

AVM "HAPPENINGS"

December 2009

- Met with Norm Legasse and Steve Pearson of Aviation Museum re moving portions of *Castner's Cutthroats: Forgotten Warriors* from Anchorage Museum to Aviation Museum in Jan 2010. Approved.
- Got approval for the *USS Grunion* display at the Aviation Museum.
- Scheduled our 25 Jan 2010 meeting for 7 PM at the Aviation Museum.
- Also the Aviation Museum will again extend a discounted \$25 membership rate (down from \$45) to AVM members.
- Contacted WAR's son who will do the needed research himself re submarines in the Aleutian Campaign.
- Awaiting a call back from Pat Wolf, former director of the Anchorage Museum re reaching out to the monied of Anchorage. Will also engage Mary Louise Rasmuson on same.
- Got the name of Millie Tapscott (she helped build the ALCAN Highway) as someone who can help us also.
- Called by Joyce Kvernplassen re donation of her relative's (Al Brattain of the Alaska Scouts) uniform and potentially other items.
- Sent IRS donation letter of thank you to Best Buy for their donation of two JVC video cameras.
- Purchased 6 VHS/DVD players for \$49.99 each.
- Bought 14 SDHC video camera chips (Some at half price and balance at \$29.99 vs. \$49.99 each)
- Collected CSM Ira Rion's oral history of WW II, Korea and Vietnam service.
- Took annual meeting tapes and CSM Rion's to Dan and am awaiting a call they are ready.
- Have Thomas Oldham oral history scheduled for 1300 hrs 31 Dec at his home.
- With Board's approval will engage with Elly, our new transcriptionist, to do our 2009 oral histories (14 or maybe 15) at \$2/page vs. Metro Court Reporting at a little over \$3 a page.
- Thank you for an extremely successful year!!!
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year (may it be a phenomenal year also) to one and all!!!

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