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Huey 823 Restoration Progress



In 1966 Peter LaGana designed the Vietnam Tomahawk. Many examples were made and sent to Nam to be used by servicemen for personal protection. This is a great example of one of LaGana's handmade "hawks".

POINTS OF INTEREST

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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 t-shirt (\$20 includes S&H), drop us a line at info@libertywarbirds.com.

2017 ended on a high note for all of us at the hangar. A surprise visit by Buc 6 and Sherry on Dec. 23 really made our holiday party special. Buc 6 flew Huey 823 in Vietnam and was also a unit commander. He came all the way from New Orleans to be reunited with 823. If you haven't seen the reunion pictures be sure to check it out on our Facebook

Page. Hopefully this is the first of many visits! Now have you figured out why the picture at the top of the column is significant? Why would this particular group be sitting in a classroom together? Yup, that's right this is classroom training to put Huey 823 in the air. Crews are working hard on getting her airworthy. System testing continues at a

steady pace. So logging some classroom time is on the schedule for our pilots. They are getting their credentials for commercial flights. Not in the picture is our training instructor, Don Beatty, who also flew Hueys in Vietnam. Nice job guys. We already are getting requests for some fantastic events for 2018. Problem may be fulfilling all requests!

Volunteer Profile

Dave was asked why he volunteers as Quality Assurance Director for Liberty War Birds. His response was "first and foremost is that I want to give back." Dave entered the Army in 1976 and began maintaining UH-1 helicopters in 1977. All of his early experience was with Vietnam pilots and crew chiefs. He has a lifelong affection for the Huey as he spent most of his Army career crewing and maintaining them. When an opportunity arose to get involved, Dave was interested. Upon learning that the reason for the whole organization was to reconnect veterans to this iconic aircraft, he was hooked. Then when he witnessed the draw the helicopter has to the Vietnam veteran, he was overwhelmed. The cathartic healing effect that just seeing the Huey has can only be topped by the **SOUND** it will make very soon. The joy that returns to these veterans faces is something to behold. If getting this Huey flying has that profound effect on other veterans, he will consider it a gift to have participated in this project!



Dave hard at work as he is every Saturday, and modeling LWBA's latest t-shirt!



Adam will be leaving Hi-Tech next month. He is heading to Las Vegas to fly helicopter tours. Thanks for helping... all the best in your new adventure.

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Upcoming Events:

Visit us on any Maintenance Saturday!	Jan 13,20,27
Feb Maintenance Saturdays	3,10,17,24
PA VFW Mid Winter Conference *	1/26-28
N.E. Council of Air Shows *	1/26-28
* weekend of 1/26-28 light staffing	

Above and Beyond

This month's shout out goes to Barry Horn for working tirelessly to get donations and funding for the final stages of Huey 823 restoration. Even though we are getting close to start up and first flight, funding is still needed. If you would like to donate you can do so on our website www.libertywarbirds.com or you can mail a check to Liberty Warbird Association at 500 Airport Rd. Suite T, Lititz, PA 17543.

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