operator, Chief Water Treatment Plant Operator, Utility Maintenance Crew and Superintendent/Distribution Manager. I oversaw all new pipeline construction and water system maintenance, Service Department and Meter Reading Departments. Real Estate Sales with Cutler Real Estate.

**Volunteer Experience:** MAPS - member for approximately 8 years; active volunteer for 4 years. Worked on the B-26, F-16, BT-13 and Corsair restorations. Have worked at the Pancake Breakfast, Car Show, Collings Foundation and have done occasional tours.

Massillon Salvation Army volunteer for approximately 25 years; Board of Directors for 3 years on Property



Committee. Massillon Museum - numerous special events and Youth Baseball Coach for many years.

**Military Service:** United States Air Force 1969-1973; Rank of Staff Sergeant; Vietnam 1971-1972; Air Frame Repairman

**Remarks:** The MAPS organization embodies many of the things I am passionate about - preserving history, aircraft and education. If I can help further these ideals, as a director, I would be happy to do so.

**RICK HAMLET**

**Education:** 1970-1974 state of Ohio apprentice school journeyman machinist.

**Work Experience:** Chandler Machine from 1969-1985. In 1985 he started RTR Slotting and Machine. He served as president of the company until he retired in 2016.

**Volunteer Experience:** MAPS member since 2003. Has served as Director from 2006-2008, 2012-2014 and his current term that began in 2016. Rick has worked in restoration, helps out at events, opens and closes the museum, helps to move planes in and out of the hangar, sets up for special vents and oversees construction projects. Last year he logged over 2500 volunteer hours at MAPS.

**Remarks:** Enjoys Endurance Racing and being a Road Race Crew Member.

**VALERIE KINNEY**

**Education:** MS in Computer Education from Ashland University; BS in Education from Akron University

**Work Experience:** 35 years teaching kids with special needs; 28 years at Canton Local Schools; Retired; 20 years planning and expanding the Veterans Program at Faircrest Memorial Middle School. Created a showcase of veterans who had attended the school, "Lest We Forget" as well as a memorial courtyard. Was chosen VFW's Ohio Middle School Teacher of the Year during her career and went on to become the National Middle School Teacher of the Year.

**Volunteer Experience:** MAPS volunteer since 2012; MAPS Board of Directors, 2007-2013; Executive Director of Honor Flight CAK

**Remarks:** Recently, I found this quote by Helen Keller - "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." That's how we roll at MAPS.... "Together!"

For the past 6 years, I have been a member at MAPS. My passion for aircraft along with working with veterans made this the obvious place for me to volunteer after retirement! I am fortunate to have the opportunity to recognize veterans at our annual Veterans Celebrations.

I like to organize events, create videos and work with our other volunteers! We are an organization moving at top speed and we need to keep up! Like many other volunteers, I do what needs to be done from being a "Privy Princess" to being on the Board of Directors. The volunteers make this a fun environment!

I have two sons, both in the military. One son is a marine and he and his wife are stationed near San Diego. My other son and his wife are stationed in Okinawa - both are Captains in the Air Force. They have provided me with two precious grandchildren!

MAPS has become part of my extended family, or as my kids call it in the military.... FRAMILY (family + friends = FRAMILY) I am excited and proud to see MAPS grow on a daily basis and to be included in the decision making! Most of all, I enjoy working with people where being part of something is bigger than any one of us alone.... and that is MAPS!

**2018 MAPS Raffle Results**

Our 2018 raffle was a huge success with approximately 300 members participating. We grossed \$14,880 and had a profit of about \$12,500. This was our biggest raffle ever!

Here is a list of our winners:

\$1,000.00	1st Place	Pat Ryan
\$ 500.00	2nd Place	Al Bachman
\$ 250.00	3rd Place	Dale Ryba
\$ 125.00	4th Place	Gary Shorter
\$ 75.00	5th Place	Don Neidert
\$ 50.00	6th Place	Larry Perkins

**Many thanks to each MAPS member who contributed to the success of this year's raffle!**

**DOUG PERRY**

**Education:** Canton South High School, 1966–1970, Studied Academic Industrial Arts; Kent State University - Associate of Arts Degree in General Studies – 1977, Study Concentration in Business Administration; Kent State University - Bachelor of General Studies, 1984 - Study Concentrations in Political Science, Criminal Justice, and Psychology.

**Work Experience:** Timken Company - Steel Worker; Fair Finance Company - Office Manager; Lake Mohawk Property Owners Association - Lake Manager; Bank One Akron - Retail Loan Lender; Canton Board of Park Commissioners - Director/Secretary 1990 - 2012

**Volunteer Experience:** Stark County Veterans Memorial Committee - Vice President; Canton South Band Boosters – Treasurer; Stark Parks – photography; Magpies Mission – photography; MAPS Air Museum - Tour Guide, Facebook Administrator and Marketing Manager



**Military Service:** US Army, 1971-1974; Trained as an Engineer - Heavy Equipment Operator, Supply Clerk, POL Property Book NCO, NCOIC CTA50-901 Central Issue Facility.

**Remarks:** I have been a member of the MAPS organization for a couple of years now and I find what happens here to be not only interesting to our visitors, but educational as well. As a Tour Guide, I enjoy sharing history with our guests and feel that the Tour Guides are more like history teachers at times than just someone who can tell people some things about a bunch of airplanes. Our active members have an amazing collection of back-grounds and experiences and all of them, no matter what they do here, contribute to the great reviews we get from the people who visit us.

The MAPS Air Museum has seen great improvements over the last few years and the potential here is great for major advances over the next few years. It will be a lot of work and it will not be easy, but, it can be done. If I am elected to the Board of Directors, I hope to be of additional service to the organization as we move forward. If I find that I am not, or that there is someone much more qualified than I to be on the Board, I would step back to what I am doing now without hesitation.

**BOB SCHWARTZ**

**Education:** Air Force, enrolled at Indiana University taking several math classes.

**Work Experience:** Retired from First Energy in 2004 as a Transmission Operations Supervisor with over 34 years of service. Operated the transmission, generation and distribution systems.

**Volunteer Experience:** I've been a member of MAPS since March, 2006 and on the Board of Directors since 2008. Current position is Chairman, Board of Directors; Membership Committee maintaining our membership data base. I tabulate volunteer hours and last year we had about 56,600 volunteer hours and also coordinate the publication of our newsletter, the Briefing. Previously a volunteer fire fighter/EMT and Rescue Squad Chief. Coach and umpire with the Northwest Youth Baseball league. Volunteered with the Stark County Park District.

**Military Service:** 8-year Air Force veteran, serving as an Air Traffic Control Ground Radar Technician. Viet Nam veteran 66-67.

**Remarks:** . Pilot, inactive, with commercial, instrument and flight instructor ratings. Ham Radio Operator and hold a commercial radio operator's license. I have 6 kids and 14 grandkids. MAPS Life member. Participated in many management classes and seminars.

This is a great time to be a MAPS member and we have made great strides over the past several years. I really appreciate volunteers taking time to talk to me, explaining and showing what they are working on. At times they will go into great detail. This tells me they love what they are doing and are happy to be a MAPS volunteer.





## CURATOR'S CORNER

*By Jim Cameron, Curator*

I never tire of mentioning any very special donations received by MAPS. This recent donation is very special.

We recently received an email from a retired USAF female pilot whose family is from Massillon. She replied she has heard many good things about MAPS and would like to know if we would be interested in her deceased father's military items? I inquired as to details of her father and the military items.

Her father, Major General Maurice C. "Tim" Padden, a qualified military pilot but preferred being a Master Navigator navigating B-47, B-52 and B-58 bombers with the Strategic Air Command in Vietnam. After Vietnam and after achieving the rank of Colonel, he spent his field grade career in Military Airlift Command. He was the first navigator in the Air Force to command a combat wing. He was promoted to Brigadier then Major General. He was the first commander of Air Force Space Command. He served the USAF for 34 years.

Then she added some information on her own career. Col. Polly Padden was a 25 year USAF veteran pilot with 5000 flight hours, 350 hours in combat flying C-141 and C-130 transport planes! She is a graduate of the USAF Academy.

Col. Padden has one chapter in the book, "Band of Sisters, American Women At War In Iraq." In the book, she is referred to as Lt. Col. Montgomery and relates a story about her first flight in combat. Col. Padden's C-130 was climbing out of Baghdad at about 10 PM around the Suni Triangle when the warning that a surface-to-air missile had locked on to her plane. The plane released flares to draw the rocket toward a hotter heat source. Relying on her flight school instructions, she made the correct evasion moves, avoiding the rocket. Welcome to Iraq.

In March 2005, Padden flew another night mission in a C-130 to pick up some troops and fly them back to base. A short time into the flight, they lost the #4 engine. She contacted the Air Control Center requesting emergency landing instructions. She was told there was another plane in their airspace. Back then, air traffic control was primitive and there was no way to tell each plane the exact location and heading of another plane. Padden yelled into the plane's radio her exact location and her intent to land on the 9800 foot runway. 25 feet from touchdown the #3 engine quit. That put both engines on the same side of the aircraft not running. With a full load of fuel and flying at 118 knots on touchdown, the plane shot to the left going off the runway on to the taxiway. She could not put both engines still running in reverse without losing all control. Col. Padden skillfully manhandled the plane back on to the runway and brought it to a stop using 8500 feet of the 9800 foot runway. Fifteen minutes had passed from losing the first engine to engine stop on the runway.

Their accomplishments, awards and decorations are too lengthy for this article and will be described in their display. We are proud to have been selected to create a USAF father/daughter display in our Gallery Of Heroes.

Retired Col. Polly Padden currently resides in Grant, Alabama on a 40 acre farm and works for a local Veterinarian as a Vet Technician, recently earning her degree from Purdue University.

## Brick Memorial Program

*By Betty Tober, Library Volunteer*

MAPS wants to remind all members about the brick memorial program that was reinstituted this year. We are very pleased that interest has been high for this program.

Our new supplier is delivering an impressive product! The cost is \$90.00 for a 4 inch by 8 inch brick and \$180.00 for an 8 inch by 8 inch brick. The bricks are laser engraved with the option of adding a symbol or logo for an additional \$30.00 on either size brick. In order to keep the price reasonable, we must deliver 20 orders to our supplier at the same time.

This is a great opportunity to honor a friend or loved one. A memorial brick would be a great way to honor the veteran in your family for Veterans Day and also a cherished Christmas gift!

Order forms are available in the library, the gift shop and in restoration. I look forward to assisting anyone who may be interested. I am usually in the library on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Otherwise, please call me on my cell at 440-596-9388.



## MAPS Anniversaries

February 1, 2018 to April 30, 2018

*\*\* designates Family Membership*

### 25 YEARS

Grabowski, Edward  
Hahn, Robert

### 20 YEARS

Lavrenchik, Michael  
Cameron, Jim  
Cameron, Mary Ann  
Maling, William

### 10 YEARS

Kovesci, Kim  
Applegate, John  
Franks, Edith

### 5 YEARS

Lynn, Sandy  
Petroff, Timothy  
Rothermel, Kurt  
Krino, Tod  
Michalec, Chris  
Withee, Barbara  
Dougherty, Ron  
Newberger, George  
Palko, Charles  
Mundell, Michael  
Stanich, Ronald  
Barth, Robert

**Congratulations!**  
**Thank You For Your**  
**Continued Support!**

## New Members

February 1, 2018 to April 30, 2018

*\*\* designates Family Membership*

Beadle, Jennifer**	Hake, Howard**
Bilderback, Mike**	Harwood, Jeff**
Bowman, Tod**	Kroninger, Kenneth*
Branan, Doug**	Lamm, Loren**
Carmean, Kim**	Lanese, Tim**
Cimperman, Charlie**	Logothetis, David**
Cox, Elizabeth**	McCue, Joshua**
Criss, Susan**	Moeller, Timothy**
Crowl, John	Murphy, Noah**
Dehoff, Linda**	Outland, Lisa**
Deneher Jr, Daniel**	Paulus, William**
Evans, Robert**	Popik, Allen**
Fillinger, Judy**	Thomas, Matthew**
Green, Donovan**	



**JOIN MAPS TODAY!**



## Chairman's Notes

*By Bob Schwartz, Director Chair*

It's always hard to say goodbye to someone that you have grown close to, shared a love of MAPS with and really looked up too as a father figure. Ralph Lynn was a great friend to everyone at MAPS. We still have copies of our special Briefing edition. If you have email, did not get a copy or if you would just like an extra copy, stop by the office and ask for one. If you see Jeff Grametbauer, MAPS member and owner of the Print Shop, give him a big MAPS thank you.

MAPS also lost Leonard Palmer. Len passed away on May 8, 2018. Len was crew chief on the WWII BT-13 advanced trainer and was on the Board of Directors. Len also was instrumental in forming a relationship with the Soplat family that resulted in MAPS obtaining additional items for our collection.

We have a "new" historical airplane in our collection - a Pitts Special S-1. It is homebuilt, was completed in 1980 and was flown until 2016. The donor was a F-100 pilot. It is hoped that we can suspend it from the hangar ceiling upside down. The Pitts is a small aerobatic biplane flown in airshows around the country for many years. Curtis Pitts began the design of a single-seat aerobatic biplane in 1943-1944. In 1972, the US Aerobatic Team won the World Championships flying only Pitts biplanes. This aircraft was donated to MAPS.

Pitts Special S-1 displayed at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum.



## THANK YOU!



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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

You don't want to miss any of the exciting events planned at MAPS this summer!

**Saturday, June 9th** is the 9th Annual **MAPS Car Show**, sponsored by Don Sitts. Come see beautiful cars alongside MAPS historic aircraft!

Registration starts at 8:00 AM – "Tour the Museum"

Show Hours: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Awards Ceremony at 2:00 PM

Pre-registration \$10.00 by June 2nd, after that \$15.00 (Free Admission to the museum with entry)

Dash plaques first 200 plus goody bags for all entrants, food vendors, 50/50 raffle, music by Bruce, Awards for Best of Show, Top 20 Picks, Top Flight MAPS Award

**Rain Date:** Sept 1, 2018

The second **Pancake Breakfast** of the year will be held on **Saturday, July 14th**. Make this a fun family day - have a delicious breakfast and then tour the museum and the planes housed outside. The 1000 sq. ft. MASH field hospital is now open for the season and provides an inspiring look at medicine during the Vietnam War.

This year's **Collings Foundation Wings of Freedom Tour** is **August 10th - 12th**. Come out and view, tour or fly in four of the most famous WW II bomber and fighter aircraft; the B-17 Flying Fortress, B-24 Liberator, B-25 Mitchell and the P-51D mustang. Admission includes the MAPS museum, outdoor displays, Gallery of Heroes and the Ohio Military Museum on the second floor.

## Focus on Volunteers

In this issue, the focus is on someone you have all seen around MAPS, very frequently with a camera around his neck as he is an avid photographer. His name is Rick Johnston and he has been a member since 1990. Rick had seen an article in the Akron-Beacon Journal on the Douglas Dauntless and decided to visit MAPS to see it. He was immediately hooked and has been an avid supporter ever since.

Note: the Dauntless that drew Rick to MAPS is now permanently housed in the USS Midway Aircraft Carrier Museum in San Diego, CA.

Rick has had many roles over the last 28 years. He is the MAPS historian and keeps scrapbooks of pictures and events that occur. He is responsible for sending formal reports (including pictures) to the Army, Air Force and Navy on the condition of artifacts that are on loan from them. He was the original editor of the newsletter for the first 10 years and is responsible for naming it the *Briefing*. He has been a tour guide since he joined MAPS and served on the Board of Directors from 1992 to 2007.



Rick also works in restoration and is currently working on the F-105 gear door repair and is repainting the AIR-2 Genie and the missile cart. When asked about his favorite restoration project, he couldn't decide between the Dauntless and the B-26. Says Rick, "It's really is hard to pick a favorite, but I'd have to say that I lean towards the WWII aircraft."

One has to wonder where Rick finds the time and energy to accomplish all he does. You see, Rick is still working full-time at Sherwin-Williams yet was able to log over 200 volunteer hours last year. He is a Ph.D. analytical scientist and works as a Senior Materials Scientist. He has been with Sherwin-Williams for 30 years and will retire in May 2018.

Rick plans to spend even more time at MAPS when he's retired. He is proud of the fact that MAPS is the second largest air museum in Ohio and has loved watching the growth of MAPS over the years.

We are fortunate to have Rick and look forward to seeing much more of him! Thanks for all you do, Rick.



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## Flag Day is June 14th - Fly Your Flag Proudly!

### A little history.....

Flag Day commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress.

Inspired by decades of state and local celebrations, Flag Day was officially established by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating **June 14th** of each year as **National Flag Day**.

In an inspiring 1914 speech, Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, delivered a Flag Day address in which he repeated words he said the flag had spoken to him that morning: **"I am what you make me; nothing more. I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself."**

The adjacent poster commemorates the 140th anniversary of Flag Day and is housed in the Library of Congress, Washington, DC.

