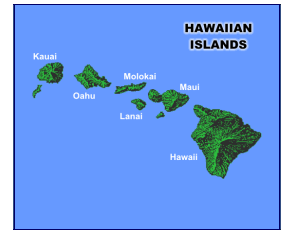


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THE VIETNAM MEMORIAL WALL , Submitted by Trish Kubach

Interesting Veterans Statistics off the Vietnam Memorial Wall

There are 58,267 names now listed on that polished black wall, including those added in 2010. The names are arranged in the order in which they were taken from us by date and within each date the names are alphabetized. It is hard to believe it is 36 years since the last casualties.

The first known casualty was Richard B. Fitzgibbon, of North Weymouth, Mass. Listed by the U.S. Department of Defense as having been killed on June 8, 1956. His name is listed on the Wall with that of his son, Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Richard B. Fitzgibbon III, who was killed on Sept. 7, 1965.

There are three sets of fathers and sons on the Wall. 39,996 on the Wall were just 22 or younger. 8,283 were just 19 years old. The largest age group, 33,103 were 18 years old. 12 soldiers on the Wall were 17 years old. 5 soldiers on the Wall were 16 years old. One soldier, PFC Dan Bullock was 15 years old. 997 soldiers were killed on their first day in Vietnam. 1,448 soldiers were killed on their last day in Vietnam. 31 sets of brothers are on the Wall. Thirty one sets of parents lost two of their sons. 54 soldiers attended Thomas Edison High School in Philadelphia. I wonder why so many from one school. 8 Women are on the Wall. Nursing the wounded. 244 soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War; 153 of them are on the Wall. Beallsville, Ohio with a population of 475 lost 6 of her sons. West Virginia had the highest casualty rate per capita in the nation. There are 711 West Virginians on the Wall. The Marines of Morenci - They led some of the scrappiest high school football and basketball teams

that the little Arizona copper town of Morenci (pop. 5,058) had ever known and cheered. They enjoyed roaring beer busts. In quieter moments, they rode horses along the Coronado Trail, stalked deer in the Apache National Forest. And in the patriotic camaraderie typical of Morenci's mining families, the nine graduates of Morenci High enlisted as a group in the Marine Corps. Their service began on Independence Day, 1966. Only 3 returned home.

The Buddies of Midvale - LeRoy Tafoya, Jimmy Martinez, Tom Gonzales were all boyhood friends and lived on three consecutive streets in Midvale, Utah on Fifth, Sixth and Seventh avenues. They lived only a few yards apart. They played ball at the adjacent sandlot ball field. And they all went to Vietnam. In a span of 16 dark days in late 1967, all three would be killed. LeRoy was killed on Wednesday, Nov. 22, the fourth anniversary of John F. Kennedy's assassination. Jimmy died less than 24 hours later on Thanksgiving Day. Tom was shot dead assaulting the enemy on Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

The most casualty deaths for a single day was on January 31, 1968 ~ 245 deaths. The most casualty deaths for a single month was May 1968 - 2,415 casualties were incurred. Most Americans who read this will only see the numbers that the Vietnam War created. To those of us who survived the war, and to the families of those who did not, we see the faces, we feel the pain that these numbers created. We are, until we too pass away, haunted with these numbers, because they were our friends, fathers, husbands, wives, sons and daughters. There are no noble wars, just noble warriors.

Coming Events February

4 Feb (Sat) The Users Group (TUG) 1000 OVC

17 Feb (Fri) EXCOM Meeting 1100 Hickam O'Club

23 Feb (Thu) Lunch and VIP Tour of the Pacific Aviation Museum 1100

Coming Events March

3 Mar (Sat) The Users Group (TUG) 1000 OVC

15 Mar (Thu) "Hanoi Hilton Revisited" by former POW Jim Hickerson 1130 OVC

16 Mar (Fri) EXCOM Meeting 1100 Place TBD



President's Message
LTC Darrell Large USA (Ret)

ALOHA fellow members,

Mahalo nui loa to all of you who have volunteered to serve as officers or on committees that are working so hard to make our chapter even better and more fun for all of us in 2012. We have a great EXCOM team including our newest member, Treasurer, Mark Torreano, Colonel, USAF, Ret. Warm aloha and welcome aboard, Mark!

These are exciting as well as challenging times with our veteran and retiree benefits being threatened or under attack as we speak. Thankfully we are well represented here in Hawaii by our Legislative and Veteran Affairs Committees and in Washington by MOAA, again voted the nation's most effective lobbyist organization. This effort would not be possible were it not for all the emails and letters you and I send our legislators when called upon for support. Let's continue our vigilance and keep up the great work.

Now, to what I consider the number one challenge confronting our Chapter: membership. We have for several years been losing members at an alarming rate while recruiting only a very few. Most of us will recall just a few years ago when we had well over 1000 members, even after the Aloha chapter was formed. Now we have 375 of which 251 are life members and thus no longer pay dues, leaving us with only 124 paying annual dues needed for a balanced budget for normal chapter operations. Clearly our chapter cannot continue to survive if we simply continue to do things the way we always have. You may be assured we are not going to let that happen!

Our EXCOM has already approved a number of positive changes and is working on others that will make our chapter even better and more fun for everyone. For example: we have established a permanent Membership Committee where none existed to develop and implement a comprehensive and aggressive membership retention and recruiting program. New Chapter application forms are being developed and will be made available along with 2012 "Give Me 10" MOAA National application forms and details as soon as possible.

Of course no program can succeed without the support and active participation of each of us. Oahu has one of the nation's largest concentrations of active duty, retired and other eligible MOAA members in the country and between us, we know hundreds if not thousands of them. I suggest we owe it to each of them to reach out and invite them to join both our chapter and National. If we don't, we are doing them a huge disservice. Over the next few weeks we will be sharing program details and some great ideas on how to do that. In the meantime, if you would like to serve with us on the Membership committee, please let me hear from you.

We thank you for being part of our Hawaii State Chapter MOAA ohana and hope you will register now to be with us for our first meeting/program of the year on February 23 at the Pacific Aviation Museum.

With aloha, Darrell

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- - CHAPTER SOCIAL EVENTS - -

23 February, Lunch and Tour of the Pacific Aviation Museum. Reservation and program detail is on page 5.

15 March, Lunch and Speaker, chapter member and former POW Jim Hickerson, "Hanoi Hilton Re-Visited" Oahu Veterans Center (OVC) 1130

17 May, Lunch and Speaker, chapter member Carole Hickerson, "Recollections of a POW/ MIA Wife," Oahu Veterans Center (OVC) 1130

August (Date TBD) Annual Picnic at Bellows Air Force Station 1200

13 Dec MOAA Annual Christmas Party, Hale Koa 1730

Details for other events are still in the planning stage. Stay tuned!!

Thinning of the Ranks

No deaths have been reported this month.

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Trivia Question - - - Answer on Page 7

Q - I want to see 4 impressive dams in the western US: Grand Coulee Dam in Washington, Lake Tahoe Dam on the Truckee River, the Hoover Dam on AZ-NV border [with its recently added roadway], and Boulder Dam. But where is the well known Boulder Dam that we've all heard of?



2012 CHAPTER DONATIONS

As of 14 January 2012 - **TOTAL GOAL IS \$7000**
 Received to date **\$130.00** (Scholarships and Community Service)

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None

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None

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None

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David Stefansson

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If you donated in any of these categories and your name is not present call me, Mark Torreano 941-9350

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS by Tom Smyth

National Issues: Not much new in Washington as the Congress continues to hesitate to pass any but the most time sensitive measures. Good news for Hawaii is that none of the Service Chiefs or OSD staff have indicated that there will be any significant cuts to Hawaii-based units or even ongoing construction or support contracts. Medicare “Doc-fix” cuts that have been put off more than 20 times are still scheduled to go into effect in February but will likely again be put off.

Hawaii Issues: We are monitoring 40 pieces of legislation, some duplicative, that are currently before the Legislature. Many deal with Hawaii National Guard members including provision of a tax credit for employers who maintain insurance coverage for deployed NG members. Several bills relate to a state procurement preference for veteran-owned business as in federal contracting. Establishing a planning process for a memorial to those who died in more recent conflicts is again under consideration. Voting procedures for those serving overseas are again being considered, although Hawaii has moved its primary election date back to August to allow those deployed to have more time to receive and send in their ballots.

A contentious issue is state adoption of the “Honor and Remember Flag” proposed by some veterans groups but opposed by others. Not contentious at all is a bill to continue the General Excise Tax exclusion for the Hawaii TRICARE contractor. That bill had strong support, even from the State Department of Taxation, and should pass quickly, helping local TRICARE costs to stay stable.

We will be watching these bills, testifying on many; but find almost none that we cannot support directly as proposed or with minor changes .

Semper Fi, Tom

Historic Dates in February - - -

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| 1, 1790 | Supreme Court convened for first time, NYC | 13, 1936 | First social security checks mailed out |
| 1, 1893 | US flag raised over HI as formal protectorate | 14, 1971 | Pres Nixon installs audio taping in Oval Office |
| 3, 1943 | Four Chaplains Day marks the heroic death aboard a troop ship in the North Atlantic when a priest, a rabbi, and 2 protestant ministers gave away their life preservers so that others might live | 23, 1954 | Inoculations begin for children using Salk polio vaccine |
| 4, 1789 | Geo Washington unanimously elected President | 25, 1793 | Pres Washington calls first Cabinet meeting |
| 4, 1861 | Confederate States of America organized in Montgomery, AL | 25, 1862 | Congress authorizes paper currency in lieu of gold / silver |
| 9, 1943 | FDR orders a minimum 48 hour work week | 25, 1913 | 16th Amendment ratified authorizing Federal Income Tax |
| 11, 1935 | All plane flights over White House are banned because FDR’s sleep was being disrupted | 26, 1945 | 500,000 incendiaries dropped by 8th AF on Berlin in one day |
| | | 26, 1993 | World Trade Ctr underground parking garage bombed by terrorists |



Meet Our New Chapter Treasurer, Col Mark Alan Torreano, Sr, USAF (Ret)

Mark was born in Detroit, MI and grew up in Cincinnati, OH. Following graduation from the US Air Force Academy, he was an East-West Center Grantee at the University of Hawaii, where he earned his MA in Political Science and studied Mandarin Chinese in Hawaii and Taiwan. His Air Force career included intelligence assignments in Thailand, Washington state, Colorado, Hawaii, Japan and at DIA. He served as Air Liaison Officer in Hong Kong, a political military officer at Space Command and Pacific Command, and a political science instructor at the US Air Force Academy, retiring in 1996. He then joined Lockheed Martin in the Washington, DC area, doing business development work in intelligence, space systems, C4ISR and advanced technology. In 2005 he established the Lockheed Martin corporate office in Honolulu, retiring in 2010. He is married to Mimi and they live in Waikiki. His son Mark, Jr is a naval aviator serving with the NATO HQ in Kabul, Afghanistan. His daughter is married to an Air Force F-15 pilot who now flies USVs at Creech AFB near Las Vegas. Mark is a life member of MOAA and the Air Force Assn. Locally he is a member of Hawaii State Chapter MOAA and the AFA Chapter. He serves as treasurer of the Hawaii Chapter of the USAF Academy Association of Graduates.

Tidbits from the Pub submitted by Jack Miller

In English pubs, ale is ordered by the pints and quarts. So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them "Mind your pints and quarts and settle down." That's where we got the phrase "mind your Ps and Qs." Many years in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim or handle of their ceramic mugs. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. "Wet your whistle." is the phrase inspired by this practice.



**FEBRUARY 23RD
LUNCH - CHAPTER MEETING - TOUR
PACIFIC AVIATION MUSEUM**

Date: Thursday, 23 February --- Check-in & Fellowship 1100 --- Lunch 1130

BUFFET LUNCH

***Tour Introduction by Ken DeHoff, Executive Director and Chapter Member
VIP guided tour of the Museum's growing collection of vintage and modern aircraft***

Military Base access sticker and ID required to drive to Ford island

Coordinator: Glen Van Ingen (292-6844)

Cost: Pacific Aviation Museum Members - \$16 per person -- Non-members - \$28

RSVP NLT Friday, February 17

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Name tags to read: _____

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Event Cost (\$16 or \$28) x () = \$ _____ SCHOLARSHIP FUND: \$ _____

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I would like transportation to this event: YES _____ No _____

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TUG by Colonel Lou Torraca USAF (Retired)

I'd walk a million miles for one of your smiles my CES geek (better yet for one of your nifty new gadgets!)

Last chance Steve Ballmer...Microsoft won't be at CES 2013! Yup, Microsoft announced they won't be there next year so here is Steve's pic so u can say goodbye {-:-)

If you were to ask what word(s) would most represent the 2012 CES, I'd say "BIG", "SMART" and perhaps, "CONNECTED" and just to cover all the bases, "GREEN". It's been a huge show and the number of attendees I keep hearing is 160,000. Definitely a crowd, especially when you're trying to get close to a gadget to see how it works. The organized press events, CES Unveiled at the Venetian, PepCom's Digital Experience at the MGM Grand, and Showstoppers at the Wynn help with this by bringing together about 200 exhibitors for the press to spend time with in a much less crowded venue. BTW, smart applies in a big way to cars, they even had my Lime Squeeze Metallic Ford Fiesta ((yup, that's really the official color) on display, they promised to get it back to Hawaii in time for my return flight {-:-). It was kind of fun after I told them I had one to be introduced to the rest of the folks at that exhibit as "he has one of these in Hawaii". Got a lot of I visited Hawaii stories after that. Accessories for cars were everywhere in the automotive section...lots of partnerships are evolving and software is the buzzword for new cars.

As you can tell, there are an incredible number of things to see, so I've picked a few that I think you will enjoy and then in following columns, I'll add to the list. Don't worry, in a lot of cases the new items won't be available for a few months so you'll have time to decide which ones you can't live without. Due to space limitations, I have shortened most of the descriptions, but if you go to <http://tinyurl.com/363qew> on 1 Feb, u can read the full description along with pictures of each. To get started, here's one you should really appreciate!

Many of us go to great lengths to ensure our drinks are cold because, let's face it, there's nothing more disgusting than a warm beer. Thankfully, South Korea's LG now offers a solution to the age-old beverage-cooling problem: its new ***"Blast Chilling" refrigeration technology***. LG introduced refrigerators with a special Blast Chilling compartment during a recent presentation at The Consumer Electronics Show. The Blast Chilling technology has aroused considerable attention. LG says that the feature, included in the new, French-door refrigerator the company is showing off at CES, can chill a 12-ounce beer or soda in just five minutes and a bottle of wine in roughly eight minutes. According to LG, this is a significant reduction in chilling time, compared with the typical forty minutes it would take to chill a canned beverage, and the hour needed to chill a bottle of white wine. Not surprising, New Technology Comes with a hefty price tag.

Acer has announced the S5 Ultrabook, claiming it to be the thinnest ultra-portable PC yet. The 13.3-inch MacBook Air rival arrives with an Onyx black magnesium alloy body, an Intel j-Series processor and is only 15mm at its thickest point. The device weighs in at 2.97lbs., while Acer is also pushing the MagicFlip I/O, a flap at the back of the device which reveals HDMI, USB 3.0 and Thunderbolt connectivity when lifted. The appearance of the Thunderbolt port is particularly noteworthy as, so far, the technology Intel created in collaboration with Apple has only featured on MacBooks and Mac computers. Thunderbolt promises connectivity speeds faster than USB 3.0 and Firewire, but there are currently few compatible accessories. The device also has Dolby Home Theatre Audio and will wake from sleep in 1.5 seconds thanks to Acer's Instant On technology. The battery will also last for a few weeks while the device is in sleep mode.

Sharp offered up 60, 70, and 80-inch TVs and interactive displays at CES 2012; Every new model the company is releasing in 2012 will be 60 inches or larger. The company says the push to go big is because of an advantage Sharp has over other manufacturers — it has the only 10th-generation LCD display plant in the world, uniquely suited to manufacturing these screens that are 60 inches and larger.

TOSY Robotics JSC®, a leading robotics and high-tech toys manufacturer based in Vietnam, today unveiled ***mRobo Ultra Bass™***, a state-of-the-art portable speaker that doubles as a dancing robot. Boasting two gigabytes of internal memory, the battery powered mRobo allows users to upload about 500 songs into the device via a USB port and select which tracks to play using a provided remote. The music will play through an integrated speaker, with the ability to produce bass at 40Hz. Once the music begins playing, mRobo, which can listen to its own music, music from other devices, or music streamed via Bluetooth, will instantly transform, growing a head, legs and arms, and will groove through a series of pre-programmed dance moves to virtually any genre of music.

Everything has to be smart these days. The smart bike just happens to be next on the list. Daymak Inc. announced at CES the Shadow Ebike. Yes, it's a bicycle that interacts with an Android phone to control the bike's functions. Daymak is billing the Shadow Ebike as the first wireless ebike that's powered by their proprietary Daymak Drive. The Shadow Ebike will use the Android phone as the "key" to turning the bike on and off. The phone app includes the ability to create user defined pedal assist modes, tracking of top speeds, GPS, odometer, speedometer, trip data, altitude, battery life and history of all usage states. With the bike being wireless, it avoids the usage of wires which cause most accidents with other leading ebikes. I suppose u r asking yourself, who needs a smart bike, interesting question, let's see how the market works out.

Sonomax Technologies, Inc. (TSXV: SHH) proudly announced the debut of the next generation of eers™ custom earphones The latest evolutions, the PCS-150 and PCS-250 models, continue to redefine the headphones experience offering exceptional sound and performance with an even better self-fit experience. Named CES 2012's Best of Innovations winner in the Headphones product category, eers custom earphones are poised to be the next big thing in the earphones market. Custom molded to the unique shape of an individual's ear canal in just five minutes, eers provide a set of earphones that will stay put, never fall out or cause discomfort in even the most extreme active environments while promoting safe listening habits. As the world's first self-fit, custom earphones, eers fill a huge void in the headphone market. With that impressive introduction, I agreed to get a pair fitted...it was pretty easy and yes, in 5 minutes I had a pair of earphones that fit perfectly and sound wonderful!

The user will also be able to answer phone calls on their Smartphone through the use of the integrated in-line microphone. Struggling to hear the phone conversation due to exterior noise is now eliminated due to the incoming sound having the advantage of the acoustically sealed earpiece. Also included in this new product line is an entirely redesigned consumer packaging as well as enhanced single button activation for the SonoFit system which will greatly enhance the ease of use.

OK, that should get u going...stay tuned as I will tell u about lots more in my future columns. Remember to stay safe as u surf the net.

ALOHA, LOU

How The O-2s Really Got There - Part 2

submitted by Jim Gebhard;
as reported by Richard H. Wood
(Continued ifrom the January PHK)

. . . I drove over the mountains to Kaneohe to find out what the hell this was all about. That's when I saw my first O-2; actually my first four O-2s. Aside from being ugly, they were all soaked with oil overflowing from both engines and they didn't have ten gallons of gas among them. One had flamed out taxiing in from landing. They had been airborne for 14 hours and 45 minutes. The Coast Guard was really pissed when they learned the full story and was making noises about sending someone a bill for the rescue effort. I must say, I agreed with them.

That silliness continued for three or four weeks with every single flight of O-2s getting into some sort of trouble. At Hickam, the O-2 pilots were fairly easy to find. Most of the time they were draped over the bar at the O-Club; a situation which was attracting the attention of the Officers Wives Club; always a dangerous thing to do.

I went to PACAF Headquarters and told them what was going on and they were absolutely appalled. Civilian misfits ferrying Air Force airplanes across the Pacific to a combat zone? No way!

Between us, we began firing off messages to get this idiocy stopped. AFSC couldn't understand what the problem was and probably still doesn't. Hamilton AFB was taking a lot of heat for participating and allowing them to launch at all. I was agitating about the stupidity of this through all the safety channels. I think I may have mentioned that when the inevitable accident occurred, they better hope it was out of my area. If I had to investigate it, they were definitely not going to like the report. I was prepared to write most of the report right then before the accident even happened.

AFSC backed down and agreed to let the 44th Aircraft Delivery Group run the operation. The 44th wasn't too happy about that because the civilian pilots didn't seem to take instructions very well. Nevertheless, that brought some organization to the festivities which included things like mission planning, briefings, weather analysis, flight following and escort. The O-2s weren't allowed to fly unless accompanied by a C-47 or C-7 Caribou who could fly at their speed and handle the navigation. That wasn't much of a problem as there were two or three of those planes being ferried each week to Vietnam.

That procedure eliminated most of my problems and things

settled down to a routine. The delivery rate to Vietnam was slowed somewhat, but I think more total planes actually got there because of it. During the entire process, only two planes were lost. One ditched due to engine failure on the Wake-Guam leg. The pilot managed to get out of the plane and bobbed around in his life jacket until picked up by a Japanese cargo ship. The other crashed in the Philippines killing the pilot. I never knew the circumstances.

We had, of course, the occasional problem at Hickam. I remember one pilot who landed nose gear first and managed to snap the gear off completely and ding the front propeller. I went out to see what had happened and got a load of bullshit and a strong whiff of gin from the pilot. The plane (he claimed) was nose heavy on landing and the elevator trim was inoperative. He couldn't get the nose up. Furthermore, his transmitter was out and he couldn't tell anyone about his problems. I checked the plane and found the elevator trimmed full nose down, but the trim switch and trim tab worked just fine. Just to the left of the trim switch, I noticed that the microphone toggle switch was actually bent backwards. After several hours of martinis, the pilot was trying to trim using the mike switch. He trimmed the plane full nose down while trying to talk to the control tower on the trim switch. Case closed.

None of these accidents consumed any of my time. I had learned another quirk in the AFSC way of doing business. Appearances aside, the aircraft were not Air Force aircraft and wouldn't be until they arrived in Saigon and were formally delivered and accepted. Since they weren't, technically, Air Force aircraft; they couldn't have an Air Force accident. The planes weren't registered as civil aircraft, so they couldn't have a civil accident either. They were in regulatory limbo and any accidents were non-events. Nobody cared.

That suited me just fine. I had other things to do and I couldn't see how an investigation of stupidity would contribute anything to the Air Force safety program.

Incidentally, how do you suppose they got the O-2s out of Vietnam and back to the United States? They took the wings off, stuffed them three at a time into the belly of C-124s and flew them back. AFSC was not involved which, I later learned, tended to improve almost any operation.

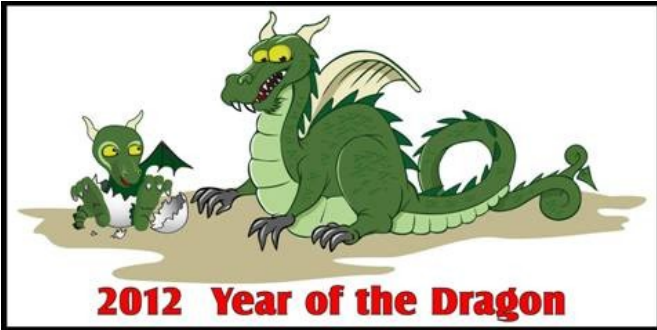
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Trivia Answer: Boulder is the former name of Hoover Dam.

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UP-COMING CHAPTER ACTIVITIES:

23 Feb event to be held on Ford Island
with lunch and a VIP tour of the Aviation Museum.
For details and reservations see Page 5.



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