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Winds Aloft

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From Matt Van Bergen, Chapter 790 President

As we cross the midpoint of the year (time flies!), myself, my fellow officers and board members wanted to get you all thinking about volunteering for a 790 leadership position that would start on Jan 1, 2025 with formal elections happening during our November member meeting.

The by-laws specify officers and board members can serve no more than two consecutive 2 year terms. The current leadership is all approaching their term limits at the end of this year and therefore I hope this early message will allow you to give serious thought about being a 790 leader.

If you are interested in any of the positions, feel free to reach out to me or the person holding the position to learn more about it.

- **President** - Matt Van Bergen
- **Vice President** - Dave Stokes
- **Secretary** - Randy Sweet
- **Treasurer** - Paul Ranieri
- **Board Members*** - Tom LeGates, Pat Crawford

*Typically, the board members are selected (or retained) by the officers once they settle into their positions.

The two-term limits serve a purpose that I support, allowing new ideas to come into the chapter allowing it to grow and evolve with the times. I encourage anyone to get involved as we have a great support network to get you up to speed and answer questions along the way. Speaking for myself, I'm ready to hand the baton over to a new leader yet continue to be an active member helping the new leadership however I can.

Don't hesitate to reach out to any of us or attend a board meeting to learn more. There are six board meetings each year. The next is **Tuesday, July 30 at 18:30** in the 3CK LITH Airport office.



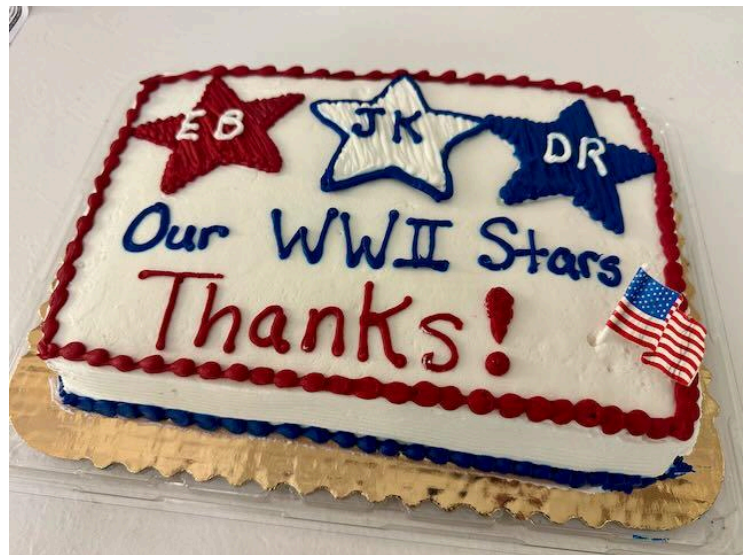
June 2024 Presentation: D-Day + 80

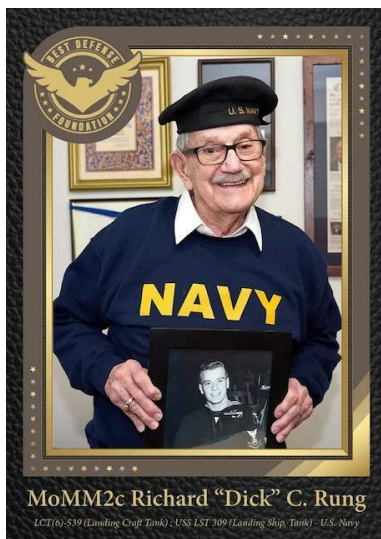
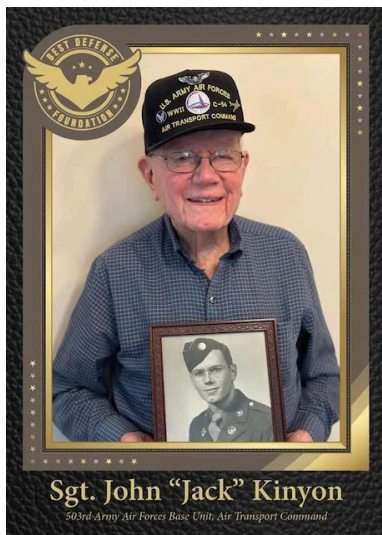
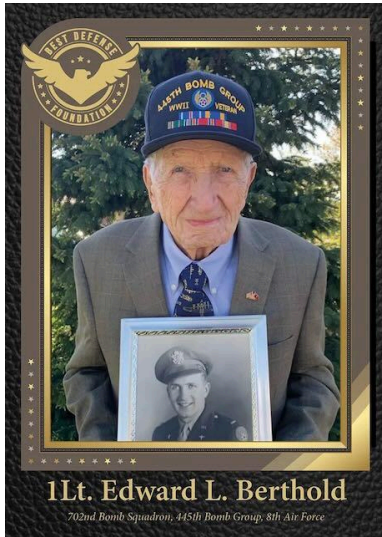
D-Day occurred 80 years ago on June 6, 1944. Last month, three local veterans traveled to Normandy for reflection and to be honored. Carol Stream resident Dick Rung, on a Navy landing craft at age 19, delivered a tank to Omaha Beach in the afternoon assault. Our own Ed “Bud” Berthold, at age 24, piloted a B-24 which bombed the bridge at Saint-Lô. Former Chapter 790 member Jack Kinyon, age 21, assisted in the evacuation of wounded from France to the United States, as a loadmaster on C-54 Skymasters.

We viewed video clips and photos about the trip to Normandy, which was sponsored by Best Defense Foundation (bdf.org) and supported by Delta Airlines and Michelin. Each veteran spoke about their WWII service and their impressions of the trip, and then answered audience questions. Among many memories:

- Bud Berthold read his D-Day letter home to the assembled dignitaries and audience
- Jack Kinyon heard a German citizen thank the Allied veterans for helping liberate Germany from Hitler
- Dick Rung chatted with Tom Hanks about *Saving Private Ryan*

Each of these veterans, and 11 others out of perhaps 200 at the event, were awarded France’s highest honor by President Macron – the rank of Chevalier de la Légion d’Honneur (Knight of the Legion of Honor). The French people at the 10-day Normandy event repeatedly expressed their heartfelt gratitude for the Allies who liberated France and helped end the war.





Next Chapter Meeting

It's AirVenture time! There will be no chapter meeting in July. See you in Oshkosh!

Our August guest speaker will be Ryan Jaros, Local Safety Council member from C90 Chicago TRACON. Ryan will share an overview of the TRACON and discuss recent hot airspace topics. Join us on **Tuesday, August 27 at 3CK LITH Airport, hangar P-60.** Enjoy a cook-out of brats and burgers at 18:00 and get answers to your Chicago Approach questions at 18:30. See you there!

Young Eagles Donation from Schaumburg Airport Businesses

Chapter 790 and Schaumburg EAA Chapter 932 each received a donation of \$349 from Revv Aviation and Holiday Airways at Schaumburg Airport - 06C. The businesses expressed their gratitude to the chapters for hosting Young Eagles rallies by donating the profits from the annual Father's Day pancake breakfast. Revv Aviation (revvaviation.com/locations/schaumburg-il) offers private pilot lessons, aircraft rental, aircraft maintenance, personal and business charter services. Holiday Airways (flyholidayairways.com) offers flight training and aircraft rental.

Our next Young Eagles rally will be held at Schaumburg - 06C on Saturday, August 3, 2024. Matt will email details to chapter members as the date approaches. Youth should register at youngeaglesday.org.

Winds Aloft

Thanks to Pete Thompson for being the editor of Winds Aloft since April, 2022. Pete has handed the keyboard to long-time member John Kinyon. Since we're part of EAA, we are interested in all things aviation – especially building, modifying, and repairing aircraft. Have you done any projects? What is your favorite plane? Where do you like to fly? Did you have an a-ha! moment or learning experience that would help or interest others? If you have an idea, draft article, or photo, please send it to jjk2005@gmail.com. John can help with adjusting photos, editing, and proofing an article. It needn't be long or perfect; just add your voice to the chapter. Recent newsletters are at chapters.eaa.org/ea790/newsletters and we have archived copies from 2001 until today, thanks to webmaster Tom LeGates. If you have older issues we can scan, please let us know.

Chapter 790 newsletters ⇒



Volunteer Spotlight – Ron Leibmann

Our own Ron Leibmann was profiled in the June, 2024 issue of *EAA Sport Aviation* magazine!

(Reprinted from inspire.eaa.org/2024/07/11/volunteer-spotlight-ron-leibmann)

Ronald Liebmann, EAA 18367, remembers his aviation infatuation starting in kindergarten, watching Stearmans fly overhead in the Chicago sky after World War II. His uncle, Ed Seversen, an early EAA member, brought him to his first EAA fly-in convention in Rockford, Illinois, in 1960, and he hasn't missed a single convention since.

After some life events and a couple of programs shutting down stood in the way of a career with the Navy and as an airline pilot, Ron became a firefighter in 1991. It was about a year later he got a call with an offer to be a pilot with United Airlines, but he turned it down. He had started a family and discovered the hours of a firefighter were much more family friendly than those of an airline pilot. Ron looked back at those roadblocks and considers himself lucky and blessed; if things had gone as originally planned, he likely would not have experienced the same family-man lifestyle he cherishes.

Rest assured, Ron has always found a way to get his aviation fix. Uncle Ed introduced Ron to many of the homebuilders of EAA's early days, forming a close relationship with founder Paul Poberezny, which is where he learned many of the skills he uses as a volunteer technical counselor and flight advisor. "I was a teenager, and they were old and teaching me how to do all this stuff," he said. "In August, I'll be 80, so I ended up being the old man helping the kids out. EAA has given that to me."

Ron finished building his first airplane, a Kitfox, in 1992, and applied the same year to become a technical counselor and flight advisor to help fellow EAAers build their aircraft and learn to fly new types. "I've got five airplanes right now that I'm working with people on in my area. It's so much fun going to people's garages and advising them to make sure they're doing it right," he said. He's also helped restore countless aircraft, including a 1941 Taylorcraft with members of EAA Chapter 790, which is currently on display at the Wings of History Air Museum in California.



Not only does he guide fellow builders, but also Ron has created a couple of lecture programs to encourage safer flying, including one he called Green to Green. “[Pilots often] want to go from this airport to this airport in the fastest, shortest time. Me, I want to get to that airport the safest I can,” he said. Ron always makes sure he has a green landing spot in sight, and this proved vital on his daughter’s first airplane ride when the engine quit suddenly. “She panicked, and I calmed down. The airplane just turned into a glider. I had my green spot, and I put it down; no damage, no nothing.”

Ron has volunteered at the annual convention for 35 years in a row now, with many of those years being in the Warbirds area. “A buddy and I bought a WWII-era aircraft tug,” Ron said. “We painted it a beautiful Navy scheme, so whenever there’s a Navy airplane in the showplane area, they go, ‘Ronnie, get that airplane.’” Some of his favorite memories include Frank Borman personally requesting his tug services, grabbing a selfie with Bud Anderson, and towing the only existing airworthy XP-82 Twin Mustang. “I’m one of the luckiest people, being blessed to be able to make every single convention.”

Volunteers make EAA AirVenture Oshkosh — and just about everything else EAA does — possible. This space in EAA Sport Aviation is dedicated to thanking and shining the spotlight on volunteers from the community. Sadly, it cannot capture all of the thousands of volunteers who give so much to the community every year. So, next time you see a volunteer at AirVenture or elsewhere, however they are pitching in to make EAA better, be sure to thank them for it. It’s the least we can do. Do you know a volunteer you’d like to nominate for Volunteer Spotlight? Visit [EAA.org/Submissions](https://www.eaa.org/submissions).



Chapter 790 Calendar

Sat, July 20	11:00	Flyout - 2P2 Washington Island fish boil	See email from Paul Ranieri
Tue, Jul 30	18:30	Board meeting	3CK LITH Airport, office
Sat, Aug 3	08:30	Young Eagles rally	06C Schaumburg Airport
Sat, Aug 17	09:00	Breakfast flyout	Watch for email from Paul Ranieri
Tue, Aug 27	18:00-21:00	Chapter BBQ & meeting, TRACON safety	3CK LITH Airport, hangar P-60
Sat, Sep 21	09:00	Breakfast flyout	Watch for email from Paul Ranieri
Tue, Sep 24	18:00-21:00	Chapter BBQ & meeting	3CK LITH Airport, hangar P-60
Sat, Oct 5	08:30	Young Eagles rally	06C Schaumburg Airport
Tue, Oct 8	18:30	Board meeting	3CK LITH Airport, office
Sat, Oct 19	09:00	Breakfast flyout	Watch for email from Paul Ranieri
Tue, Oct 22	18:00-21:00	Chapter BBQ & meeting	3CK LITH Airport, hangar P-60
Sat, Nov 16	09:00	Breakfast flyout	Watch for email from Paul Ranieri
Tue Nov 26	18:45-21:00	Chapter meeting	3CK LITH Airport, office
Tue, Dec 3	18:30	Board meeting	3CK LITH Airport, office
Sat, Dec 21	09:00	Breakfast flyout	Watch for email from Paul Ranieri

EAA's calendar of events is at eaa.org/eaa/events. You can search by event categories and the distance from a location, a state, or a date range.

Chapter 790 meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of every month. The meetings are generally held at the Lake in the Hills Airport Office lounge at 6:45 pm. From May until October, the meetings begin with a cookout at 6:00 pm in hangar P-60. Matt will keep everyone posted via email of exact times, location, guest speakers, etc.

Fly-outs are a great way to enjoy a Saturday morning and some camaraderie. They are held the third Saturday of the month at 9 am. If the weather isn't satisfactory, it will be rescheduled to the following Saturday. Paul Ranieri will keep everyone posted as to the destination and time via email. If you are interested in going and need a seat, you can respond to Paul's group email prior to the upcoming fly-out.

Young Eagle events begin in May and run through October. They are held the first Saturday of the month at either Schaumburg Airport or Lake in the Hills Airport. There is no better way for kids to get some flying experience. Before each event, chapter members will receive an email outlining the various volunteer opportunities. These consist of the registration area for kids and their parents, being on the ramp to park airplanes, and flying the kids of course!



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Chapter 790 members are a group of aviation enthusiasts, aircraft builders, and pilots who get together with like minded people to share ideas, exchange information, encourage safety, serve the local aviation community and have a lot of fun doing so. Whether you fly, build, restore or simply enjoy airplanes and aviation, you are welcome to attend our events and join our Chapter.

