

# PREFLIGHT

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## Huey 823 Restoration Progress



New left skid and the rest of the under-carriage passes inspection.



Frank and Tim spent 14 hours extracting parts from our 155th static display aircraft—Huey 136. Huey 823 is now part Stagecoach!

Ever wonder what is taking so long to get 823 ready for ground runs and flight? **First**, 823 has not flown since 1994. Helicopters need to fly to stay flyable, sloshing fuel, oil and hydraulic fluids around to keep parts lubricated and to prevent dry-rot. **Second**, 823 was not airworthy when the previous owner took possession of it.

When the Dept. of the Army was instructed to turn in the Hueys, many obsolete or non-airworthy parts were transferred to the aircraft to keep other aircraft in the fleet flyable. **Third**, there have been many FAA Airworthiness Directives (AD) since 1994 and every one MUST be addressed before moving forward.

**Fourth**, most mechanics are accustomed to working with a tool shed/bin full of special tools, a parts department with most of the required items in stock, and other items readily available. We don't have that luxury. But stick with us! This aircraft WILL fly, and soon! We are closer to completion than it looks in the pictures!

### POINTS OF INTEREST

- The "Over the Top" Club
- See Above and Beyond
- Check Upcoming Events



We are still tweaking our new website, especially the Store page. So if you'd like to buy one of our unique challenge coins or our new style hat, just drop us a line at info@libertywarbirds.com.

### Over the Top Club

Many thanks to our newest members and all our wonderful donors! **VFW District 26** and **Gary Knight (Buc6)** joined the ranks of the Over the Top Club this month. Also, many thanks to our friends that renewed or doubled-down in September—thanks **Pete!** Our membership now stands at 55 members for a grand total of **\$144,000!** All of our supporters are heroes. Your donations help to ensure that the legacy of service by both the Vietnam veterans and the aircraft that flew them will not be forgotten.



Frank's been with us for a while now. Happy Birthday Frank! Quite young really.



But seriously folks! Way too much of the sweet stuff is available on Saturdays. Why not stop by for a visit—coffee and donuts!



### Upcoming Events:

Visit us on any Maintenance Saturday!	Oct 7, 14, 28
Huey Hustle at Lancaster Airport	10/21
Coatesville VA Hospital—Military Display	11/8
Martic M.O.S.T. Salute to Veterans	11/11
LWBA Annual Christmas get-together	tbd

### Above and Beyond

This month we salute the Huey 136 team. Huey 136 is our spare parts ship and a VFW static display. Alexis, Barry, Larry, Nic, Kathy, Frank, Tim, and Bruce have spent hot and sweaty Saturdays removing spares from Huey 136, which included many hours on the road each trip. Our spares inventory is growing. Good job folks!

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