



WASSUP??

July 2014

VOLUNTEER AWARD WINNERS

Volunteer of the Quarter: No one was nominated so no award was made. Team Chiefs are reminded that nominations for the Volunteer of the Quarter awards should be submitted to Lou Nigro no later than the 15th day of March, June, September, and December. If no one is nominated, a Volunteer of the Quarter award will not be made.

2014 OPEN HOUSE/AIR SHOW

The Museum and Air Park will be **OPEN** during the 2014 Open House/Air Show on 6 & 7 September. For Open House/Air Show attendees, a shuttle bus will run between the Air Show area and the Museum between 9:00 am and 2:30 pm on both days. At 2:30 pm, all guests and hosts will have to vacate the Museum and Air Park and position themselves east of the Museum building for the Blue Angels show which is supposed to start at 3:00 pm. Host volunteers have been selected and special passes for those volunteers will be necessary to get to the Museum on the Open House/Air Show dates. Access procedures are being developed and I will mail those procedures and the passes to the selected host as soon as possible.

NEW VOLUNTEERS

We continue to be blessed with new people volunteering their time to help us here at the Museum. Since the last issue of the WASSUP, we've added the following:

Richard Marcil, currently a waiter at the Detroit Vegan Soul restaurant but with a resume that would make any Museum very lucky to have him on their staff. With a BA in history from the University of Michigan and soon to have an MA in history from Wayne State University, he's been an intern at the Ella Sharp Museum responsible for volunteer coordination and preliminary research on educational outreach programs, a docent at the Detroit Historical Museum, and a research assistant at the Detroit Sound Conservancy research, digitizing, and preserving artistic authorship. He's a perfect fit for our Library/Research Team to help answer the "trick" questions that often come our way. Richard lives in Detroit and officially joined us on June 5, 2014. *Thanks for offering your help Richard and your credentials vs current job reminds me of the joke about what you call someone with a PhD in Chemical Engineering in Houston... "waiter".*

LONG TERM MUSEUM VISITORS PASSES

For those who do **not** use a Government ID card to access the Base, your Defense Biometric Identification System (DBIDS) cards expire on 31 July 2014. I sent a revised list of volunteers (and, if applicable, their spouse or, for those that don't drive yet, the person bringing them to/from the Museum) to the Base Access Control Officer on 16 May 2014. If you wonder if your name was on that list, contact Lou.

The AF-mandated background check on the individuals listed will be performed as they report to Pass & Registration in the Visitor's Center (Bldg 901) to renew their DBIDS card, not in advance.

The renewed DBIDS cards will be for the period 1 August 2014 to 31 July 2015. When you come to the Main Gate, just show them that DBIDS card, they'll scan the bar code on the back, and you'll be on your way. REMEMBER that: (1) Only the persons on the validated list will be issued a DBIDS card and allowed access to the Base. (2) If your spouse may need unescorted access to the Base to drop you off or pick you up, he/she will need to get their own DBIDS card.

With four exceptions, the renewed DBIDS card will allow you access to Selfridge Monday thru Sunday from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm. The four exceptions are for Bob Bondy, Fred DeNault, Roger Krings, and Ed Young who will be allowed access 24 hours per day and 7 days per week so they can, if necessary, attend to their Building Manager responsibilities.

Please check your new DBIDS cards to make sure the access dates & times are correct. If they are not, contact Lou



DBIDS cards are issued at the Vehicle Registration desk in the Visitor's Center north of the Main Gate adjacent to our Main Gate at the intersection of M-59 and Jefferson Avenue. Their hours are from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm on Monday and from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm on Tuesday thru Saturday. They are closed on Sundays and Federal holidays and they close for one hour on Saturdays or when only one person is available at the Vehicle Registration desk for lunch. I would recommend that you call before you try to get your DBIDS card, regardless of the day you plan to arrive, as they frequently close for an assortment of reasons and their lunch hour on Saturday varies depending on the workload. Their phone number is 586-239-6849.

DBIDS cards have been requested solely for participation in Museum activities, the performance of Museum business at other on-Base locations, and transportation to/from on-Base eating establishments. Use of the pass for other reasons is not authorized.

SELFRIDGE AIRSHOW - September 6th & 7th 2014

Selfridge Air National Guard Base is located east of Mount Clemens along the shore of Lake St. Clair, accessible for the open house from Interstate 94 exit 241 (21 Mile Road) or exit 237 (North River Road). No camping or other overnight accommodations are permitted on the base.

For more information on the Selfridge Open House, visit www.selfridgeopenhouse.com or follow the Open House on Facebook at www.facebook.com/selfridgeopenhouseandairshow

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Selfridge Air National Guard Base Facts



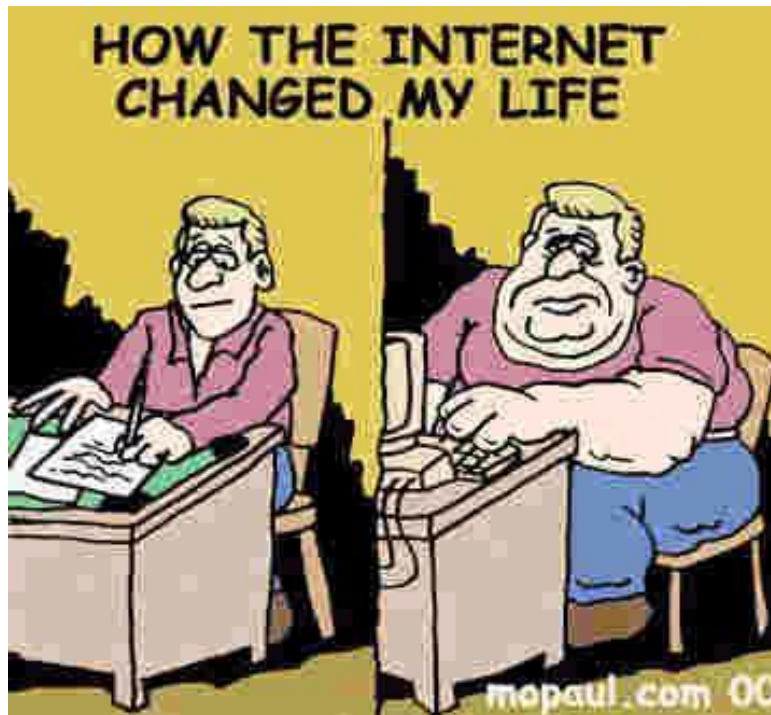
Selfridge Air National Guard Base is one of the oldest continuously operating military airfields in the nation. The Michigan National Guard took possession of the former Joy Aviation Field on July 1, 1917. The first flight on what was then called Selfridge Field took place on July 8, 1917. The base has been in continuous use ever since. In 2017, it will mark 100 years of service.

The 127th Wing of the Michigan Air National Guard is the host unit at Selfridge. The Wing's 107th Fighter Squadron traces its history to two key dates: an original organization as the 107th Aero Squadron on Aug. 27, 1917. That unit was disbanded following World War I and then reorganized as the 107th Observation Squadron on May 7, 1926, after beginning initial meetings in the summer of 1925. The Wing's 171st Air Refueling Squadron was first created as the 374th Fighter Squadron in 1943, during World War II. The modern configuration of the 127th Wing was created in 1996 by the merger of the 127th Fighter Wing and the 191st Airlift Group.

GOLF SHIRTS

One of the ways we say “thank you” to our volunteers **who do more than just say they want to volunteer and then either don't show up or come in one time and then leave** is to provide them with a golf shirt in a size of their choice with the Museum logo and their name embroidered on it. The initial golf shirt is free. If additional or replacement shirts are needed, we'll order and mail them to you with an invoice for just our cost for the shirt(s) requested.

It's hard to keep track of who wanted a shirt (some don't) and who received one already so until I hear to the contrary, **I'm going to assume that all of our current volunteers have already received their shirt. If my assumption is incorrect, and it probably is, please call me and we'll get it on order.**





Angel Thunder

An A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft from Selfridge Air National Guard Base Mich., flown by the 107th Fighter Squadron, takes off for flight operations during the Angel Thunder 2014 training mission at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Tucson, Ariz., May 13, 2014. Angel Thunder is the largest joint service, multinational, interagency combat search and rescue exercise, providing personnel recovery and combat search and rescue training for military units. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by MSgt. David Kujawa/Released)



*How do you prevent
sagging?*

*Just eat till
the wrinkles fill out!*

AN EDITORIAL

I need a place to vent. Please don't take these ramblings personally...

- I'll say it again and keep saying it until everyone gets the word! **ONLY THE CURATOR (DICK SOULES) OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (THAT'S ME) CAN ACCEPT A DONATION TO THE MUSEUM!** Do not bring anything from your home or from others that is to be donated to the Museum unless you first come thru me or Dick! We keep getting stuff that I have to back door thru the review, acceptance and inventory process and it's getting a little old trying to figure out what happened and when after the fact.
- **For those of you who have our Museum Master Card number memorized or on a piece of paper, it has changed!** See me or call me and I'll share it with you.
- Although membership in our parent organization, the Michigan Air Guard Historical Association (MAGHA), is certainly not a requirement to be an Air Museum volunteer, the membership donations we receive are a significant part of our yearly income and provide us with the financial wherewithal to reimburse you for purchases you make on our behalf and to fund needed improvements to our operation. We presently have over 110 volunteers on our rolls and over 50% have chosen **not** to become members of MAGHA. Please consider joining our Historical Association...a membership application is on page 7.
- For those of you that purchase from Grainger, we now have our own account instead of sharing the Base Supply account. Our account number is 884941782.
- If I sometimes seem a little frazzled or annoyed, please forgive me as I sometimes feel like I'm getting ready to fall into my full plate. I can't begin to count the number of times that a conversation begins with "Wouldn't it be great if we..." and "we" usually translates to **me!**
- Base Access procedures continue to evolve...the latest procedures are on the last page of this newsletter.

2014 GOALS

It never ends...

- Purge our storage areas of assets that are excess to our current and future needs, a long-term and ongoing effort.
- Finish ongoing organization efforts in Bldg 1007. Everything in the building is now ours and we are working on deciding what is worth saving and how to divest ourselves of that which is not.
- Training more of our "full-time" volunteers on aircraft corrosion control.
- Cataloguing, digitizing, and filing historic photos.
- Finishing up some small items for the restoration of the F-89. It is almost completely restored, painted, and on display in the Air Park. A thing of beauty!
- The AT-6 "Texan" has been delivered soon and is in Bldg 1045 (the pole barn) for assembly and painting and then placed to the left front of the door that leads from the Museum to the Air Park near the Mobile Tower.

MAGHA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I believe that my support for the goals of the Michigan Air Guard Historical Association and the Selfridge Military Air Museum will attest to my commitment to the Michigan Air National Guard, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, and the thousands of dedicated men and women who have served our great nation and the State of Michigan. I wish to demonstrate this commitment by becoming a member of MAGHA as follows:

- NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
- RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
- PATRON MEMBERSHIP (\$1,000.00)
- SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP (\$500.00)
- LIFE MEMBERSHIP (\$250.00)
- REGULAR MEMBERSHIP (\$25.00)
- DONATION ONLY

RANK & NAME _____

UNIT OF AFFILIATION (ONLY ONE PLEASE) _____

MEMBER OF THE MI ANG (YEARS ONLY) FROM _____ TO _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

HOW WOULD YOU PREFER TO RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER (check one)

- BY EMAIL BY US MAIL OFF THE WEB SITE (www.selfridgeairmuseum.org)

Complete your payment information below and mail to 27333 C St, Bldg 1011, Selfridge ANGB MI 48045.

Your support of MAGHA is gratefully appreciated and **REMEMBER** your membership donation is **100% TAX DEDUCTIBLE.**

MICHIGAN SOLICITATION LICENSE NUMBER: MICS 26603

O Check # _____ dated _____ enclosed. Checks should be made payable to "MAGHA".

- Please charge my:
- VISA CARD
 - MASTER CARD
 - AMERICAN EXPRESS CARD
 - DISCOVER CARD

Account # _____

Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____



This Day in History – Month of May: Michigan National Guard:

**May 1
2002**

Under the Army modernization program, the Michigan National Guard replaces its UH-1H "Hueys" and AH-1 "Cobra" attack helicopters with the newer UH-60 "Black Hawks" and CH-47 "Chinooks" at its Grand Ledge Army Aviation Support Facility. The twin-engine "Black Hawk" travels at nearly twice the speed, carries twice the capacity, twice as far as a "Huey," and is capable of travelling over large bodies of water.

**May 2
1913**

Camp Grayling was established on May 2, 1913 under Michigan Public Act 172. The impetus behind this act was the foresight and generosity of Rasmus Hanson, a timber industrialist and Grayling resident. In response to action by the Michigan Legislature in 1911 to identify a suitable permanent military camping ground for the Michigan National Guard, Mr. Hanson offered to donate "about 14,000 acres of land" for an encampment ground.

**May 7
1926**

The 107th Observation Squadron receives federal recognition as the first flying unit of the Michigan National Guard.

**May 8
2002**

In joint ceremonies coordinated by the Michigan National Guard and the French Consulate, more than 800 Michigan veterans are given certificates of appreciation for the liberation of France in World War II.

**May 11
1803**

The first evidence of an organized, formal militia in Michigan is the mention of the participation of the First Regiment of Wayne County in a parade in Detroit on May 11, 1803. However, neither the occasion for the parade nor the strength of the regiment was recorded.

**May 12
1909**

The Michigan State Legislature passes the Military Establishment Act of 1909. The law establishes the modern Michigan National Guard. The 31-page law establishes the pay rate of \$1.25 per duty day to enlisted personnel below the rank of corporal. The pay for regimental sergeants major is capped at \$1.65 per duty day. A salary of between \$1,000 and \$2,000 per year is approved for the adjutant general. Most of the 1909 act is repealed with the passage of a similar act in 1967.

**May 15
2005**

Ground is broken for a \$5.5 million project to build a new National Guard Armory in Jackson, replacing the Jackson Armory built in 1842. The new armory is 52,933 square feet.

**May 16
1861**

In his annual January address to the State Legislature, Michigan Gov. Austin Blair pledged in 1861 to raise two militia regiments to support the Union cause - more than three months before shots were first fired at Fort Sumter, South Carolina, April 12, 1861. After that battle at Fort Sumter, when a desperate federal government called upon the states to send militia to defend the Union, Michigan was ready to respond. As Michigan's 1st Volunteer Regiment marched into Washington on May 16, the beleaguered President Abraham Lincoln is said to have exclaimed "Thank God for Michigan!" Michigan units went on to serve with distinction throughout the war, including a key cavalry unit serving under Gen. George Armstrong Custer at Gettysburg and another Michigan unit that captured former Confederate President Jefferson Davis after the surrender of Confederate forces.

**May 20
2005**

Construction begins on the Michigan National Guard's new Army Aviation Support Facility in Grand Ledge. The \$23.3 million flight operations and maintenance hangar will support approximately 80 full-time employees, 21 UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters and four light utility helicopters, replacing the smaller UH-1 Huey helicopters. The 110,697 square foot main structure includes various aircraft maintenance specialty shops, a high-bay steel frame maintenance hangar capable of supporting 11 aircraft and an administrative area. A separate, unheated, 43,782 square foot aircraft storage hangar will house 14 aircraft. Other site expansions include associated taxiways and parking ramps.

**May 22
2012**

Ten Soldiers of the Michigan National Guard are injured in a roadside bombing while serving in Afghanistan. The Soldiers are all members of the 1-126th Cavalry. It is the largest single attack, in terms of number of soldiers wounded, in decades for the Michigan Guard.

**May 31
1893**

The Michigan Naval Militia Act creates a state naval militia. The Naval Militia was separate from, but affiliated with the Michigan National Guard, operating in a similar manner. The Michigan Naval Militia's most notable moments came during the Spanish-American War. During that conflict, most of the militia was called to federal duty with the U.S. Navy. Most of the crew of the U.S.S. Yosemite was from the Michigan Naval Militia, including 48 crewmembers who were students or faculty at the University of Michigan. The Yosemite participated in blockade duty off Cuba and, on June 28, 1898, successfully intercepted and eventually destroyed the Spanish supply ship Antonio Lopez. When the U.S. Navy Reserve was established in 1915, the Michigan Naval Militia was folded into the Navy Reserve and ceased to exist as a separate organization.

BASE ACCESS REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-ID CARD HOLDERS VISITING THE SELFRIDGE AIR MUSEUM

A current and valid driver's license, vehicle registration, and proof of vehicular insurance are required to register vehicles.

Museum Volunteer/Spouse/Driver	DBIDS card after confirmation by the Executive Director and a background check by Security
General Public Tours	Sat, Sun, Memorial Day, & Independence Day, 12:00 noon to 4:30 pm. Apr - Oct
	Upon arrival at the Selfridge Visitor's Center or Main Gate: Complete a Foreign Visitor Contact Sheet for each foreign national regardless of age if necessary, register the vehicle, and have a background check performed by Security for everyone over the age of 16 with a driver's license. Passports must be carried by foreign nationals at all times.
By-Appointment Tours	Tours Other Than Dates/Times Above
	At least four Government business days before arrival: Provide a completed Foreign Visitor Information Sheet for each foreign national regardless of age if necessary, have a background check performed by Security for everyone over the age of 16 that has a driver's license, and provide a complete list of guests without a driver's license. Vehicle registration and a more comprehensive Foreign Visitor Contact Sheet (if necessary) will be completed at the Selfridge Visitor's Center or Main Gate upon your arrival. Passports must be carried by foreign nationals at all times.
Contractors	At least four Government business days before arrival: Provide a completed Foreign Visitor Information Sheet for each foreign national regardless of age if necessary, have a background check performed by Security for everyone over the age of 16 that has a driver's license, and provide a complete list of guests without a driver's license. Vehicle registration and a more comprehensive Foreign Visitor Contact Sheet (if necessary) will be completed at the Selfridge Visitor's Center or Main Gate upon your arrival. Passports must be carried by foreign nationals at all times.
Foreign Nationals	At least four Government business days before arrival: Provide a completed Foreign Visitor Information Sheet for each foreign national regardless of age if necessary, have a background check performed by Security for everyone over the age of 16 that has a driver's license, and provide a complete list of guests without a driver's license. Vehicle registration and a more comprehensive Foreign Visitor Contact Sheet (if necessary) will be completed at the Selfridge Visitor's Center or Main Gate upon your arrival. Passports must be carried by foreign nationals at all times.
Adopt-A-Plane Sponsors	Activity Scheduled by Museum staff
	At least four Government business days before arrival: Provide a completed Foreign Visitor Information Sheet for each foreign national regardless of age if necessary, have a background check performed by Security for everyone over the age of 16 that has a driver's license, and provide a complete list of guests without a driver's license. Vehicle registration and a more comprehensive Foreign Visitor Contact Sheet (if necessary) will be completed at the Selfridge Visitor's Center or Main Gate upon your arrival. Passports must be carried by foreign nationals at all times.

NOTE: THE FORMS NECESSARY FOR THESE PROCESSES (BACKGROUND CHECK, COMPLETE GUEST LIST, AND FOREIGN VISITOR INFORMATION SHEET (IF NECESSARY) ARE ATTACHED TO THIS EMAIL. IF NOT DONE IN ADVANCE, IT WILL BE DONE UPON ARRIVAL AT THE SELFRIDGE VISITOR'S CENTER OR MAIN GATE WHICH WILL SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF TIME REQUIRED TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE BASE!