On the 14th of October 2019, we were told by Scott Stark that we can expect to have to move in 2 to 3 years from our current location at the air terminal due to the future remodelling and upgrade of the Roswell Industrial Air Center Airport terminal. Because of this pending move we are actively searching for a new location.

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How You Can Help

Please keep the museum in your thoughts, as you shop online. If you use Amazon, please visit smile.amazon.com/ch/27-0298458 and make your purchases beginning there. Amazon donates a percentage of your purchases to the museum. Thanking you in advance, we the Museum Board of Directors are confident and appreciative of your help.

Thank you for your continued financial support. Remember to renew your membership and consider making an additional contribution in support of these ongoing efforts.

In Our Thoughts

We send our thoughts and prayers to Don Armstrong, the past president of the WAMF, and his wife Loretta. She is currently fighting a serious illness.

Important Need

One of our more important needs is to add some interested members to the Walker Aviation Museum Foundation (WAMF) to help us plan and execute future plans and required moves of the museum. If anyone knows any local folks that are interested please forward the names and contact information to any current member of the WAMF. This year’s membership cards are being mailed out for the categories of: basic ($50), student ($25), family ($75), senior 65+ ($45), veteran ($30) and corporate or group ($200 - $1,000).

6th Bomb Wing Visitors

Nine members of the 6th Bomb Wing made a coordinated visited to the Walker Aviation Museum at about 1030 hours on the 21st of September 2019. It was great to visit with those veterans and their families. They were given a short briefing on the history of Walker Air Force Base along with some refreshments. Judy Armstrong, Robert Sherman, Johnny and Maralea Stites were at the museum during the 6th Bomb Wing visit. Several folks helped get refreshments and supplies together including Juliana Halvorson.

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We were so honored to have Molly Crockett visit us bringing gifts. Her father, Capt. William D. Orr was a true hero serving in WWII bombing missions in Japan.

How many of you knew there was a B29 Bomber named for Roswell? Capt. Orr commanded “The City of Roswell” and was able to save all but one of his men when they bailed out. We are so proud of our Roswell veterans like Capt. Orr. He earned the Distinguished Service Cross for his efforts.

Thank you, Molly, for sharing this wonderful story.


After putting tires on the aircraft, we are in the process of trying to coordinate getting parts of the aircraft repaired and painted. We then need to coordinate placing the aircraft in a desirable location in the Roswell Industrial Air Center.

In early September 2019 the WAMF Board of Directors provided detailed procedures that must be followed by all employees of the Walker Aviation Museum. This document was signed by all employees and will be provided to all future employees in order to standardize the procedures and operation of the museum as approved by the board. A more detailed employee handbook is still under development.

We are currently operating the museum on a very narrow line financially. We may be looking for a fund raising activity to supplement the annual golf tournament.

We still have 2 STEM items in the museum. These include a bicycle from Xcel and rigged up to generate electricity that lights up an electric pole and small fan, both attached to the handle bar. This bicycle was put together with the help of Ron Lynch. Thanks Ron. We also have a high voltage lightning bar (Jacob’s Latter) that was also set up by Ron Lynch. When you turn on the current a one to three inch electrical arc travels up between two 14 inch copper rods that are shaped like a narrow “V”. We have two additional bikes provided by Xcel that we can put up when we get a little more space. If we get some more space Eastern New Mexico University Aircraft Maintenance Department indicated they will loan us a few items for visiting children or young adults to look at and touch. One of our long term goals is to get a location where we would have the floor space to include many STEM items to help stimulate and motivate our local youth to pursue an Aerospace career or a career in other areas of science, technology, engineering or math. Kati Yates and Robert Sherman helped pass out over 2000 Tee Shirts to visiting students from across the state attending the recent Aerospace STEM Expo held at the Roswell Industrial Air Center and Eastern New Mexico University at Roswell.
In August, 2019, the UFO Museum started a major $300,000 renovation. Jim Hill, the Director, gave us about 30 to 40 feet of wall space to put up a detailed time line, mannequin and other displays to represent the Roswell Army Air Field / Walker Air Force Base between 1941 and the closure in 1967. Jim Hill, the museum director, coordinated with Allan Trever at Eastern New Mexico University Roswell graphics department to put up an impressive Walker Air Force Base display. Alan Trever has been extremely helpful and easy to work with in completing this display.

**Veterans Day Parade**

We plan on participating in the Roswell Veteran’s Day Parade on Saturday, November 9, 2019. We hope to be able to use Greg Nibert’s large military vehicle or something similar for the parade. Some of us will be wearing old Air Force clothing and handing out flags and candy. Parade begins at 9 a.m. sharp and goes from the Wool Bowl to the Chaves County Courthouse. Please join us and thank your vets!