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Celebrate Freedom Foundation Newsletter

SPONSOR HIGHLIGHT



**SOUTH CAROLINA
AERONAUTICS COMMISSION**

The mission of South Carolina Aeronautics Commission is the fostering of air and economic development by overseeing the safety and development of the state's public use airports, by providing safe and reliable air transportation for state government and business prospects; and by providing **aviation education opportunities**.

The South Carolina Aeronautics Commission provides free detailed aeronautical information on airports, heliports, seaplane bases, ultra-light parks and glider ports in the state of South Carolina. Airport aeronautical details include airport location, runway information, communication frequencies, FBO information, diagrams, GIS data, and a wealth of other information for pilots and the general public

The South Carolina Aeronautics Commission Flight Department utilizes a Hawker Beechcraft King Air 350 and a Hawker Beechcraft King Air C90. The King Air 350 and C90 are known for their comfort, speed, reliability, and safety. They are equipped with the latest avionics, including GPS navigation, weather radar, pressurized cabin, and air conditioning. Aeronautics can provide air transportation to most locations in the Palmetto State or across the nation. One or two days travel can be accomplished in one or two hours of flight. Today's executives agree that time is their most valuable resource and air transportation saves time and maximizes productivity.

CFF is proud to have South Carolina Aeronautics Commission as a sponsor and contributor to our STEM Education Outreach Program, which travels to middle and high schools across the state. Over 10,00 students participate in the program annually, which promotes careers in aerospace while contributing to a sustainable STEM literate workforce.

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Chairman's Corner

This has been a very interesting time for CFF these past several weeks. As you all know, a key part of our organizations mission is to support the military especially the US Army recruitment effort. The challenge today is that the Army is changing marketing organizations and this has stymied our STEM program because of the transition of responsibilities from McCann to the Omnicon organization. As you would expect, with a major change like this, much can be lost in the transition . And that has happened.

CFF has not received guidance so contracting for school visits has halted and several schools , particularly in the upstate, had to be cancelled creating a potential loss of recruiting contacts and leads. This loss of school visits further exacerbates the already existing shortfall of 6500 recruits from the last fiscal year. It would appear that this shortfall will more than double during this fiscal year. A very short time is left before schools begin testing periods and preparation for graduation. The only time left to effectively gain contacts and possible leads is less than 3 months. CFF is proud of the fact that our past efforts have resulted in the two recruiting battalions we supported in the last fiscal year reached their assigned recruiting goals.

We are preparing for another workforce development class if our grant request is approved. We should have a go-no go decision within the next 30. days. Our team has been working hard to continue to improve our headquarters and working to get "Maggie and Kathy (the CFF U1H)" operational. Our volunteers are doing magnificent work to get both aircraft air worthy. Our Executive Director, Stephen Seymour has been instrumental in gathering parts for our restorations. We hope to be airborne soon.

Special News/Events

News

The CFF website continues to undergo a redesign and upgrade. This will be going on over the next few months so check it out to watch the progress (goCFF.org). This is all possible due to a local BNI business willing to help us out—**Splash Omnimedia**. We are excited to have them on board.

Special Events

One of our biggest projects we have coming up is on April 6, 2019. We will be hosting an event to welcome at our facility approximately 50 children with the Children's Cancer Partners . These children are either currently in treatment or are survivors. We are planning to make this a very memorable and a special event for them. With that, we are looking for volunteers and donors for this event. If you are willing to donate funds, your time or services, please contact me at 803-822-8812 (office) or 719-640-0032 (my cell phone). I will need to know by March 22, 2019. We are planning to welcome them at 10:30 am and hope to have children here for about 4 hours, depending on their schedule and medical needs.

Thank you, Missy Robbins (CFF Business Manager)

BEAUFORT Air Show

CFF will be supporting the April 26-28 Marine Corps Air Show at the Beaufort MCAS. This will be a major event featuring the Navy Blue Angels. Over 100,00 fans are expected to attend. CFF will have it's STEM Education Program set up along with our Navy T-34B airplane and approximately 8—10 historic military vehicles. PPG Aerospace is our official Air Show sponsor. Adjust your schedule to attend this exciting event.

Unit History Highlight

RANGERS

The **United States Army Rangers** are designated U.S. Army Ranger units, past or present, or are graduates of the U.S. Army Ranger School. The term *Ranger* has been in use unofficially in a military context since the early 17th century. The first military company officially commissioned as rangers were English soldiers fighting in King Philip's War (1676) and from there the term came into common official use in the French and Indian Wars. There have been American military companies officially called *Rangers* since the American Revolution.

The 75th Ranger Regiment is an elite airborne light infantry combat formation within the United States Army Special Operations Command (USASOC). The six battalions of the modern Rangers have been deployed in wars in Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan, and Iraq, and saw action in several conflicts, such as those in Panama and Grenada. The Ranger Regiment traces its lineage to three of six battalions raised in World War II, and to the 5307th Composite Unit (Provisional)—known as "Merrill's Marauders", and then reflagged as the 475th Infantry, then later as the 75th Infantry.

Motto

On 6 June 1944, during the assault landing on Dog White sector of Omaha Beach as part of the invasion of Normandy, then-Brigadier General Norman Cota (assistant CO of the 29th ID) approached Major Max Schneider, CO of the 5th Ranger Battalion and asked "What outfit is this?", Schneider answered "5th Rangers, Sir!" To this, Cota replied "Well, goddamnit, if you're Rangers, lead the way!" From this, the Ranger motto—"Rangers lead the way!"—was born.



Presidents Press

Business outlook is Good....

Early in the 2019 calendar year the Foundation's unique **STEM Education Outreach Program** has been projected to reach its annual twenty-five maximum school visits. Requests received from schools across SC, NC, and GA for a CFF STEM visit continue to grow. An emerging trend which we have experienced over the last year is that both are performing, STEM focused middle and high schools, and the rural largely Title 1 schools are both competing for our visits. The subject matter experts and presenters on our STEM team have adjusted their presentations to inspire and inform both students and teachers across the entire community of participating grade levels and school programs. A Foundation emphasis continues to be placed on involvement of the special needs students at each of our school visits.

We are gearing up to teach another **Workforce Development Training Program** for twelve paid interns during this summer. Based on the request and recommendation of our sponsors we are expanding the Plan of Instruction (POI) to include Aircraft Assembler skills training along with an expanded Logistics and Warehouse Inventory Management curriculum using the WASP Inventory system. Richland County (SC) School District One is our Workforce Development Program partner who has actively worked to identify and place qualified students in the program and to match their outstanding skills with the POI. At the urging of Richland One School District we will be expanding participation of other school districts in this summer's program. Last years program was a major success with ninety percent of our graduating interns being placed in full-time jobs, acceptance into the military, or continuing their education in college. We are so proud of them.....

Our Foundation's third LOB is the **National JROTC Award for Excellence in Academics**. Currently over eight-hundred schools located in all fifty states participate in this CFF program. Cadets at each school compete for our prestigious award. We are seeking a national sponsor to brand this program which has the capacity to support fifteen-hundred schools.

The Foundation's education programs are made possible through the continued support from our sponsors. We encourage you to support them in every way possible. We also recognize our devoted and skilled **volunteers, staff, and CFF members** who manage and so freely donate their time and resource's to support the Foundation's mission and to inspire and train our nations youth.



JROTC



STEM Team Report

Celebrate Freedom Foundation's exciting STEM Outreach Program visits dozens of schools across the Southeastern US every year with more than 10,000 students participating annually.

CFF's STEM Outreach Program, emphasizes the necessity of STEM Subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) in middle schools and high schools. It connects the classroom with real world jobs and career fields. The program's mission is to help build a workforce that can compete globally for jobs in the future, and to ensure America's technological advantage in a global environment. STEM subjects provide skills and competencies greatly needed here in the Southeast, across the nation and globally.

How can you help the CFF STEM Outreach Program? We are always looking for volunteers to assist in these visits and if you have a school that you want us to visit, let us know. You can reach out to **Lori Wicker** our Director of STEM Education by email stemed@cff-soar.org or a phone call at (803) 882-8812



STEM Education Outreach Program visit with "Annie"

2019 SCHEDULE

March

14 Mar N. Davidson HS - Lexington NC

19 Mar Conway HS - Conway SC

April

5 Apr River Bluff HS - Lexington, SC

10 Apr Chester HS - Great Falls, SC

24 Apr Northwestern HS - Rock Hill, SC

Special STEM Events

12 Apr Festival D'Avion Moore County Airport

26 Apr Beaufort Marine Corps Airbase Airshow

EXCUTIVE DIRECTORS NOTES

CFF is restarting the weekend drills for all of our volunteers. This will give an opportunity for our volunteers who have jobs during the week to participate in activities on these days. The following dates are scheduled:

March 16th

April 6th

May 18th

June 15th

We look forwards to seeing you at the hanger.

Equipment Maintenance

The Foundations STEM helicopter trailer maintenance workup has been completed. “**Annie**” has been replaced by “**Lena**”, and the trailer has been completely repainted, all new wiring and lights installed, and the air suspension completely replaced. We added the brandings of CFF and of our sponsors. This trailer travels around the southeastern U.S. with the STEM Outreach Program for school visits, sometimes parades and airshows.

A special thanks to all of the volunteers how helped with this project. We want to highlight the following for there special skills;

Tom Robbins as the project manager. Tom made this entire project possible with his design concept (from the beginning to the end), sanding the entire trailer by hand for the new paint job, assisting in the rewire and lights installation, and applying the brandings at the end.

Robert Booth and Steve McAllister for their welding and special fabricating skills.

Jack Lovelady for the diligent and time consuming paint job.

Steve Seymour for his electrical knowledge allowing us to completely rewire the entire trailer, to add new and some additional lights.



Before



After



To Contact the Celebrate Freedom Foundation:

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honoring the Military - Past,
Present and**



Celebrate Freedom would like to give a special thanks to all of the volunteers that have given their time and effort to the renovation of the CFF National Headquarters and to our Board of Directors for their continued pursuit of progress. Without the countless hours of help, CFF wouldn't be where we are today.

Thank you!



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Any questions or concerns about the newsletter, please contact Tom Robbins at the phone number above or by email - webmaster@cff-soar.org

Donation or Membership Mail In Slip

If you would like to make a donation or become a member of CFF you can fill in your information below, cut it out and mail it to CFF at the address listed above.

Mail in donation and or membership slip

Please Print

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____ Prior Service?: _____ Branch _____

Spouse Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Phone #: _____ Anniversary Date: _____

Student: \$25.00 x _____ General: \$50.00 x _____ Lifetime: \$200.00 x _____ Sponsor: \$ _____

Special Thanks to Our Sponsors

The Celebrate Freedom Foundation would like to thank all of our sponsors who have given donations in order to ensure the education of STEM and to honor our military - past, present and future.

