

Liberty War Bird Association, Inc.

## PREFLIGHT

JULY, 2017

## The Rotor Blades have Landed!!



Through the efforts of Project Rooster, we acquired a nice set of main rotor blades (pictured above), with just shy of 1200 hours of time left to fly from Advanced Composite Structures. The project manager on the Rooster project is working with us behind the scenes to help get 823 in the air as soon as possible. What's really exciting is that the Project's task list is far from complete, and suffice it to say, that what were once long-range plans for Liberty

War Birds are fast becoming short-range plans! <u>Watch</u> <u>this space for "Breaking</u> <u>News".</u> If you've been thinking of joining us in our efforts to honor the legacy of Huey 823 and all our Vietnam veterans, then now couldn't be a better time to sign up. <u>It's always</u> <u>"nice" to be in on the</u> ground floor, as the saying goes.

Last month we mentioned that our T53 turbine had returned from <u>Ozark</u> <u>Aeroworks</u> after an



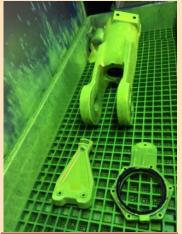
Installing the main rotor mast. It takes a lot of helping hands to get this stuff done. Our volunteers are fantastic! Why not help them succeed by joining us today?

inspection and rebuild. Well, it is now installed in Huey 823. Your support has helped us reach this milestone and is <u>important to our</u> continued success! When all the major components come together, we can begin our testing program on the way to aircraft certification. We're still searching for a reasonably priced battery and upgraded avionics. Lots of positive things are happening. Why not be a part of it?

## POINTS OF INTEREST

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- The "Over the Top" Club
- Community Days 2017
- Check Upcoming Events



Parts of our main rotor head/hub assembly undergoing dye penetrant testing at East Coast Propellers in Lititz, PA. Randy and his team did a fantastic job for us on getting these crucial parts inspected.



## Over the Top Club

Many thanks to our newest members and all our wonderful donors! VFW Post 470 in Erie, PA and our long time supporter and benefactor Eric Haydt have renewed their membership for 2017. Membership now stands at 50 members for a grand total of \$130,000! Our engine is installed and the rotor blades are in the hangar. The mast is installed and the rotor head is being inspected. It won't be long now before we can begin our required test program and if all goes well, flight operations will not be far behind. Please consider Joining us today! We still need that BATTERY, and by the way, those things are not inexpensive, so please keep those tax deductible donations coming in. Your donations help

We think it might be appropriate, given our potential new theme for the group, aside from the LWBA mission, to consider renaming the classroom in the hangar—maybe the "Chicken Cooo"?



to ensure the legacy of service by both the Vietnam veterans and the aircraft that flew them will not be forgotten.



**Upcoming** Events:

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