

BRIEFING TIME

Special Edition



Our aircraft is a North American SNJ-4 advanced trainer of the type known as the "Texan." These aircraft were flown by all military services during World War II.

The SNJ-4 was used by all pilots prior to going into high performance aircraft. Its engine is a Pratt & Whitney Wasp 9 cylinder radial, air cooled, with 600 HP.

The date December 6, 1941, is stamped on the engine name plate, the day before the infamous attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese on December 7, 1941.

This aircraft is a national treasure.

The Cleveland Wing of the Commemorative Air Force welcomes you to this special edition of our newsletter, *Briefing Time*. We hope you will come and join us in our endeavor of maintaining our classic World War II SNJ-4 trainer located at Lorain County Regional Airport on Russia Road, just south of Elyria.

We meet every Saturday at the Cleveland Wing CAF hangar at 9:30 a.m. for what we call "Donut Patrol." We first have coffee and a donut, then we work on our aircraft or perform maintenance about the hangar. Our monthly general meetings are the second Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

What is the Commemorative Air Force?

The Commemorative Air Force (CAF) is a totally self-supporting, privately financed educational organization. It is an all volunteer, nonprofit, tax-exempt organization incorporated under the laws of the state of Texas for charitable and educational purposes. There are wings, squadrons and detachments of the CAF worldwide.

Funds to acquire, restore, operate and maintain CAF aircraft and

supporting functions come from member dues, contributions, aircraft and special sponsorships, and the American Airpower Heritage Foundation. No government grants are received.

To help the CAF perpetuate this collection of aircraft, the support of all persons interested in this significant period of aviation history is vitally needed.



Objectives of the Commemorative Air Force

1. To preserve, in flying condition, a complete collection of combat aircraft which were flown by all military services of the United States Air Force in World War II.
2. To provide museum buildings for permanent protection and display of these aircraft as a tribute to the thousands of men and women who built, serviced and flew them.
3. To perpetuate the spirit in which these great planes were flown in defense of our nation.
4. To establish an organization having the dedication, enthusiasm and esprit de corps necessary to operate, maintain and preserve these aircraft as symbols of our military aviation heritage.



You May Apply for Membership as a Colonel in the Cleveland Wing of the CAF

The most important requisite for CAF membership is a sincere interest in the preservation of WWII combat aircraft and the stories they tell. You must also be 18 years of age or older. You need not be a military veteran, just have a love of aviation; especially of World War II aircraft. The CAF is made up of men and women from all walks of life, and all trades and professions, who come from all 50 states and many foreign countries. Each candidate, when accepted, is commissioned at the grade of Colonel.

The Cleveland Wing has the following teams that could use your help: aircraft maintenance, aircraft

appearance, awards, marshalling, membership, newsletter, operations, PX, ways and means, and more. As you can see from the member teams and groups mentioned here, you do not have to be a pilot to be a member of the Cleveland Wing of the Commemorative Air Force. We have many varieties and levels of experience and expertise utilized in this Wing. Come and join us in the fun of this great, world-wide organization.

To receive further information about the Cleveland Wing of the Commemorative Air Force, visit us online at:

www.clevelandwing.org

You may also call our membership officer, Col Rick Maybaugh, at (440) 647-3935. He will be happy to answer your questions.

While you're at our website, be sure to watch the flight experience video and get information on how you can schedule a flight in our historic World War II aircraft.

Be sure to watch for future events sponsored by the Cleveland Wing or that feature our SNJ-4. You may also check out the Commemorative Air Force on the web: www.commemorativeairforce.com

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