



# The Flyer

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High Sky Wing of the Commemorative Air Force  
Midland, Texas - Hangar: 432-561-5581

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[HighSkyWing.org](http://HighSkyWing.org)

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## Next Wing Meeting is Thursday December 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm at the Hangar

### From the Lead

by Col Gena Linebarger

It is election time at the High Sky Wing and your attendance is needed at the Wing meeting on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. To be eligible to vote you will need to be current on both CAF and HSW dues and be at the meeting. The slate of Officers for the 2009-2010 term presented by the Nominating Committee are as follows: for Wing Leader – Col. Randy Wilson, for Finance Officer – Col. Steve Bolin and for Adjutant – Col. Lauri Skinner. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor by the Elections Committee, but you must have permission from the person you are nominating before you proceed.

For the fourth year, High Sky Wing members are asked to bring non perishable food items to the Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> Wing meeting. Donations of both food and cash will go to the Memorial Christian Church Food Pantry, which is coordinated by HSW member Col. H. A. Tuck.

The Annual Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> in O'Brien Hall at the Commemorative Center. Social time will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by a catered dinner at 6:30. Details and cost are still being worked out for the banquet but will be completed soon. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending this exciting event.

Next Staff meeting will be Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. followed by the last Seminar program of this year at 2 p.m.

Needing a unique Christmas gift for that hard to buy for person? Remember the HSW has a Rides Program where you can purchase a Gift Certificate for a ride in the PT-19 or the SNJ that they'll never forget. Also, the gift of a Commemorative Air Force Membership will get that someone special involved in the passion of the CAF!

***Keep 'Em Flying!***

### Executive Offerings

by Col Rick Peterson

Joining us as Guest Speaker for our final meeting of 2008 will be Ed Fenner, Captain, US Air Force (Retired).

On December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941, Ed was a 20 year old student at the University of Texas. The day following the attack at Pearl Harbor he took his physical and was sworn in on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 1942. He completed Navigation School and also was an instructor for future navigators, but he really wanted to fly. So, he completed pilot training then flew P-47 Thunderbolts for the 86th Fighter-Bomber Group, completing 60 missions by war's end.

After completing his tour of duty in Europe, Ed had orders to go to Pacific, but the war ended before he was deployed. Later, he was recalled for duty in Korea as a Navigator, but wanted to fly B-26's, which he did. After 5 years his commission expired, and, with a pregnant wife back home, he retired as a Captain.

Ed has been living in Midland since 1980 and has worked as Administrator for Texas A&M, later working for Shell and Magnolia. Ed's wife is "Bee".

As your XO, I always gladly consider any suggestions for future speakers at upcoming Wing meetings, so let me know if you have someone you would like to speak to us. Please join us at the December Wing meeting and remember to bring a covered dish. See you then.

### AIRSHO 2009 Update

The originally announced dates of Sept. 25-27 for AIRSHO 2009 are currently in flux. Look for more information in the next issues of *On the Fly*, which should be out by Dec. 19th, 2008.

If CAF HQ does not have your current email address and other contact info, you are missing out on the latest CAF national news and information.

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## Other News

by Col Randy Wilson

We received a note from Johanna and David Muench (she is Jackie Hanson's sister) thanking the High Sky Wing and its members for the memorial dinner we provided for their family. In their words "it was such a special time for us at a not-so-special time. We appreciated all your time, kindness and generosity!"

The High Sky Wing is a real family, and events like this that support our members in a time of need are a great example of that. I congratulate Gena and all the others that worked so hard to make this and similar events a success.

On other matters, I have been working on a redesigned HSW web site for a while and hope to have it up and running sometime in January. It will allow us to post a lot more pictures of Wing events and members than we can get into the newsletter and will offer more Wing news and a better current calendar of CAF and HSW events. Fly safe.

## High Sky Wing Elected Officers

Wing Leader: Gena Linebarger - 528-0997 cell  
Executive Officer: Rick Peterson  
Adjutant: Lauri Skinner - 553-2316 cell  
Finance: Steve Bolin  
Operations: Randy Wilson - 352-4258 cell  
Maintenance: Lance Sommers  
Safety - David Linebarger

## New Hangar Phone: (432) 561-5581

all numbers are Area Code 432 unless indicated

## What's Happening & When

Dec 4 - Wing Meeting & Election (7pm)  
Dec 6 - Wing Staff meeting (10am)  
Dec 6 - Seminar Program (2pm)  
Jan 3 - Wing Staff meeting (10am)  
Jan 24 - Wing Awards Banquet (6pm)  
Feb 7 - Wing Staff meeting (10am)  
Feb 26 - Wing Meeting (7pm)

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