

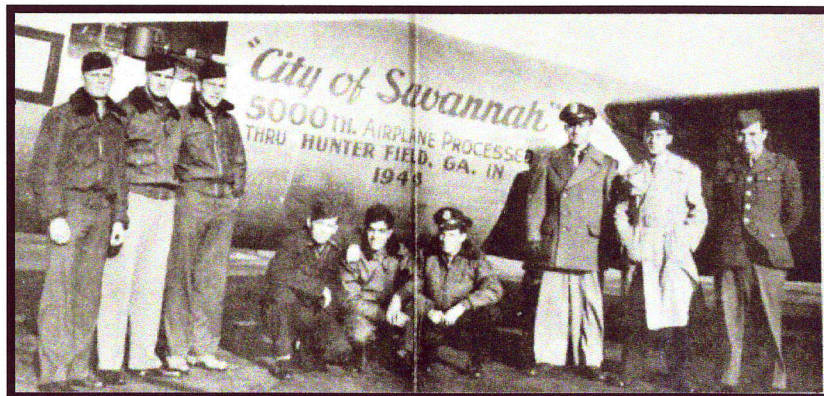
Update #29 – “City of Savannah”

B-17 Restoration
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You may remember that last September we were visited by Matt Jolly in preparation for his new website: WARBIRDRADIO.COM. The site is now up and running. You can hear Matt's first of several reports on the “City of Savannah” restoration project by logging on to the site and clicking the LISTEN LIVE button at 10:30AM.

Work on the “City of Savannah” continues. This week the Wednesday day crew did the initial polishing on the #3 and #4 engine nacelles. The night crew continued with the Scotchbrite on the #4 nacelle. The Friday crew met with Jim Grismer about the paint and finish of the nose area. They prepped more small areas of the nose section and purchased some etching primer for a test run.

Marshall Brooks has returned and will be working in the archives to determine what parts we have that are B-17 related. He will catalog each part and do the leg and paper work to move these items into the B-17 room for use on the B-17 Project exhibit. The archives are where Marshall first started with the Museum as a volunteer, so his expertise in this area will be very beneficial to the project.



The Kittle crew with the aircraft “City of Savannah” at Hunter Field, GA circa 1944 before she left for England.



B-17 Fortresses lined up outside Boeing Seattle plant. These G model Flying Fortresses just off the production line in Seattle await delivery to the combat modification center in Kansas. Foreground a/c tail number is 297384, then 298385, 297386 and so on. The very last B-17 rolled off the production line on April 13, 1945.

This week also brought us into our 3rd quarter. Henry, Sheila, Jerry, Jimmy, and Marshall met to review the past quarter and discuss future plans. A lot of decisions were made for the upcoming quarter. One of the items on the table was sending a representative to the annual B-17 Co-op meeting which will be held this year in Santa Ana, California. Ron Gunnells was chosen to attend on behalf of our B-17 Project. Besides meeting the others in the Co-op and doing some networking, they will be visiting several Air Museums and we look forward to a great report back from Ron.

We are finalizing the plans for a group of volunteers to visit Gary Norville, American Aero Services, in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. There have been some date changes to the arrival of the airplane at his facility. The new tentative date is December 6.

Also on our agenda - we are trying to organize a pot-luck dinner around the “City of Savannah” for all the B-17 Volunteers and their family during the month of November. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

More to come...