

PREFLIGHT

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Huey 823 Restoration Progress

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Dave's family recently brought him on a surprise visit to the hangar. We were thrilled to share Huey 823 with this proud Marine Vietnam vet.



PROGRESS
The casual observer might not be able to see the progress we're making with Huey 823. Much of the work is being done in hard to see (never mind get to!) places. Each Saturday we get closer to our goal of first start, first lift, and first Vietnam Vet taking their first ride since Vietnam! We are busy finding and replacing bad fuel hoses, replacing the rotating bolt kit, shimmying the cross tube straps, and even getting the pesky windshield wipers rigged! Repaired squawks are being signed off, phase

inspection check items are being checked and rechecked, and flight controls are all but rigged. Excitement is certainly building! All of our work is for the Vietnam veteran, so when one drops by, we are glad to stop work and listen and share our Huey. One such veteran was treated to a surprise visit with Huey 823 by his family. Dave, a Marine vet who served near the DMZ, didn't know where he was headed that Saturday, but when the hangar door opened and he saw Huey 823, he made a

beeline straight to her. He had a chance to talk to fellow Vietnam vets, there every Saturday working to get Huey 823 flying, and was made to feel right at home. It's always a pleasure to stop work and spend time with a special visitor like Dave. Our visitors' reactions are what spurs us on to get Huey 823 flying! We are making important progress every day! Our volunteers could use your **support**, and your tax deductible donation always goes 100% to Huey 823's restoration. Thanks for supporting our mission!



Introducing our new Liberty War Bird patch. 4 inches in diameter. Made to be sewn on. Can purchase thru PayPal by sending \$10 per patch to admin@libertywarbirds.com or by check for \$10 to our address below. Please include your shipping address.

Volunteer Profile

Denny enlisted after high school and following AIT, received orders for Vietnam. He began maintaining avionics but was soon on flight status and became a door gunner with 2/17th Air Cav, 101st Airborne in I Corps, RVN. His next assignment was 11th Armored Cav in III Corps. Denny left Vietnam in 1972 and returned to Avionics for a short time before crossing over into maintenance — eventually becoming a crew chief. One of the reasons Denny volunteers with Huey 823 is because of everyone on the crew's commitment to Vietnam vets.



Denny putting those avionics and crew chief skills to work on 823.



This cut off calendar was issued by the International Short Timers Club. This calendar shows a soldier slowly transitioning to civilian life. See the big pic and check the story [here](#).



Upcoming Events:

Visit us on any Maintenance Sat. in April	7,14,21, 28
Bingo Lititz VFW to benefit Huey 823	4/14
Gold Star Mothers visit to the hangar	4/28
Lititz PA Wounded Warrior Walk	5/12
Armed Forces Day Fly In	5/19

Armed Forces Day Fly In

Liberty Warbirds will have a booth set up at the Armed Forces Day Fly In on Saturday May 19 2018. Event takes place at Monmouth NJ Executive Airport from 10Am to 7PM. Free to veterans. Stop in to the LWBA booth so we can share our goals for helping veterans with PTSD. For more info visit **IZ-64 on Facebook**.

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