

## A/101 AVIATION ASSOCIATION, INC. 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

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Our association has completed another successful year of operations in 2009. The slow economy hurt our financial health, however with the wise guidance of our association trustees and faithful support of our members we remain strong. Due to overbooking by our CPA the 2009 association certified financial records could not be completed in time for this mailing. Bettinger Mifflin Rich CPA Group donate 75% of the cost of their services to our nonprofit Association. 2009 Yearend Account Balances, General fund; \$2995.57, Scholarship Fund; \$28785.27, Emergency Fund; \$501.07. The CPA certified 2009 balance statements should be completed by the end of July, they will be available at our annual meeting for review and also posted on our web site.

Our 2009 association membership numbers grew to a total of 587 members, an increase of 39 members for the year. We lost two of our association members in 2009. James Vick, Comanchero 20, Jan 1969-JAN 1970, passed away NOV 23, 2009. Clyde Dixon, Comanchero CE, MAY-DEC 1970, passed away DEC 20, 2009. Several bouquets of flowers were sent to our members and to family members in ill health during the year.

Our Comanchero active duty brothers and sisters served a very successful deployment in Afghanistan. Task Force Wings which ended late 2009. Along with the purchase of three dozen sets of thermal underwear for our active duty CE's and gunners, our Association sent one of the new Comanchero lapel pins to every member serving with the unit in Afghanistan as a way to support them and their mission. A/4/101 Avn Regt presented our association with a framed presentation certificate and an American Flag that was flown on a mission in Afghanistan in honor of our support.

Our association stocks a full line of merchandise that is available with a tax deductible donation on our web site. <http://comanchero.org/a101merchandise.htm> We have a good selection of various decals, hats and patches, which are a major source of funding for our association. We have included a merchandise order form with this mailing that allows our members a special 25% discount on any merchandise purchased for a limited time. Please help support your association with the purchase of our era merchandise.

We would like to congratulate our 2009 A/101 Aviation Memorial scholarship award winner Emily Morris, daughter of Robert Morris. We would also like to congratulate Ronnie Lee Gainer, granddaughter of Lawrence Payne, she is our

2010 Scholarship winner. Both were awarded \$2000.00 four year scholarships, each payable in four (4) \$500.00 annual installments.

The 2010 A/101 Aviation Association reunion and annual meeting is being held in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 12th - 15th 2010 in conjunction with the 65th annual reunion of the 101st Airborne Division Association. The reunion is being held at the Marriot Center East Complex, which includes the Marriot, La Quinta and Fairfield hotels. Reunion registration forms and information are on the web site at <http://comanchero.org/Reunions.htm> The A/101 Aviation Association, Inc 2010 annual business meeting will be held at this reunion on Friday, August 13th at 4:00pm at the "Cauley Compound".

The 101<sup>st</sup> Wings of the Eagle and The Stand Alone Currahees will be holding a joint night dinner at the "Cauley Compound" in Indianapolis IN. on Friday the 13th from 5:00 pm until well after dark. This will be an outdoor event with an all you can eat catered cookout, with fried chicken, pulled pork, green beans, baked beans, and fried biscuits with apple butter. There will be water, tea, lemonade and cold beer sponsored by Anheuser-Busch. We will have music, dancing, bocce ball, horse shoes and a fireworks display after dark for entertainment, along with a special surprise attraction.

The "Cauley Compound" is approximately 5 miles from the hotels with only one turn in the trip, please let us know if you will need a ride. The total cost will be \$20.00 per person for this event. Please send check to Paul Cauley 513 S. Mitthoeffer Rd. Indianapolis In. 46239. (317) 281-6610 Please confirm your attendance at this party with Paul ASAP so he can get a headcount for the caterer.

Enclosed is a confidential ballot to vote for reaffirmation/reelection of two trustees running for a three year term as association trustee. No other association member volunteered their services to run for trustee this year, resulting in Chuck Slezak and Curtis Bodin, Jr both running unopposed. Association ballots can be returned by mail to our secretary or you can vote in person at the annual meeting in Indianapolis.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you all in Indianapolis!

A/101 Aviation Association Board of Trustees

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