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***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

Where does the time go?! It seems like only yesterday I was writing my report for the Spring Newsletter. Here it is October and I find myself at the keyboard once again jotting down my thoughts about happenings at the Foundation. Since you received your last newsletter the Foundation has held its Annual Meeting, elected new Board of Directors members, conducted its annual Raffle, held its 38<sup>th</sup> Annual COL Joe Botts Memorial Golf Tournament, supported our Museum staff, sold hundreds of items from our Gift Shop, sold bricks for our Engraved Brick Campaign and brought in dozens of new members.

All of our fund raising activities have been very successful. The Raffle brought in over \$17,000 and we had a net profit of nearly \$15,000! The golf tourney was also a success with a profit of over \$8,000. Our donations have also been remarkable this year. We had one benefactor that donated \$25,000!! That was a pleasant surprise!! But, even with those great results our major goal of funding the maritime pavilion is still well short of the \$3 to \$5 million we anticipate needing. How can you help? There are many ways.

A few of our members make monthly, recurring donations with their credit card. We process those in the Foundation office. We record their donation in our database and send a personal letter thanking them for the donation. Remember, all donations are tax deductible!

Another way to donate is via PayPal on our website: [ww2.atmfoundation.org](http://ww2.atmfoundation.org). This past summer we had an intern from Old Dominion University, Jay Miller, assist us in updating

our website—bringing it almost into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century!! If you go to the site and click on the Donations tab you'll see a Financial Donations tab. Click on that one and voila! You'll see a PayPal button that will allow you to make a donation almost instantaneously. Once you've completed the transaction we receive an email from PayPal that informs us of the donation and we then update our database and send the contributor a letter of thanks. Pretty painless if I do say so myself!

One method of donating to your Foundation has not been used very much. That is to include the Foundation in your estate planning. We have had a few individuals include the ATMF in their estates, but this is one method that we hope will be used by more of you. One reason for doing this is gifts to charities are exempt from federal wealth transfer taxes, gift and estate taxes, and appear to be exempt from state taxes. If you want to do this, it is pretty simple – just add the Army Transportation Museum Foundation as a recipient of money or stock in your will or trust. We are a 501 (c) (3) tax exempt organization, incorporated in the state of Virginia and our Tax ID Number is: 23.7087051. Please consider the Foundation in your estate planning.

In conclusion, I want to thank the Museum staff, all members of the Board of Directors and Advisors, the Foundation staff and all volunteers for making our fund raising activities a success. This is definitely a team effort and I think we have a **GREAT TEAM!** Thank you!

*COL(R) John C. Race, Jr.*  
*President, ATMF Board of Directors*



**MUSEUM DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

What a year it's been!

The LARC V has returned and looks amazing! The LARC XV is next for refurbishment!

The Transportation Corps Museum will have five of its artifacts featured in the upcoming World War I centennial book! The

Center of Military History photographer paid us a visit and captured wonderful photos of the pieces.

The 3-D artifact project should be installed by the end of the calendar year. Working with the CASCOM IT team we will be highlighting several pieces of equipment not currently on exhibit. The artifacts will be on a pre-programmed iPad where the visitor can rotate the items to see all areas of each piece. This is the trial run for the program, but I think it will be a success. We will be able to add artifacts in the future.

With TRADOC and Transportation Corps year-end funding the Caribou was moved to a concrete pad and will be refurbished by early November, a project long overdue!

The Corps of Engineers has been funded with year-end CMH funds to provide a design-build for the Watercraft Pavilion. We are one huge step closer to achieving that goal!

Our annual "Night at the Museum" went very well, with 820 visitors and 40 volunteers. Again this year we conducted an exit survey with 25 visitors from each hour, information we will add to last year's lessons learned so we get more efficient every year. A nice addition this year was 1<sup>st</sup> Advantage Federal Credit Union's generous popcorn and water tent!

While our accomplishments are numerous and a pat on the back is important, we continue to look ahead. We will be

exhibiting art work from the E.V.A.C. (Emerging Veterans and Artists Collaboration) project in April; updating the Fort Eustis exhibit, hosting an event for the Camp Eustis centennial in March; and serving as the venue for the American Association of State and Local History work shop in June.

The staff stepped up while I was working at Fort Belvoir for four months and I thank them for that. Unfortunately I will be asking them to do it again as I have accepted a new position as the Chief of Field Museums with the Center of Military History. It was an unexpected opportunity I could not let pass by.

I thank you for a very interesting 16 months and I can only pray I left the Transportation Museum a little better than I found it.

Claire Samuelson  
Museum Director

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**IN MEMORIAM**

Donations made "in memory of" deceased family members or friends that accumulate \$100 or more will soon be on a digital "Memorial Honor Board" located in the museum lobby. The following individuals have been memorialized since the 2017 spring newsletter:

- CSM(R) Lindberg Bing
- SGM Carol Beach Van Bouwel
- LTG(R) John D. Bruen
- COL(R) A. Bruce Cleary
- LTC(R) Joseph W. Gontarski
- COL(R) Fred P. Howland
- MAJ Charles G. Price, Jr
- LTC(R) Edward S. Rebholz
- Mr. Dale E. Rockey (COL(R) James D. Rockey's father)

ARMY TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM FOUNDATION  
ENGRAVED BRICK CAMPAIGN

MAINTAINING THE TRANSPORTATION CORPS CULTURE

ATMF has completed Phase I, the Engraved Brick Patio; Phase II, the Walkway of Engraved Brick Patio; Phase III, large brick sign in front of the Museum with an electronic LED sign at the top and 276 engraved bricks below on both sides, Phase IV, Walkway to the Sign and Phase V, Walkway around sign. **We are now selling bricks for Phase VI; these bricks will go around the General Frank Besson Memorial in front of the Museum. The first 100 - 4" by 8" and 24 - 8" by 8" brick were installed April 2017 (see photos in this newsletter).** On the Website.. [ww2.atmfoundation.org](http://ww2.atmfoundation.org) there are pictures of the Logos we have approved, not all have been purchased. First time use cost \$75 (set up Fee). Purchase an engraved brick to identify you, your company, organization, friends and family. **MAIL THIS ORDER FORM TO: ATMF, Drawer D, Fort Eustis VA 23604-9004**

**E-MAIL** [atmfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:atmfoundation@gmail.com) **OR** **FAX** 757-878-2830

ORDER INFORMATION

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP+4 \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 4" by 8" brick, three lines of text or 2 lines of text and 1 line for logo, maximum 20 characters per line, including spaces & punctuations. COST - \$100

\_\_\_\_\_ 8" by 8" brick, six rows of text or four lines of text & 2 lines for logo, maximum 20 characters per line, including spaces & punctuations. COST - \$200

3 lines for 4"by8" \_\_\_\_\_

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6 lines for 8"by8" \_\_\_\_\_

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There is a list/picture of logos that have already been ordered & paid for, so there is no additional charge to use them. For information call the ATMF office 757-878-1180/3904 NEW LOGOS can be added for minimum of \$75. I prefer to pay by:

\_\_\_\_\_ Check (Payable to ATMF) \_\_\_\_\_ Money Order \_\_\_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard  
Credit Card info: # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration \_\_\_\_\_



**BRICK CAMPAIGN**

Remember to purchase your BRICK!! Phase VI is underway. Use the enclosed order form (near the end of the newsletter) to get your piece of history!

*CSM (R) Nathaniel Colter, Sr.  
Brick Committee*

**PLAQUE DEDICATED TO VETERANS INSTALLED**

In September 2017 a plaque dedicated to all veterans was installed on the brick side column of the Museum sign. The plaque was donated by SFC(R) Daley and Mrs. Sandy Russell.

The plaque is made of bronze and measures 16 by 20 inches. It is inscribed as follows,

“Dedicated to all veterans for their honorable service to our Nation. By this engraving we remember all those who made the supreme sacrifice in the wars of our Nation. We will not forget all those who remain missing in action or prisoner of war. Forever shall we hold dear their courage and spirit.”

The plaque was installed by a team consisting of the Museum staff, Foundation members and Soldiers assigned duties at the Museum. The Foundation is grateful to the Russell's for their generosity and thoughtfulness.



**SOLDIERS ASSIST THE MUSEUM**

The Museum is lucky to have access to Soldiers who are detailed to the Museum while waiting to attend their AIT classes in either Aviation or Transportation. Normally, units tasked send two Soldiers for a 3-4 day period during the week. Once they report to the Museum they are given tasks which need to be done but do not require any specific skills or training.

Most recently the Foundation reached out to these young warriors and asked them to assist in mounting the bronze plaque donated by the Russell's (see previous article). PFC Michael Riley and PVT Jeffrey Roach, along with CSM (R) Nathaniel Colter spent about a day measuring, drilling, gluing and securing the heavy plaque to the side of the electronic sign in front of the Museum.

It was great to see two young active duty Soldiers lend a hand to honor those who have gone before them. Soldiers like these, doing “behind the scenes” work keep the museum in good condition for all the visitors to enjoy.



*Above, measuring and leveling. Right, PFC Riley, PVT Roach and CSM Colter.*



# January 2018

“The time is always right to do what is right. “

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Years Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 ATMF Board of Director's Meeting	27
28	29	30	31			

**THE GATHERING 2017**

The Gathering of TC Vietnam veterans was held at Morro Bay, California 11-15 September 2017. Total attendance was about 75. Although we didn't see a lot of our regulars from the east coast, we did welcome 11 new veterans from the California area. We had a special visit from COL(R) Bruce Ferri, newly elected president of TCRA.



We visited many local sites including Hearst Castle at San Simeon, the Estrella Warbird Museum in Paso Robles and the Thursday night street fair in San Luis Obispo. We also went to the home of MG (R) Jim Collins, a retired transporter, who invited us to his home in Los Osos to view his classic car collection and have refreshments.

On Wednesday afternoon, the reproduction gun truck *Snoopy* arrived at the hotel and stayed overnight, leading the convoy to Paso Robles

Thursday morning.

The weather was beautiful and all had a good time.

Next year, we will be back in Pigeon Forge in August. If you would like to receive the Gathering newsletter, please contact Barbara Bower, [bbower1@cox.net](mailto:bbower1@cox.net).



**OTHER REUNIONS**

The next 3rd Port Reunion of Army Mariners Keg & Corps Picnic will be 19 May 2018 at the Army Transportation Museum. Theme is "Army Mariners in Vietnam." Contact Becky Brashears at [3rdPortReunion@gmail.com](mailto:3rdPortReunion@gmail.com) or call (757) 566-8110 for more information.

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**2017-2018 RETIRED REDBOOK, VOL II**

The Retired REDBOOK is a directory of retired Transportation Corps Officers, members of the Senior Executive Service, Warrant Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers (MSG and above). It includes their name, rank, address, phone number and/or email address – if the retiree wants that information published.

**REMEMBER**, if you have any changes to your contact information please notify the ATMF Office.

There are a "limited number" Redbooks available. If you would like to purchase one, you can do so easily by contacting the ATMF office by phone, 757-878-1180; by mail ATMF, Drawer D, Fort Eustis VA 23604-9004 or E-mail [atmuseum-foundation@gmail.com](mailto:atmuseum-foundation@gmail.com). The cost is \$20, including postage and VA state sales tax for Virginia mailing addresses.

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**TRANSPORTATION CORPS REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION (TCRA)**

For information on joining the TCRA and the Military Order of "Saint Christopher" award program, contact: E-mail [tcregt@verizon.net](mailto:tcregt@verizon.net) or go to their website [www.tcregt-association.org](http://www.tcregt-association.org).

# December 2018

'It always seems impossible until it's done.'  
Nelson Mandela

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 1st Day of Hanukkah	4	5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Day	8
9	10 Hanukkah Ends	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 1st Day of Winter	22
23	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29
30	31 New Year's Eve					



After a few “worm burners” and miss-hits, he had his swing to a point where he was able to make good contact with the ball.

Chris was then introduced to his foursome who welcomed him like family. They made him feel like part of the team and coached along the way. While his foursome may not have placed in the tournament, the tournament did find a place in Chris’ memory as a day of camaraderie and fun.



By the way, when the raffle prizes were drawn, Chris won the display rack!

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**MUSEUM GIFT SHOP**

**New Items:**

- 2017 White House Christmas Ornament (limited supply available, local area prices as high as \$36.00) \$22.50
- TC & Regt Flags (2 sided, all season) \$75.00
- TC “75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Print” \$10.00
- Aviation Coin \$10.00

- Wooden Christmas Ornament (Laser Image) w/TC Logo, Fort Eustis VA \$6.25
- Gary Owens Hat Tack \$3.50
- SGT (E5) Decal \$3.00

**Most Popular Items (just a few):**

- Fleece Jacket (full zip) w/embroidered TC Wheel S-XL \$40.50
- 2XL \$42.50
- Pullover Hoodie, Gray w/US Army Ft Eustis S-XL \$40.50
- 2XL \$42.50
- KIOWA T-shirts (limited supply) \$17.50
- KIOWA Coins (limited supply) \$10.00
- HUEY T-shirts \$17.50
- Wheel Clock \$125.00
- White House Christmas Ornaments 2010 - \$7.50, 2014 - \$18.95
- TC 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ornament \$5.00
- “Spirit of Liberty, Freedom is Not Free” Support Our Troops Ornament \$12.50
- TC Regimental Coin \$10.50
- Shot glasses of all sorts ... from \$6.50 to \$7.00
- Mugs... Sail Army, Aviation, TC & Regimental (Fort Eustis, VA) \$8.00 to \$9.00
- CD “The History of Fort Eustis, VA” \$20.00

The Gift Shop has a variety of TC items –books, lapel pins, shirts, truck & helicopters models. Check the website ([ww2.atmfoundation.org](http://ww2.atmfoundation.org)) for photos & prices (prices are subject to change). Tax & shipping not included. Call the Gift Shop at 757-878-1115/3411, or e-mail [jennifer.linzmeier.civ@mail.mil](mailto:jennifer.linzmeier.civ@mail.mil) or mail to: ATMF Gift Shop, Bldg 300 Washington Blvd, Fort Eustis VA 23604-9002

# February 2018

“It is better to offer no excuse than a bad one.”

George Washington

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Ground Hog Day	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Lincoln’s Birthday	13	14 Ash Wednesday Valentine’s Day	15	16	17
18	19 President’s Day	20	21	22 Washington’s Birthday	23	24
25	26	27	28			

**FOCUS ON AN ARTIFACT**



During the Cold War one mission of the Transportation Corps was building and maintaining the DEW (Distant Early Warning) Line. The DEW Line was a series of radar posts set up in the Arctic to give warning of a possible Soviet attack. A series of military posts in the Arctic were established, including Thule, Greenland, where the Transportation Corps ran its support missions.

In late August, 1957, the Norwegian ship *Polar Bjorn II* became locked in an ice floe off Greenland's east coast. They sent out a distress call and the U.S. military responded. Their rescue was attempted by a joint effort between the 53rd Air Rescue Squadron from Keflavik, Iceland, and an Army Rescue team from Thule, Greenland.

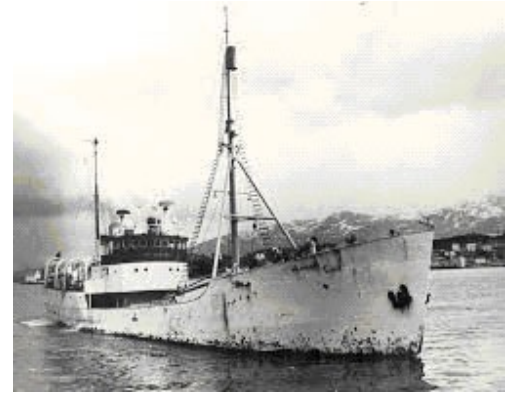
A C-124 cargo plane ferried an H-19 helicopter (aviation then being part of the Transportation Corps) from Thule to the town of Mestersvig, on Greenland's east coast. The Army rescue team flew the helicopter to the ice floe and began the evacuation of the stranded crew. An SC-54 Rescue Master from Keflavik flew along with the helicopter to give aid in case of mishap.



Over the course of two days the H-19 rescued the crew of 23

men, ranging from a mess boy 15 years old, to the captain of the ship, a veteran of 30 years sailing in the North Atlantic, who had spent six days trapped on the ice.

Capt. John Giaever, head of the Norwegian Polar Institute, which chartered the ship acted as the spokesman for the group. He noted that, even though the shipwrecked crew were never really in danger of losing their lives, because the ice was thick and solid, they were constantly tense and anxious since they never knew when the wind would cause the ice floe to shift position, or even break up. Capt. Giaever said, "We were extremely lucky that the planes came when they did. The men were even more happy to see that 'ugly bird,' (the Army helicopter) light on the ice." He said that the men later dubbed the copter "Polar Bjorn III." The ship itself was not saved.



**SS POLAR BJORN II**

This lifebuoy was given to the Army aviators during the rescue in commemoration of their efforts.

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**2017 TC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**

- MG(R) Jack O'Connor
- MG(R) Luis R. Visot
- BG(R) Mark Scheid
- COL(R) Donald G. Drummer
- CSM(R) Allen R. Offord Jr

# November 2018

"There is one day that is ours. Thanksgiving Day is the one day that is purely American."

O. Henry

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Day Light Savings Time Ends	5	6 Election Day	7	8	9	10
11 Veteran's Day	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

### 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Colonel Joe Botts Memorial Golf Tournament

The weather on 9 September was mild with clear skies, a great golfing day for the Annual Joe Botts Golf Tournament at the Pines Golf Course on Fort Eustis. With 77 golfers enjoying the course conditions and with door prizes and raffles, it was a wonderful day of golfing, everyone had a great time.



For the second year in a row instead of just selling Mulligans, we continued last year's successful package deal that included 1 Mulligan, 1 Free Toss, 3 Raffle tickets, Red solo cup drive, and a ceremonial putt. We had a number of favorable comments so we will continue this deal for next year.



Thank you to our major sponsors, Northrup Grumman, Tysinger Motors, Vanguard Industries and also to over 50 other local community businesses and individuals that provided various door and raffle prizes. Also a big HOOAH to the Pines Golf Course management, superintendent, and staff for hosting our tournament and providing such a fantastic venue.

Overall this year's tournament was a success due largely to the efforts of the Foundations Board of Directors, Anne Jenkins and our volunteers, CW4(R) Rebecca Brashears, CSM(R) Nathaniel Colter, SGM(R) Ronald Jenkins, MSG(R) Marina

Libro, CSM(R) Paul & Mrs. Regina Nelson and Paul Nelson II., COL(R) John Race, Mrs. Donna Raschke, COL(R) Jim Rockey, CW2(R) Joseph Hammonds, COL(R) Carl Salyer, LTC(R) Chris Hubbard and son. These people put in a lot of time and effort from pre-tournament activities to set up, registration, and spotters. It is the volunteers that made the tournament such a great success, raising over \$8,000.00 for ATMF.

Please put Saturday 8 September 2018 on your calendar and form a team for next year's tournament.

Stephen Paul Raschke Sr.  
CSM(R), Chairman

### Soldier Detailed to Museum Plays in Tourney

PV2 Chris Irwin was detailed to the Museum while waiting for orders, and expressed an interest in playing in our tournament. He said he'd only golfed once or twice before, but our tournament sounded like it would be a great time.

As luck would have it, one of our registered golfers called a couple of days before the tourney and informed us he couldn't play. But he said he'd donate his registration fee to a deserving Soldier. It didn't take long for the wheels to turn and with permission from his First Sergeant, PV2 Irwin was signed up.

On the day of the tournament Chris was taken to the course by his First Sergeant and signed in at the registration table. He purchased a few extra raffle tickets and placed them in the "bucket" associated with a golf ball display rack (donated by COL Rockey). He then proceeded to the pro shop where Randy Lewis of the course staff, fitted him out with a set of rental clubs at no cost. PV2 Irwin received some donated golf balls and tees to use for the tournament. Chris then went to the practice range and began to reacquaint himself with his golf swing. (continued next page)

# March 2018

"What makes me happy is the appreciation of people around me."

Nadia Comaneci

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Employee Appreciation Day	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Day Light Savings Time Begins	12	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
18	19	20 1st Day of Spring	21	22	23	24
25 Palm Sunday	26	27	28	29	30 Good Friday	31 1st Day of Passover



**TAPS** (since our 2017 Spring Newsletter)

- Adams, COL(R) Gerard C., CA (2005)
- Adie, Mrs. Julia M., VA
- Banks, CW4(R) John A., AL
- Bean, LTC(R) Robert H., NM
- Bittinger, LTC(R) Robert C., GA
- Bruce, Mr Gary, VA
- Bruen, LTG(R) John D., VA
- Cates, Mr Norman F., FL
- Clark, COL(R) Niles C. Jr., SC
- Coffey, COL(R) William D. Jr., TX (2016)
- Doyle, LTC(R) David L., AR
- Ezell, MAJ(R) Andrew G., TN
- Hamilton, MAJ(R) Jesse, NV
- Harmon, MSG(R) Phillip E., VA
- Howland, COL(R) Frederick P., VA
- Knowels, MSG(R) Claude H., SC
- Luttrell, CSM(R) Fred, KY
- Mattingly, Mrs Olivia C., VA
- Rachels, COL(R) Ray H., VA (2012)
- Rebholz, LTC(R) Edward S., WI
- Schaffer, CW2(R) Russel D., FL (2014)
- Simons, LTC(R) John David, NC
- Smith, CMDR(R) Gary N., VA
- Taylor, MAJ(R) Alvis M., IA
- Tocco, MSG(R) Thomas E., VA
- Twiford, CSM(R) Lester D., VA
- Van Meter, LTC(R) Jack D., TX
- Walker, CSM(R) James E., LA
- Willer, CW4(R) Larry E. Sr., VA
- Wolfe, LTC(R) Alfred Jay, VA
- Wright, Mrs Carolyn D., VA (former  
Army Transportation Museum staff)



**CAROLN D. WRIGHT (1951-2017)**

Carolyn Diane Wright passed away peacefully at Riverside Doctors Hospital in Williamsburg, Virginia on July 6, 2017, after a courageous four-year battle with cancer. Carolyn is survived by her husband of 47 years, John Wright III. She also leaves behind son Bryan Wright IV, daughter Ashley Wright Terry, son-in-law Morgan Terry, and an extensive network of loved relatives, neighbors and friends.

Carolyn was born February 15, 1951 in Havre de Grace, Maryland and raised in Bel Air, Maryland. Her work career was with Federal Civil Service, mostly at the Transportation Museum until she retired as museum technician/research librarian in 2008.

Carolyn's legacy can best be described as a quiet, private, and humble lady who was always concerned with the welfare and needs of others. She considered her greatest contribution to the world to be her children who loved their mother dearly.

Carolyn was cremated with a celebration of her on August 5th at Nelsen Funeral Home, Williamsburg.

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**2017 TC DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE REGIMENT (DMOR)**

- BG(R) Michael A. Mann
- COL(R) David A. Barry, Jr.
- COL(R) Nancy A. Grandy
- COLR(R) Samuel R. Bethal
- CW4(R) James L. Dial
- SGM(R) Otis B. Pate

For information on how to nominate a Transporter for the DMOR or for the Hall of Fame, log on to ... <http://www.transchool.lee.army.mil/OCOT> and click on the link

# October 2018

“A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.”

John C. Maxwell

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 <b>Columbus Day</b>	9	10	11	12	13 <b>USN Birthday</b>
14	15	16 <b>Boss's Day</b>	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 <b>ATMF Board of Director's Meeting</b>	27
28	29 <b>Night at the Museum</b>	30	31 <b>Halloween</b>			



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS & OFFICERS**

The following individuals were elected at the Annual Meeting/2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Board of Directors meeting, July 28, 2017, to be the ATMF Officers:

- President, COL(R) John C. Race, Jr.
- Vice-President, COL(R) Arthur T. Conroy, Jr.
- Secretary, CSM(R) Paul J. Nelson
- Treasurer/Budget Officer, COL(R) James D. Rockey

- CSM(R) Paul J. Nelson (2018\*)
- CSM(R) Stephen P. Raschke, Sr. (2018\*)
- Mr. Tyler B. Robbins (2018\*)
- COL(R) James D. Rockey (2018\*)
- COL(R) H. Carl Salyer, Jr. (2019\*)
- Mrs. Claire S. Samuelson (2019\*) Museum Director

There is a current vacancy on the Board of Directors and the Term ends 2019. If you are interested in becoming a Board member contact COL(R) John Race or CSM(R) Paul Nelson (757-878-1180 or E-mail [atmuseumfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:atmuseumfoundation@gmail.com))

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

(2017-2020) (Term Ends\*)

The following individuals were elected to the Board of Directors for the period 2017-2020:

- MG(R) William N. Farnen (2020\*)
- CW2(R) Joseph R. Hammonds (2020\*)
- BG(R) John C. Levasseur (2020\*)
- MG(R) Aaron L. Lilley, Jr. (2020\*)
- LTC(R) Mark Metz (2019\*) (fills vacancy for a BOD member who resigned)
- CSM(R) Ruth E. Potter (2020\*)
- COL(R) John C. Race, Jr. (2020\*)
- MAJ(R) Michael A. Meneghini (2020\*)

**BOARD OF ADVISORS**

The following individuals are serving as Advisors to the Foundation President and Board of Directors. There are no term limits. Advisors are non-voting members of the Board.

- Ms. Nicki Bowersox
- CAPT(R) Bart Buechner
- Mr. James P. Healy
- Mrs. M. Koleta Thompson
- MG(R) David A. Whaley

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The individuals listed above join the following members currently serving on the Board of Directors:

- Ms Barbara A. Bower (2019\*)
- CW4(R) Rebecca S. Brashears (2018\*)
- CSM(R) Nathaniel Colter, Sr. (2019\*)
- COL(R) Arthur T. Conroy, Jr. (2019\*)
- LTC(R) Richard "Chris" Hubbard, (2018\*)
- MSG(R) Marina E. A. Libro (2018\*)



# April 2018

"The only difference between death and taxes is that death doesn't get worse every time Congress meets."

Will Rogers

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  Easter Sunday	2	3	4	5	6	7  Passover Ends
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17  Taxes are Due!!	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25  Administrative Professionals Day	26	27  ATMF Board of Director's Meeting	28
29	30					

**NEW MEMBERS (since the Spring newsletter)**

A member of ATMF is an individual or business whom has donated \$100 or more. You can become a member several ways...Purchase 100 or more raffle tickets (\$1 each); memorialize an individual (\$100); be a sponsor for the ATMF Annual Golf Tournament; donating to one of the exhibit areas (rail, truck, boat or aviation); or purchase an engraved brick (4" by 8" for \$100 or an 8" by 8" for \$200).

All contributions are tax deductible under Section 501(c) (3) of the IRS code. Every donation is acknowledged with a "Thank You" letter and once \$100 is reached the new member receives a Membership Certificate with their Certificate Number on it.

ATMF would like to thank the following individuals for their support and for becoming an ATMF members:

- Armstrong, Mr. Robert P.
- Arzadon, SFC(R) Quirino M. (A. Z.)
- Barnett, LTC(R) Vaughn D.
- Bigony, Mr. Mike
- Breithaupt, COL(R) Arthur L.
- Brown, LTC(R) William T.
- Campbell, LTC(R) Jennifer K.
- Cameron, Mrs. Martha L.
- Ciccone, LTC(R) Richard G.
- Clark, LTC(R) Paul L.
- Conley, Mr. Robert
- Deck, CW4(R) Patrick W.
- Engelberger, COL(R) Charles J. Jr.
- Frazier, MSG(R) Larry G.
- Funkhouse, MG A.
- Henderson, COL Bjarne R.
- Henderson, LTC Morey M.
- Howard, COL(R) Gary C.
- Hunt, Mr. Allen R.

- Judd, Mr. Walter T.
- Kirby, COL(R) James M.
- Lewis, COL(R) Donald C.
- Luck, LTC(R) Ben E., Jr
- McLemore, Mrs Mary Jane
- Miller, Mr. Floyd W.
- Minney, CSM(R) Billie Jo
- Mize, 1SG(R) James M.
- Mon, LTC(P) Heidi P.
- National Association of Military Retirees
- Opus 9 Steakhouse, Williamsburg
- Peeler, MAJ(R) Charles E.
- Susi, 1SG(R) Joseph D.
- Tabb Seaford Inc., DBN "Skrimp Shack"
- Tenuta, LTC(R) Gene J.
- Townsend, COL Stacy S.
- Ware, COL(R) William M.
- Whelan, LTC(R) James L.
- Willis, COL(R) Rodney E.

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**THIS DISTAFF SIDE—Koleta Thompson**

Long ago there was an Army helicopter pilot in my life. Let me tell you up front that I have never known make, model or tail numbers of aircraft. I do recognize CH 47's, Apache's and Cobra's.

The first knowledge of these flying machines was when my husband received orders to helicopter flight training. He was already a fixed wing pilot, and I wondered aloud why he needed/wanted to venture up in those little guppies that had big fans sitting on top. It was soon made clear: a pilot is a pilot is a pilot. The challenges of mastering winged and rotary craft is ingrained in their DNA. (continued next page)

# September 2018

"All wealth is the product of labor."

John Locke

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 <b>Labor Day</b>	4	5	6	7	8 <b>ATMF's 39th Annual Golf Tournament</b>
9 <b>ATMF's 48th Birthday!</b>	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 <b>USAF Birthday</b>	19	20	21	22
23 <b>1st Day of Fall</b>	24	25	26	27	28	29
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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

The Foundation’s Annual General Membership Meeting was held at the Museum on July 28<sup>th</sup> 2017. There were numerous Foundation members present, including the former CO of the 319<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company and his driver. The unit is a Reserve Component unit that is still operational today. LTC Troxler (CO and Mr. Campbell (Driver) served in Long Binh, Vietnam with the unit in 1968-1969.

There were two major items of business to complete at the Annual Meeting. One was the election of Board of Directors members and officers, and conducting the Annual Raffle. There were also discussions on fund raising, strategic planning, membership, Gift Shop redesign and an update on Museum efforts.

The meeting ended with a rousing round of “Happy Birthday” to the Corps as we celebrated 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Corps!



*L-R– MG(R) Dave Whaley, Mr. Tim Campbell, LTC(R) Paul Troxler and COL(R) Art Conroy. Mr. Campbell and LTC Troxler were in the 319th Trans Co, a USAR unit that operated in Vietnam 1968-1969.*

*Mr. Campbell and LTC Troxler are holding the Regimental 75th anniversary print given to them by MG Whaley and COL Conroy.*



*Above, MG (R) William Farman and MG (R) Aaron Lilley cut the cake.*

*Left, COL (R) James Rockey licking the sword!*



**ATMF ANNUAL RAFFLE**

The ATMF annual raffle drawing was held during the annual meeting July 28, 2017. The raffle winners were as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$1,500: LTC(R) Howard S. Steed, TN
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$1,000: COL(R) Michael J. Toal, VA
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$500: LTC(R) Robert B. Harrison, VA
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize \$250: COL(R) William D. O’Hara, NY
- 5<sup>th</sup> Prize \$250: COL(R) David M. Lyon, VA

This year ATMF tripled your chances to win by including 30 \$1 tear-off tickets in the Spring Newsletter. This years ticket sales was \$17,141 with \$1,200 paid out in prizes. Many donated their winnings back to ATMF. That resulted in a net profit of \$15,941. All tickets sold support the ATMF projects and raise your individual donation amount. All donations are tax deductible.

# May 2018

“All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.”

Abraham Lincoln

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13 Mother’s Day	14	15	16	17	18 Nat’l Defense Transportation Day	19 3rd Port Reunion Armed Forces Day
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31		

At that time, 1960's, families were not encouraged to visit the flight line, get inside of helicopters nor ask questions about these intricate/complicated machines. "Why would wives want to even know about these things?" The little rebel in me, asked the questions. After all, the Army was sending him up, up and away from his family. Those gyros didn't look all that stable to me. "What made them lift off the ground with no wings? How did the pilots get out if the engine failed? Did the guppy float to the ground or just drop out of the sky? What were they going to be used for if they only flew so low?"

I can't say that I was ever afraid of my husband's flying, but I was concerned about the places the Army sent him. At the time, Vietnam was a hot button for most of the American public. Military families understood duty, honor, country but not everyone did. Protestors were vocal everywhere and their harsh words impacted military families. It took a lot of prayer and patience to comfort and explain to my 8 and 6-year old children concerning our neighbor's negative remarks to them.

The second 15-month Vietnam tour was different in that we were in a neighborhood of military affiliated families who knew what our pilots were doing to help the South Vietnamese people. We banded/bonded together to help each other. Our second son was born just after my husband left for Vietnam and neighbors jumped in to baby sit the older children.

My husband died of a souvenir that he picked up in Vietnam, called Agent Orange. Many of our military personnel came home with this toxic chemical, unbeknownst to them, embedded in their bodies. My choice of places to live is near a military base where I can hear the helicopters fly over my neighborhood. It is home. It's a lot like hearing taps play:

"Fading light dims the sight, and a star gems the sky, gleaming bright, from afar drawing nigh---Falls the night. Day is done, gone the sun, From the lake, from the hills from the sky. All is well, safely rest, God is nigh. Then goodnight,

peaceful night, 'Till the light of the dawn shineth bright, God is near, do not fear---Friend, good night."

*Koleta Thompson, Gold Star Wife*

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**WORLD WAR I - TRENCH RAILWAYS**

*LTC(R) Mark Metz*

At the onset of the First World War in March 1914, when the Germans launched their Schlieffen Plan attack on the Western Front in France it was envisioned to be a short decisive war characterized by rapid movement of forces. While the German offensive was deep into France by late August however, the combination of the outrunning their supply lines, i.e. railheads, exhaustion of both troops and of cavalry, artillery and supply wagon horses, along with the pending entry into the war by the British afforded the French an opportunity to mount a successful counter offensive in early September at the battle of the Marne. By November opposing forces were stalemated on a front along the Aisne River signaling the onset of a deadly four year "Trench" war. Ultimately, this front line extended 450 miles from the border of Switzerland to the English Channel.

With the onset of trench warfare, the issue of how to supply front lines from standard / meter gauge railheads and depots out of the range of enemy fire, typically seven miles or so, became a major concern. British doctrine and planning called for this logistical link to be performed by motor vehicles. The combination of vehicle reliability and the ability of unpaved roads to support large motor movements, particularly during inclement weather, front line troops. The Germans, and to a lesser degree the French, had planned for "Light Railways" to provide this logistical link.

The concept of a Light Railway was originally developed by the French firm Decauville for the (continued next page)

# August 2018

"Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence. "

Vince Lombardi

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**MILITARY UNITS, WW I Railways**

In response to a British and French request for units to build and maintain railways to support the Western Front, in May 1917, the War Department directed that 9 railway engineer regiments be organized. Fortunately, when the U.S. entered the war on April 6, 1917, the Army had at least a basic force structure concept and a single reserve unit thanks to efforts associated with the General Pershing's 1916 expedition to capture Poncho Villa.

As in the Civil War, the Army turned to the commercial rail industry for assistance in establishing a rail structure. In June of 1916, MG William Black, then Chief of Engineers, called on MR Samuel M. Felton, Jr, president of the Chicago Great Western Railway. Mr. Felton was the son of MR Samuel M. Felton Sr., who provided similar assistance in the formation of the Civil War rail force structure. The results of this collaboration was the formation of the 3rd Reserve Engineers in Chicago, IL.

The 3rd was a regiment with two battalions of three companies each but was not deployed to support General Pershing's expedition. In response to the 1917 British and French request for units to build and maintain railways in the Western Front, the 3rd was reorganized as the Thirteenth Engineers. In May 1917, eight additional engineer railway regiments were authorized to be organized in major cities from Boston to San Francisco. The 12th and 14th would ultimately be designated Light Railway units. Two additional regiments, the 21st and 22d, would be organized and become part of the Light Railway force structure in September 1917, and March 1918, respectively.

**12th ENGINEER REGIMENT**

COL Curtis R. Townsend, a Regular Army engineer officer stationed in St. Louis, MO, was tasked to organize and com-

mand the 12th Engineers (Light Railway). Recruiting primarily from St. Louis, and Kansas City, MO, the unit was mobilized between June 26 and July 2, 1917, at Camp Gallard, IL, just north of St. Louis. They had brief basic training prior to movement to Jersey City, NJ, for boarding the British vessel RMS CARMANIA which sailed on July 28th. The vessel docked at Liverpool, England on August 12th.

On August 15th, the 12th, leading four additional regiments, became the first parade of American troops to march down Piccadilly past the American and French Embassies and Buckingham Palace, being reviewed by the King, Queen and Prime Minister. Two days later on the 17th the unit found itself crossing the English Channel to the French port of Boulogne. The following day headquarters were established at Montiony Farm near the Somme River.

Upon its arrival in France in August 1917, the 12th was assigned to operate and maintain British Light Railways supporting the British Third Army. The following March, it was transferred to provide support for the British Fifth Army. After 11 months under British control, the 12th was returned to American command on July 25, 1918, initially supporting to the US First Army. The 12th supported the St. Mihiel Offensive and the Meuse-Argonne Offensive. At the time of the Armistice, November, 11, 1918, the unit was ready to support the planned offensive against the fortified city of Metz. Redeployment to the US was via the vessel CAPE MAY which arrived at New York, NY, on April 27, 1919. Upon disembarking, the unit proceeded to Camp Union on Long Island where individual members were sent to a an out-processing center near their home of record. The unit demobilized at Camp Funston, KS. While in France, the 12th participated in eight campaigns, the most of any railway regiment.

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# June 2018

“My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me.”

Jim Valvano

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17 Father's Day	18	19	20	21 1st Day of Summer	22	23
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harvesting of agricultural crops. The concept featured 60mm, or 1 ft 11-5/8inch, gauge railways powered by small steam or gas mechanical locomotives. The track consisted of light rail, typically 25 pounds per yard, quickly constructed with minimal grading and little or no ballast. Prefabricated track panels that could be moved to a new location when needed facilitated even shorter construction times. Track repairs and derailments could be corrected in minimum time.

Military application of the a Light Railway dates to 1880 when the Russians purchased 64 miles of track panels and two light steam engines for use in their war in Turkestan. Later in the 1880s, the French employed the Light Railway concept in conjunction with a series of forts they constructed along the German border. These lines were not only used to supply the forts, but as a means of moving artillery forward of the fixed installations to be closer to German territory. In 1888 the German Army Railway Regiment acquired its first light railway equipment ultimately deploying it to support military operations in South West Africa, the Cameroons and the Boxer Rebellion in China. At the onset of WWI, the Germans had stockpiles of light railway track and over 400 locomotives to support their military operations. The French had only 62 locomotives in inventory. During WWI these Light Railways would become known as "Trench Railways."

In the WWI environment of unproven motor vehicle technology and unpaved roads, the light railways proved their value in supplying front line troops. Operations typically consisted of one or more steam engines hauling multiple cars the 8 to 10 more miles to within a mile of the front. As utilizing even small steam locomotives any closer to the front tended to draw enemy fire, from this point on individual cars would be moved to the front using small gas mechanical locomotives. To further conceal train movements, night operations

were conducted when possible.

The four years of "Trench" warfare was characterized by numerous battles by both sides designed to penetrate the enemy's front. For the light railways, these limited advances often resulted in the utilization of the enemy's light railway track where it had not been destroyed.

With additional forces arriving and the front growing in length, the demand increased for more light railway equipment. Faced with the fact that French light rail suppliers were now largely behind German lines, the French turned to British and American suppliers for their equipment requirements.

During early 1915, Baldwin Locomotive Works produced one hundred 0-4-4-0T locomotives for France based on a French Pechot design. The following year, 1916, the French purchased an additional 180 Pechot design locomotives again from Baldwin. For over a year the British endeavored to support their forces in the trenches using motor vehicles. Not until February 1916 where engineering efforts required to keep the roads passable were so overwhelming that the British sanctioned the light railway concept. Of the fourteen Royal Engineer Light Railway Companies (Operating) formed, two were South African, along with one each from Canada and Australia. By the time the British accepted the light railway concept, they found British suppliers unable to meet their total needs as they were producing for the French. To fulfill their requirements, the British also turned to American producers.

In 1916, the British procured 495 locomotives with a 4-6-0T wheel arrangement based on a design for Morocco from Baldwin along with one hundred 2-6-2Ts of an American design from builder Alco-Cooke. These orders were completed by April 1917. Earlier in 1916, Baldwin produced 350 small 6 wheel internal combustion locomotives for Russia.

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# July 2018

"I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past. "

Thomas Jefferson

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