

### **Membership of the Combat Air Museum:**

Membership is non-discriminatory and open to the general public, regardless of race or national origin, gender, religion or age. Family membership is strongly encouraged as is active participation of members in all museum activities.

### **Mission Statement and Goals of the Combat Air Museum:**

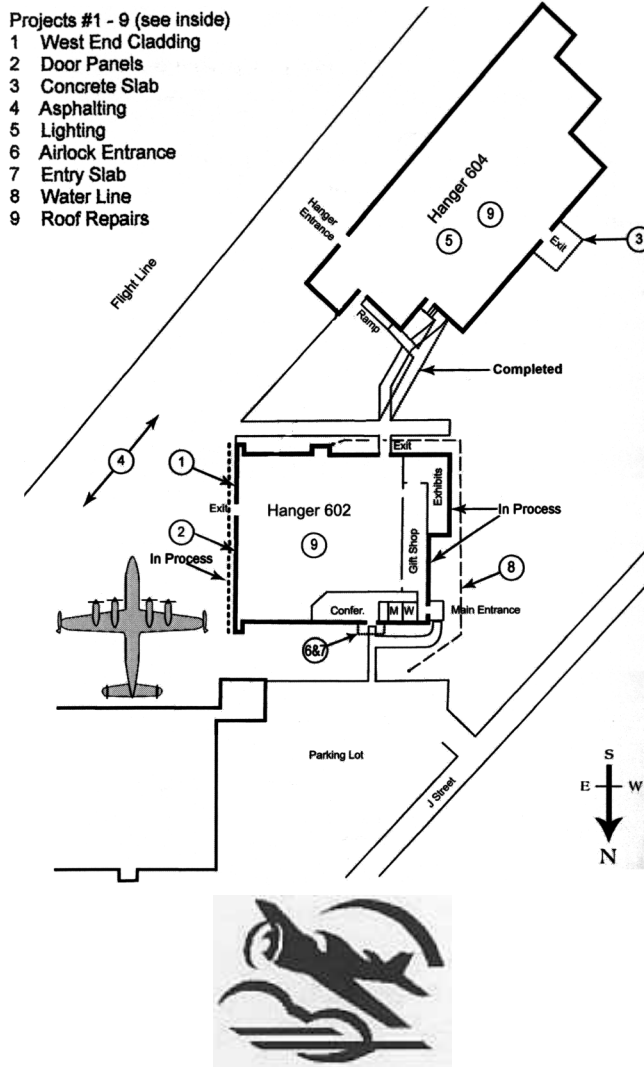
"Through the efforts of dedicated friends and volunteers, our mission is to provide a center for education and for the preservation of military aircraft and artifacts by showing their importance to the world today."

To achieve the mission statement, the following goals have been set for the organization:

- To provide a regional educational resource designed:
- To promote and encourage interest in the historical and technological aspects of flight.
- To serve as a repository for the preservation and interpretation of artifacts and data
- To contribute to the military history of the United States.
- To preserve, display and, when appropriate, demonstrate military aeronautical and other artifacts for the education and interest of the public.
- To inspire the values of love for freedom and peace (and thereby to play a small part in promoting international accord) by preserving and displaying records of historic conflicts that have endangered man's attainment of democracy and peace worldwide.
- To honor those citizen-soldiers who gave their lives to preserve these values, and to promote respect for all members of our armed forces in times of peace and war.

## **Combat Air Museum**

Topeka, Kansas



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**COMBAT AIR MUSEUM**

HANGARS #602 & #604

SOUTH J STREET, FORBES FIELD,

The Topeka-based Combat Air Museum is seeking your assistance with projects designed to repair and upgrade its hangar facilities at Forbes Field. Over the course of years, the physical condition of the two WWII-era hangars has been subjected to wear and tear and some urgent repairs to the structures and surroundings have been identified which will necessitate capital funding from sources outside of the ability of the membership to cover.

- The Combat Air Museum, originally formed in 1977 as a 501(c)(3) not for profit institution, provides a valuable national location for tourism in the Topeka area and the availability of such a historically significant aviation museum in Shawnee County contributes to the quality of life for the community in this area.
- The principal objective for the museum is to provide educational opportunities for the general public to learn about the aviation history of the several armed forces of the United States of America (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard), and the various U.S. combat actions from World War One to the present day. The museum has aircraft, exhibits and art on display to the general public covering aviation from its inception.
- Over 10,000 visitors pass through the museum every year to view the collection of these aircraft and artifacts. Of the 10,000 visitors, two-thirds are from the State of Kansas with one-third from other states and from overseas.
- The museum receives no state or city operational funding, other than a modest portion of local city hotel bed tax which is committed entirely, by statute, to advertising the museum and its facilities. The rest of the operating funds employed by the museum are raised solely through membership fees, donations, gift store profits and periodic local fund raising events. The daily operational inflow is insufficient to fund major facility repairs to the hangars.

ADA Standards: Both Museum hangars meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

It is expected that these structural upgrades will significantly improve the museum experience for visitors and will reduce the annual operating energy costs for running the two hangars. Particularly, in the most extreme weather, during peak periods in summer and winter, visitors are unable to fully appreciate the museum offerings due to the physical characteristics of un-insulated aircraft hangars.

#### **Proposed Projects:**

- Project 1 – Cladding hangar #602 east end and replace door panels (\$20,000 & \$22,500)
- Project 2 – Replacing the drainage trenching and apron concrete in front of hangar #602 (\$65,000)
- Project 3 – Replacing the concrete slab outside rear of hangar #604 (\$5,000)
- Project 4 – Removing and replacing deteriorated asphaltting between the two hangars (\$21,700).
- Project 5 – Replacing the outdated and ineffective lighting in hangar #604 with high-bay halide fixtures (\$22,400).
- Project 6 & 7 – Constructing an airlock entranceway to conference room (\$18,000) & replacing the entry slab and footing to hangar #602 (\$2,500)
- Project 8 – Trenching and installing a 1" water line and remove the existing faulty line from hangar #602 floor (\$3,400).
- Project 9 – Repairing roof leaks in both hangars (\$30,000).

#### **Projects Completed or In Progress:**

- Cladding the west end of Hangar #602 (in progress – donated in part by Messrs. Price, Pritchett & Capital Federal)
- Replacing the sidewalk between hangars #602 & #604 (completed – donated by Heartland Park Foundation)