

**AVMM “HAPPENINGS”
MAY/JUN 2007**

- May has been a month of waiting for earlier efforts to gel. No word from Maj Gen Campbell re partnering with National Guard Museum effort.
- 1 May George and Suellyn interviewed Dan Cuddy on his and his brother's WW II service
- Sat 5 May the AVMM was represented at the Aviation Trade Show and the follow-on party at the Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum, with which we hope to partner on a display in their “Federal” aviation hanger.
- AVMM notified the legislature approved and sent to the governor a \$25K grant for museum “feasibility and business case” studies.
- 10 May the oral history team interviewed Paul Iverson, a veteran of 3 wars
- 16 May George interviewed Don Neil a Cold War warrior on the atomic cannon
- A problem has arisen with getting our display photos back from Maj (Ret.) Mike Haller who was using them to create a story board for the committee to take to the Anchorage Museum so our display on the Alaska Scouts and the Aleutian Tigers can open for 11 Nov 2007. Mike has “gone to ground” and will not return calls nor e-mails. Suellyn is responsible for the original photos on loan from Jim Rearden. Mike leaves 12 June for a year in Afghanistan. A mutual friend has talked with Mike and assures the materials will be returned with enhanced photos, on disc and the story board completed before Mike leaves. Walter at the Anchorage Museum has warned this delay (Suellyn wanted this done in April or NLT 1 May) may cost us our opening.
- 30 May the oral history team interviewed Dr. Gene Rutledge who worked on both the Manhattan Project and on the Skipjack submarine project and taught ADM Rickover's nuclear navy officers.
- AVMM was represented and contacts made 30 May at the Capt Cook's debut of the Alden Todd drink. For every special Manhattan Alden Todd drink purchased this Summer, \$1 will be donated to the committee arranging the Welcome Home party at Ft Richardson.
- 2 June Suellyn briefed the Vietnam Veterans in Wasilla (contact made at Aviation Trade Show). Received many more contacts within other patriotic groups.