

## **UPDATE # 85 - "CITY OF SAVANNAH"**

### **B-17 Restoration**

**January 31, 2011**

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This was another full week at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum as the "*City of Savannah*" project moves from preparation to restoration. Much discussion was held regarding rewiring of the aircraft to enable the radios, bomb bay doors, navigation and landing lights, and eventually, several of the turrets, to function as part of our B-17's display in the Museum's Combat Gallery.

Henry Skipper, the Museum CEO, reports that the several trade opportunities he has been discussing with other projects continue to be on track.

Special kudos go out this week to Assistant Project Manager Richard Moscatiello as he has formally brought the weekly Crew Chiefs reports to activation on the project web site that he has organized. He has also done a superb job setting up the coordination of the various crew assignments – again with the use of technology. An additional "atta boy" goes to Dave Talleur for using a family connection to contact the Boeing Corporation restoration team. This new contact in the B-17 family may lead to yet another source to help our project down the road to success.

The biggest event at the museum this week was the long awaited arrival of the restored Hunter Field fire truck that saw service at Hunter during WWII and with the local Isle of Hope FD for years after the war. The truck was restored by the Ft. Stewart motor pool staff under the guidance of our Deputy Project Manager Jim Grismer (who has 50+ years of volunteer service as a fire fighter) and Saturday Crew member, Brig. General Jeff Phillips. (Jeff's dad was a WWII pilot and a volunteer fire fighter.) The fire truck will eventually be part of the Combat Gallery exhibit, sitting beneath the wing of the "*City*".



**General Jeffrey Phillips and Jim Grismer**

*More to come . . .*