



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
BEN T. EPPS, FLIGHT 102



ATLANTA, GEORGIA

JUNE 2010

NEXT MEETING: 17 AUGUST 2010

Speaker – TBD

Location – TBD

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RSVP to Brad **NLT 13 AUG...!!!**

MEETINGS: We did it! Yep, we met our goal to hold a “Southside” & “Northside” meeting this year. What a success! Our “Southside” lunch meeting set up, hosted, and ran by Vice Flight Captain Rob Tornow in Newnan was not only a great meeting and talk by Rob, but we set a luncheon attendance record. We sure don’t need to remind those who attended the “Northside” meeting at the 57th Fighter Group Restaurant this month about the great success of that meeting. Another record set for attendance and an outstanding event. Next meeting? It’s still in the planning mode. Monitor our website.

ANNUAL FLIGHT CAPTAIN MEETING: For the record, your Flight Captain attended the annual Flight Captain meeting in San Antonio last February then forgot to report his attendance in the last newsletter. It’s reported now. Unfortunately, it’s been so long, he forgot most news learned at this meeting. One he does remember: The 23rd Flight (Dallas/Ft. Worth) agreed to sponsor the [2011 Convention](#). As you know, the Conventions are now every two years. Forecast dates are late Sep to early Oct 2011. Look for more info in the [Daedalus Flyer](#).

TROOP CARRIER/TACTICAL AIRLIFT ASSOCIATION: www.troopcarrier.org/home.html. For all troop carriers and tactical airlifters in the Atlanta area, visit the website listed here to learn more about the organization and their 2010 Convention in Galveston October 21-24.

ROB TORNOW TALKS TO GRADUATES: Is there anything Rob Tornow does not do? No! Rob was both surprised and honored to get a call from Vance AFB, asking if he would be the “guest”, and we might add “honored” speaker at this year’s USAF UPT graduation ceremony. Just turns out, Rob’s nephew was in that graduating class. Rob was also in the receiving line and presented the awards at the following night’s dinning-in ceremony. How neat it must have been for Rob’s nephew seeing “Uncle Rob” wearing a uniform like his, only with big shiny stars on the shoulder. Way to go Rob!

NEED A DELTA PILOT VOLUNTEER: We could sure get a lot of exposure and new members if one of you Delta toads would volunteer to coordinate with the Atlanta Chief Pilot’s office to place a nice poster advertising our Flight in the ATL pilot Ops lounge. Contact Bill Rial if you want to help.

JIM LAWRENCE FLIES WWII VET: Many of us were drooling over Jim's RV8 at the June meeting and envious to be flying that plane. Here's something that will make you even more envious. Do you remember the Pearl Harbor attack photos showing the B-17 cut in half on the ramp? Jim took the co-pilot in that B-17 for a little hop a few days ago. Ernest Reid, Col, USAF (Ret.) was honored on his 90th birthday – nearly seven decades after he honored America, with a vintage flight in a T-6. Jim was his pilot. <http://www.11alive.com/video/default.aspx?bctid=87749234001> .Way to go “Nomad”..!

PUNCHY INTERVIEW: “*What was it like to be there?*” A non-profit organization formed to answer those questions interviewed “Punchy”..., as they should have..! The organization is obviously dedicated to capturing as many of the “*there I was*” stories from combat veterans as possible, in hopes to preserve them for their families and future generation. If you go to their link at the end of this sentence, you can witness a very neat interview with “Punchy”: <http://www.witness-to-war.org/>

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