

# PREFLIGHT

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## Huey 823 Restoration Progress



The blades are on Huey 823. Saturday, February 24, was a big day at the hangar. Huey 823 now has blades installed! This process required an overhaul of the main rotor hub, the purchase of two blades, the assembly of all these and then a lift and install. Lots of our dedicated volunteers were on hand to help mount the blades on the hub and the assembled hub onto 823. Everything went as smooth as could be....just like a well oiled machine. This crew has lots of experience and it

shows! Next up will be rigging the flight controls and replacing the rotating bolts kit. Build up required the scoping, sweep and other adjustments after installing the blades. Hanging the assembly, installing the split cones, placing the Jesus nut and multiple torques, all took the better part of a day. We may be a little prejudiced but we think 823 looks a whole lot better with the hub and blades installed. Follow our progress on the [website](#) and the [Facebook](#) page .



Now that is one pretty picture. Huey 823 with blades on, waiting for her next milestone! You can almost hear the sound of those blades!

### MISSION CONTINUES

Even with all of this progress there is still work to be done, parts to be ordered before our first flight. First flight will be a costly proposition... fuel, insurance, maintenance. We still need your help. Be a part of getting this Vietnam veteran Huey in the air and getting her reconnected with our Vietnam veterans. Go to our Facebook page or website [www.libertywarbirds.com](http://www.libertywarbirds.com) to be a part of history.

### POINTS OF INTEREST

- Restoration Progress
- Mission Continues
- Above and Beyond



Keep checking our website for new merchandise coming soon. Liberty War Bird patch, some new t-shirt designs... who knows what we will come up with!

### Volunteer profile

This month's volunteer is Steve. He has 40 years of aviation experience between active duty and the Delaware Nat. Guard. He has accumulated over 5100 flying hours in Hueys. Steve has been a crew chief, a depot level mechanic, a gunner, hoist operator and a platoon sergeant. After serving he attended night school and received a Bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. Even though he had already served, he volunteered for the first Gulf War. Steve is excited to get 823 in the air so that other vets, especially Vietnam vets can fly again in an iconic Huey.



Next time you are at the hangar get Steve to share some of his Huey stories.



Personal effects and medals that belonged to SVN Marine Advisor Robert Dorsey, Da Nang 1965. Part of private collection.



### Upcoming Events

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Visit us on any Maintenance Saturday! | Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 |
| Vietnam Veterans Day                  | Mar 29                |
| Armed Forces Day—VFW Round Robin      | May 19                |
| Hangar visit –group from Ohio         | May 21-23             |

### Above and Beyond

This month Liberty War Bird Association would like to recognize Bob from Helicopter Applicators in Gettysburg. His help with the overhaul needed on the hub was invaluable to our restoration. Having him there on 2/24 to supervise the blade installation and calibration was appreciated by all involved.

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