

AVMM HAPPENINGS
APR 2007

- Lee and Suellyn met with Maj Gen Campbell to brief our efforts. He is extremely supportive and wants AVMM to partner with (he'll broker the meeting) the AK National Guard museum effort. Once that happens, then he'll go to Gov Palin to secure the transportation building at Kulis for us. It has a central area with 5 wings off it. This is the building mentioned to Suellyn when she briefed the board of the AK Museum Fund Inc. (the funding arm of the AK National Guard museum effort), headed by Brig Gen Christenson.
- Our Board voted to explore partnering and that was transmitted to Maj Gen Campbell. We are awaiting an answer.
- The oral history of Dr Gene Rutledge who worked on the Manhattan Project and the reactors on the Skipjack submarines and taught US Navy nuclear officers for ADM Rickover had to be rescheduled as he was ill.
- The oral history of Glen Glenzer, US Navy aviator in 3 wars, was done as was one on Dan Cuddy, WW II Army.
- George, Jim Anderson and Suellyn went on 24 Apr to the Aviation Heritage Museum to help work on the Federal Hanger (where some of our artifacts may be displayed soon). More help is needed so we can get equal billing on the display. Contact Suellyn for details, 696-4904.
- The Military Order of the Purple Heart State Convention was briefed and the local chapter donated \$300 to AVMM. Many contacts were made and the attendees took flyers and membership cards to share with their other veterans groups. A thank you note was sent for the donation.
- The AK Gun Collectors Association donated \$500 after their briefing and viewing the DVD. A thank you note was sent.
- 95 free copies of the upgraded DVD were made for us by the computer lab at King Career Center. A thank you note was sent.
- Beth Leffingwell donated the 3-volume set on the history of the military in Alaska and a thank you note was sent. These books will be used as background and reference with our AK Aviation Heritage Museum and Anchorage Museum displays.
- Suellyn will brief the Chugiak/Eagle River Chamber on 6 & 20 June.