UPDATE # 90 - "CITY OF SAVANNAH" B-17 Restoration March 14, 2011

We have to send a salute this week to a special group of project volunteers who combined their efforts to make what will be a long lasting contribution to the project. It all starts off with our departed Assistant Project Manager Richard Moscatiello, and his successor, Dave Talleur. Before Richard left for Atlanta he and Dave spent many hours preparing an updated slide show for presentation to the Museum's visitors. The show depicts the delivery of B-17G 44-83814, AKA, the "City of Savannah" to the Museum, and the twenty-three month effort to prepare the aircraft for its restoration. Most of the technical work was done by Richard while the script was written and narrated by Dave.

Mike Callahan, our IT guy, then did some shopping and purchased a 37" DVD player and flat screen to run the show. Several members of the Wednesday (Day) crew (Paul Abare and Crew Chief Danny Harden) worked to rebuild a retired Museum display case to fit Mike's screen. The entire set-up was placed next to the waist entrance to the aircraft. Now all our visitors get a two and half minute history of Phase I of our restoration. Hats off to everyone who helped on this project!



The new exhibit DVD case playing the slide show depicting the first two years of the "City of Savannah" project. The image on the screen is the official project patch.

Another new group been formed by our resident Senior Citizen athlete, Milt Stombler. Milt has taken on the job of bringing the skin of the "City" to a shine that the original aircraft displayed when it arrived in Savannah in November of 1944. He and his crew have been working on the tail of the aircraft in preparation for the arrival of the rudder from the LMI Corporation paint shop next week.



Milt "The Stilt" Stombler hard at work on Wednesday.

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