

Update # 56 -“City of Savannah”

B-17 Restoration

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It has been a slow week with the B-17 restoration. Our crews have been steadily preparing for two dedications to take place in the Combat Gallery this coming week. One of those events is being held on Wednesday, June 16th acknowledging LMI Aerospace, Inc. for their ongoing commitment to help us restore the “*City of Savannah*”.

Last week, our project crew was treated to a visit by a 91 year old Mighty Eighth ground crewman, Mr. Ernest Smith. He was granted his wish to be in the presence of a B-17 bomber. He cared for many of them in his role as a propeller specialist in wartime England. When he caught sight of the “*City of Savannah*” and raised his hand to touch the propeller, you could see his emotions and memories flood back. Moments such as these inspire our volunteers to press on to complete the restoration of their historic aircraft while veterans of the Mighty Eighth’s achievements are still with us. *[photo to follow]*

Development is underway for the *Flying Fortress 5K*, the Museum’s inaugural run to benefit the restoration of our B-17. Presently, we are focused on seeking local sponsorship and coordinating race day logistics. If you are interested in helping out with the organization of this November 6th event, please contact Jane Harper at jharper@mightyeighth.org

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