

Update # 55 - "City of Savannah"

B-17 Restoration

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On this 66th anniversary of D-Day, we are reminded of how important it is to preserve the history and legacy of all who served to protect freedom from tyranny. We on the "City of Savannah" Restoration Project are so proud to play a part in preserving the legacy of the Mighty Eighth Air Force's sacrifice for victory in Europe. We would like to thank all our supporters and volunteers for helping to make our B-17 such an important tool in preserving the past for future generations.

This week we have been making strides in the interior fuselage paint prep. The paint stripping has been successful in all compartments. All crews have been very productive in continuing the process of removing what remains from the cracks and crevices of the interior fuselage compartments. There will be many more days of brushing, wiping and vacuuming, but there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Again, thank you to the B-17 Restoration Volunteers for their efforts.

Also, thanks to Special Projects Supervisor Jim Argo for completing the corrosion inspection of the aircraft. Jim spent days going through the entire aircraft fuselage inspecting the completeness of our paint stripping and cleaning. He used diagram charts from the original 1945 Boeing maintenance manuals to denote all areas where more work is needed. We are eagerly anticipating his frame by frame report on our progress in the fuselage.

More to Come...

