

AVMM 'HAPPENINGS'
SEPTEMBER 2008

- The Freedom Walk was a success and Forest has more information for us on it.
- "Final Reunion of Castner's Cutthroats" Sunday 28 Sep is nearing. 51 invitations were mailed in late Aug. All three living Scouts and the family of Buck Delkettie will be in attendance. The AK Veterans Service Medal will be awarded to each of the Scouts and posthumously to Buck's son Gerald. Food for 200 is being arranged and we'll negotiate on Marx Brothers' increase of \$145.88. The display will be going up all next week. The oral history clips have been placed into the Anchorage Museum's format to be a continuous loop. The diorama is absolutely phenomenal. Script for MC is being polished. Mr. Walker is arranging his transport from Palmer. Panel will be Col (Ret.) Earl Acuff, Sgt Ed Walker, T/5 Billy Buck and Dr. Jim Reardon (author of *Castner's Cutthroats*).
- The press, as of 19 Sep, will include *The Alaska Star*, *the Post/Base Papers*, *Alaska Newspapers* and Channel 11. Still working on ADN and Channel 2. CW Floyd the MOA Director of Military & Veterans Affairs put out publicity and invited the active duty leadership. The VFW and American Legion Departments of Alaska, AMVETS and Military Order of the Purple Heart all were sent formal invitations.
- Will meet with the Anchorage Museum event coordinator Tues 23 Sep to finalize table arrangement etc. Dr. Jim Reardon
- No word yet (in spite of 2 letters and a call) on Sen. Murkowski as keynote speaker for 15 Nov annual meeting. The Russian American Colony Singers will **not** be available. Kandy is working on auction items and has several already. FNB has not yet responded to our request to sponsor a table at the meeting.
- The opening of the Aleutian Tiger display at the AK Aviation Heritage museum is tentatively set for 16 Oct and this was confirmed with the director and curator.
- The Museum Conference is a real delight and many ideas were gathered. Thank you for sending Diane and Suellyn.