



NO.1 BRITISH FLYING TRAINING SCHOOL MUSEUM OCTOBER, 2010 NEWSLETTER

GREETINGS FROM TERRELL, TEXAS!
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Box 6 Silent Wings Boulevard
Terrell, Texas 75160

GRANTS

The Texas Historical Commission has awarded the museum a matching grant fund in the amount of \$7,000 to support curriculum, exhibit and workshop development on the history of WWII Royal Air Force Training and aviation in Texas. Plans in this regard are underway with the cooperation of Darla Pollard of the Terrell Independent School District. Bob Welch of the Frontiers of Flight Museum at Love Field in Dallas has offered mentoring help in this regard.

BOARD CHANGES

The BFTS Board is pleased to announce the election of two new Board Members: Troy Drollinger and Peter Esposito.

IN MEMORIAL



It is with sadness that we received the news of the passing of Ron G. Miller on October 24th. Ron was in Course 15 in 1943. As you will remember, Ron was instrumental in organizing BFTS reunions. For your information, the address for his son, Clive, is 7 Marmora Road, London, UK SE220RX.

MUSEUM CHANGES

As mentioned in our June Newsletter, Grace Hugbanks, a college intern from Tennessee, spent the months of June and July at the museum using her expertise in history and museum design to enhance the facility. Grace not only improved the features in the museum but was a blessing to all who met her.

Recent visitors, including attendees to the fly-in festivities in September, were very pleased with the improvements in the museum. The newest attraction is a 28' weapon display, donated by Board Member Jim Evans and his family. This exhibit includes weapons from Russia, France, Great Britain, Germany, Japan, Italy and the United States. It also includes an English Bren MIKII Light Machine Gun.

SEPTEMBER FESTIVITIES

The September "Flights of Our Fathers" events were an enormous success as you can see from the pictures. We were blessed to welcome from England Ted and Phillip Abbot, Nigel Julian (son of Cyril), and George Woodruff (and his niece, Josie). Other BFTS returnees were Rick Brown (BFTS #5), **Eric** (and Jo) **Gill**, **Henry Madgwick**, **Arthur** (and Jane) **Ridge**, **Bob Kugel**, and **John Smale**. Geoffrey and Beryl Ivatt were missed this year!



No.1 BFTS President & CEO, Norman Huneycutt with Tuskegee Airman, Calvin Spann



Eric & Jo Gill



Rick Brown, BFTS #5



George Woodruff, Dewey Samuels & Arthur Ridge



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Bernie Schaefer & Al Castleman, sons of former Instructors at No.1 BFTS



Nigel Julian, son of Cyril with Henry Madgwick



Mike Kilgore and Rob Duckworth (RAF Living History Group) with Rick Brown;



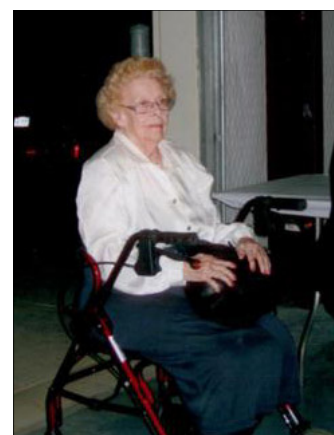
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Canadian PT-26



At the fly-in No.1 BFTS Museum honored the families of the five young men from Terrell who have recently lost their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan. Robert Stapleton (Veterans Falls) presented each family with a stone on which their sons' names had been chiseled. The stones will be placed at the 280 foot waterfall nearing completion in Granbury, Texas. The names of the Terrell young men so honored are: Sgt. Gerardo Moreno, Staff Sgt. Sean Brady Berry, Spc. Jonathan Emard, Staff Sgt. Shawn McNabb and Spc. Joseph Lewis.



Pauline Bond Baxter, former BFTS Link Trainer Instructor



Ted Abbott, came with his son, Phillip from London.



Bonanza Fly-over



Russian AN-2



Blackhawk Helicopter & crew from Ft. Hood, Texas

