

AVMM MARCH 2007 "HAPPENINGS"

- Story Board for our Anchorage Museum display on Aleutian Scouts and Aleutian Tigers is being developed by Mike Haller, Diane Fearon, George Darrow., and Suellyn Novak. We hope to open 11 Nov and Mike'll work on another showing of the Aleutian documentary "Red, White, Black and Blue."
- Suellyn was contacted by General Christensen and will be briefing the Alaska Museum Fund Inc. board on 5 Apr.
- We received all our DVDs with our label on them from the Computer Lab at King Career Center and Suellyn will start sending them out to VFW, American Legion, Purple Heart, AMVETS, DAV posts etc. Suellyn delivered a DVD and membership info to the AK Aviation heritage Museum as per instructions from the Director of Marketing. They want to partner with us and will give us "billing" also on the Memorial Day opening of their "Federal Hanger" which showcases military aviation. They need hands and hours to devote to making this a reality and it gets our name out before the public again. This would allow us to get public recognition twice in a year via the museums.
- Suellyn briefed the Ft Rich Retiree Council 21 Mar (the Ft Rich Retiree Activities Officer, Sharon Harris'll, take our literature to Fairbanks 5 May, as Suellyn already has 2 events that day), and the Military Order of the Purple Heart on 12 Mar. The latter invited me to address the state convention 28 Apr and I agreed. The AMVETS asked me to brief at their 14 June Flag Day ceremony, I agreed.
- The oral history team went on the road and interviewed the last 2 Alaska Scouts in Alaska oral history , Billy Buck for 2 hours and Ed Walker for 3 hours. Diane Fearon interviewed Fritz Nagel (WW II Battle of the Bulge) on 22 Mar. We have 5 other packets out, and a few more leads. We also have 9 to do in Soldotna and Kenai.
- The items donated by Jim Muckridge, Ed Walker and Leo Hannan have been catalogued.
- The Foraker Group is in contact with Suellyn re AVMM becoming a partner and starting on our strat plan. Suellyn has asked for a firm figure (\$25,000) so we can do paperwork for the legislature. Once we have the strat plan and business case analysis we can start applying for AK Humanities Forum and Rasmusson, Kellogg Grants etc.
- The Civil War Round Table met a third time and is growing.
- Alaska Gun Collectors Assoc. gave us \$500. For 2008, we can also apply for a Friends of the NRA Grant (up to \$1500) as we are educating youth. Suellyn's working with the committee members to draft a proposal.

- The AVMM PowerPoint slides have been updated and the membership cards are up-to-date.
- Bob Walsh and Jerry Beale have received about 40 calls re AVMM getting vets the medals they are due and we need a committee to work these, we already have one volunteer for it.
- AVMM needs to sponsor a table at the ER/Chugiak Chamber of Commerce Luncheon. The cost is \$150 and allows us to show the DVD, talk about the museum and solicit members at two monthly meetings. It includes lunch for the speaker.
- AVMM has a golden opportunity to get recognition with the state's high rollers, and international recognition for our efforts, by sponsoring the hors d'oeuvres at the Women's Club State Convention in Wasilla the Thurs eve of Memorial Day weekend. Suellyn joined the Anchorage Women's Club to get the chance to talk with the wives of the state's high rollers. Cost is projected to be about \$500.