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Dear Friend of the AMC Museum

I'm asking for money again! There, got that out of the way--but just **why** should you donate?

Summer's here and it's time to play – and learn! The **Air Mobility Command Museum's** mission is *to be an aviation and aerospace, educational, scientific, cultural, historical and inspirational facility and to broaden our outreach to the general public and the Air Force community.*



Once again, we've received *Trip Advisor's* **Certificate of Excellence** (*fifth* time in a row!) We're currently #1 on the list of *35 Things to Do in Dover*. Their comparisons typically list museums, casinos, restaurants, racetracks, breweries – well, you get the idea. This **MUST** be the place for you and your family to be!

Since 1997, when the Air Mobility Command Museum became the official *Command Museum*, we have become the 3rd largest museum in the Air Force Heritage System. And we're still working hard to keep it the **BEST** in the system.



So what better place to start your summer off than at the **AMC Museum**. After all, it IS Delaware's **NUMBER ONE FREE CULTURAL ATTRACTION** (Delaware State Tourism Office)!

Over the past year, here are some of the accomplishments that **YOU** have helped support:

- A Store Trailer has been purchased/refurbished to allow our “portable Store” to be on the ramp for high-volume days; includes wireless communication with store computers, printers, POS system
 - Designed/competed Air Transport Command exhibit and Explosive Ordnance Disposal exhibit
 - Made a “clean room” for our graphics printers for decals and signage for the Museum
 - Our newly acquired L-2 Grasshopper is being restored--fabric repairs are close to being done
 - A Link Trainer has been refurbished and installed behind the C-47
 - A 1960's era Dover AFB switchboard was refurbished and installed in the hangar
 - Several aircraft and exhibits have been enhanced with upgraded LED lighting
- The Secret Rocket Test Center exhibit is being relocated and will be redesigned
 - Several upgrades have been done on our C-47, specific to its D-Day mission

One of our most exciting upcoming projects is a **C-119B Flying Boxcar**, located at Edwards AFB, California. Very different from our F/G-model, this historic plane is the last of the eight that the 314th Troop Carrier Wing used to airdrop sections. Those sections were then used to replace a destroyed allowing the UN forces to leave the Chosin Reservoir in We hope to have it here by year's end.



surviving aircraft portable bridge, thus December 1950.

BUT, the Air Mobility Command Museum staff and volunteers can only keep all of that happening with **YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!** You're certainly aware that activities like these require significant funding, and you know

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that we continue to be very prudent with your dollars. **ALL** of the Foundation funding comes from donations, our store and fundraising.



Thanks to some very industrious Foundation Board Members (especially Phil White and Ed Perkowski, Bob Mench, Carol Pearson and Mike Phillips), this year's **12th Annual Golf Tournament** set a record for the number of Golf Sponsorships. Once again, Phil and his committee put a lot of work into making the annual golf event a great happening--and with nearly eighty sponsors this year that hard work paid off in a big way! You should visit our website or look in the next Hangar Digest and notice the sponsors--and when you see them or use their services, recognize them with a hearty "thank you" for their great support of the AMC Museum.

By now, you've seen our **Bench Program** advertised on-line and in the Hangar Digest. During the first installment of that fundraiser, we've broken even--the benches are paid for. When we start our second chapter this fall, all of **those** donations should be profit--although by popular request, we might order benches for the C-47 and the B-17. It looks like it should be a profitable program.



So you can see, we're working hard, yet, over the past few years, thanks to your continuing generosity, **this** Annual Campaign is the one that produces our highest yield. Our 2015 Annual Campaign brought in over \$12,500 from 123 members! Over one hundred members gave at least \$50 (thus making them eligible for our giclée- or flight-giveaway). Fifty eight of those members gave at least \$100, including eleven who donated \$250--*or more*.

It is my hope, on behalf of the AMC Museum Foundation, that you will consider making a donation this year. Your gift, no matter how large or small, continues to be an important contribution and will go a long way to help us continue to achieve our goals of preserving America's airlift and tanker history. It is tax-deductible within IRS Regulations. The AMC Museum Foundation is a 501(c)3 Corporation, EIN 51-0355891.

Please note that donations to this annual fundraising campaign are separate from your annual membership dues.

We're happy to be able to offer our \$50 donors a chance to win a sightseeing flight on a 1941 PT-17 Stearman OR a giclée of your choice from our Museum's Aviation Art series. On your donation coupon, please select either *Sightseeing Flight* or *Aviation Art Print*, and be sure to include your email address or phone number in the space provided so we can get in touch when you win!

We'll **ALSO** send our \$100 (or more) donors our brand new **2016 AMC Museum 30th Anniversary Ramp Photograph** as a special thank you!

Finally, my fellow AMC Museum Foundation board members, museum staff, and our terrific volunteer force join me in saying **Thank You** for being a **Friend of the AMC Museum**. We hope to see you soon.

Blue skies and tailwinds,



Elaine Harmon, WASP

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