

AVMM HAPPENINGS AUG 2008

- Successful Joint Military Museum meeting on 31 Jul. CPO Randy Miller, USCG, Ret. and his wife attended as did Forest Brooks, Lee Jordan and Suellyn. Passed out a one-page mission and objectives sheet done by Forest, a short version of newsletter so know of our 28 Sep opening, our strat plan, and constitution & bylaws and received the latter 2 documents from the AK Museum Fund Inc of the National Guard.
- Manned table at the AK Gun Collectors Association Summer Gun Show 2 & 3 Aug at the Sullivan. Had one person sign for an oral history and talk to us about loaning Vietnam era artifacts and one new member from Soldotna who also gave us a lead into a national organization “Veterans of Underage Military Service.” Organization was contacted ad there are 12 members in AK. Will call the POC in Sep and see who wants to do oral histories.
- Gave 5 more oral history tapes to Dan Sparkman to make into VHS tapes.
- Presented to Anchorage Chamber on Mon 4 Aug and gave them flyers on our opening, Forest’s short page. Also placed same in the Chamber’s downtown offices.
- Contacted Imig (who does our dual channel tapes for the oral history transcriptionist) and due to our volume (65 tapes) will give us a discount rate vs. \$20 a tape. Don’t have final number yet.
- Contacted Jeri Taylor who does our oral history transcription and she too will offer a reduced rate. She projected \$8K for 60 tapes and we only received \$5K.
- Working on AK Humanities Forum grant for balance of transcription costs.
- Collected 2 more oral histories 6 Aug. Jan Wilson, a WW II WAVE and Jeane Pearce a Korean War veteran.
- Represented AVMM at Association of the US Army luncheon Mon 11 Aug. Leave for PA evening of 11 Aug and return mid afternoon Fri 12 Sep. Will be checking e-mails every 2-3 days.