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Huey 823 Restoration Progress



Charlie and Ed, two of our Vietnam veteran Huey pilots, getting some work time on Huey 823 between classes.

The beat goes on! Now it's the beat of tools being used to rig flight controls and replace newly discovered bad fuel hoses. Soon it will be the beat of Huey blades that we are all excited about. After installing our hub and blades we started rigging the collective and cyclic controls and making sure everything is just right. April 21st was the third anniversary of Huey 823's arrival. Almost every Saturday, the same group shows up and gets work done. In those three years, we have replaced and rigged the entire tailboom, rigged the drive train and

tail rotor, had the new tailboom painted to look exactly as it did while it flew 1300 combat hours in Vietnam, replaced both main cells and almost all of the fuel system hoses, overhauled the hub, found and purchased an excellent set of rotor blades and installed them, rebuilt the instrument panel, and countless inspection items and subsequent repairs. None of that could have been possible without the amazing volunteers who also speak at civic and veteran functions, do our PR, marketing, outreach, and do

the administrative efforts required to keep us legal and financially firm. While we are not flying yet, every single Saturday we greet veterans who want to see our bird. One or more of our hardworking volunteers put their tools down and focus on listening to their stories and helping them reconnect with however the Huey was once so important to them. This is why we are here. If it takes us longer, that's OK. We know that we will reach many veterans, and we know we will meet and be with each one, one at a time. [Please join our mission!](#)

POINTS OF INTEREST

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- Upcoming Events
- New War Bird patch



Introducing our new Liberty War Bird patch. 4 inches in diameter. Made to be sewn on. Can be purchased thru PayPal \$10 per patch to admin@libertywarbirds.com or by check to our address below. Be sure to incl. your address.

Volunteer Profile

The picture of Tim to the right is how you typically see him. He always seems to be working somewhere under our Huey 823. Tim also managed the hub overhaul project for us which involved ensuring needed parts were available and many back and forth trips to Gettysburg to help Bob Neitzel at [Helicopter Applicators](#) with the overhaul. Tim has his A&P, and is someone who has a great passion for all things aviation. If it flies, it has Tim's attention. That is what brought him to Huey 823. When he heard that there was a chance to work on a Vietnam veteran Huey, he was all in. But that isn't what keeps him coming back to the hangar week after week. When he saw a veteran's reaction to 823 he realized that this is a worthwhile project that can truly change a veteran's life.



Tim is a dedicated aviation enthusiast...all things aviation are his passion.



As you can see, we have volunteers with a distinct Huey passion. Here Dave has his Huey 823 hat and the picture at the top left of the Newsletter lets everyone know how Kevin feels about helicopters!

Upcoming Events:

Visit us on any Maintenance Saturday!

Maintenance Saturdays in May	5,12,19,26
Lititz PA Wounded Warrior Walk	5/12
LZ-64 Fly In Monmouth Exec. airport	5/19
Boyertown PA Military Heritage Days	5/19

Armed Forces Day Fly-In

Anyone in the area of Monmouth NJ Executive Airport on May 19 be sure to attend LZ-64 armed Forces Day Fly-In. Check out **LZ-64** on Facebook. Liberty Warbirds members will be there to update progress on Huey 823's restoration. Great opportunity to get all the updates, purchase some Huey 823 merchandise or just show your support. We look forward to seeing you there!

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