

**AVM “HAPPENINGS”
MAY 2009**

- In lieu of gas money and gratuity for Col Novak’s Living Histories in schools program, donations will be made to AVM. Have received \$100 from Eagle Academy; \$50 from Gruening Middle School and \$500 from the Mirror Lake Middle School Honor Society. Received \$20 donation from Ron Siebels also.
- Represented AVM at 2 May FEDEX Aviation Trade Show and talked with potential members and at Eagle River Women in Business Women’s Show with Forrest Powell and Donna Dunham Hightower on 9 May. Also attended Association of the US Army meetings 13 & 21 May. Represented AVM at Alaska’s Fallen Heroes program at the PAC on 23 May.
- Prepared membership letters and cards for five new members.
- The 13th meeting of the Susitna Civil War Round Table was held 9 May and the subject was *Ironclads*.
- George collected 4 hours of oral history from Col George Oliver, USA, Ret. and Suellyn collected Frank Nyman, Michael Johnson, Pam and Jerry Beale.
- Represented AVM at Veterans Town Hall Meeting 14 May and briefed attendees on the Museum’s efforts.
- Met with the Rasmuson Foundation on 20 May. We qualify (paperwork needed) for a managerial assistance grant to work with Foraker Group on a business case analysis and two other folks on museum studies and board training – grant of up to \$5000. Also we can apply for grant to send board members to museum conferences – up to \$3000.
- Presented wreath at Memorial Day services at Fort Richardson National Cemetery on 25 May 2009.
- Picked up 50 navy blue AVM embroidered ball caps and 50 navy blue T-shirts.
- Have about 68 folks on our oral history lists. Called Alaska Humanities Forum to make appointment to go in and talk about grants (deadline 1 Oct 09), but no return call. Am working on paperwork.
- George provided contacts at UAA Grants and for computer lab re a virtual museum to put on web to increase membership and donations. Also am researching POC for UAA History department re oral history tape duplication.