Dear Friend of the AMC Museum:

The AMC Museum Foundation Inc. operates as a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization. Our charge is to support the Air Mobility Command Museum at Dover Air Force Base, Del. in its mission as an aviation and aerospace, education, scientific, cultural, historical, and inspirational facility for the general public and the Air Force community.

On behalf of the Foundation, the Museum staff, and all our volunteers, I am writing to ask you to join our Annual Fundraising Campaign to help raise money in support of our continuing objective of being a world-class educational and historical facility.

We have two major ongoing restoration projects – the C-119B *Flying Boxcar* and the KB-50J *Superfortress* – projects that are underway thanks to donations through prior fundraising campaigns.

Our “new” C-119 is a Korean War hero, the only surviving plane to have dropped the portable bridge sections directly responsible for troops surviving the 1950 Chosin Reservoir Campaign. It was transferred to the AMCM after spending many years abandoned in the California desert.

Our volunteers continue to work on the C-119B, including installing restored panels. They’re also working to locate and obtain replacement instruments in the cockpit. During 2019, we had a special visitor, Korean War veteran Art Tatoian, a Marine who, in 1950 was one of the many “Chosin Frozen” who was able to return home, thanks, in part, to our aircraft.

Adapted as a refueler from the B-50 bomber, which in turn evolved from the B-29 of World War II, the KB-50J filled a huge void in air refueling capabilities during the early part of the Cold War.

At MacDill AFB, the KB-50’s past home, it was displayed so close to the Gulf of Mexico that the salty and humid air caused severe corrosion throughout the aircraft. It’s presenting a special challenge to our restoration team: not a group to be intimidated, they’re tackling it head-on, and according to Museum Deputy Director Eric Czerwinski, the project is about 50 percent complete. Work on the left side is almost finished, including fitting new sheet metal, and we’re expecting work on the right side to begin soon.
We expect restoration of both planes to be complete in 2020, including new paint.

It’s preserving aircraft with such special histories that make it so satisfying to be Museum staff, Museum volunteers, and Foundation members. But we can’t do that without your continued support.

Again, this past summer, we held our annual “Summer Fundraiser,” the successor to our Golf fundraiser. The benefits to our donors remain the same as for the Golf fundraisers. Donors’ logos/signs are on our website, in the Hangar Digest, and area newspapers, including the Delaware State News and the Dover Post.

We’re still working hard, along with that staff and those volunteers, to keep our Museum THE “must-see” attraction for the state of Delaware.

Museum surveys still tell us the vast majority of our visitors hear about the Museum from their families and friends. The internet and road signs are the second and third most popular ways to get the word out. That’s great for our advertising budget, but as we’ve always maintained, our best advertisement -- every day -- is our band of VOLUNTEERS!

Each of these volunteers plays an important role in the success of our Air Mobility Command Museum. They’re retired and active, military and civilian, mechanics, electricians, construction workers, and school teachers. Our volunteers are here to have fun doing what they love to do and sharing that joy with our lucky visitors! Then those same visitors leave and share that enthusiasm with their families, friends, and neighbors. And before you know it, we’re setting another record for visitor numbers and grabbing yet another TripAdvisor “Certificate of Excellence”!

As in the past, your tax-deductible gift will be used by the Foundation to restore and maintain our aircraft, care for our artifact collection, construct new exhibits, develop more educational programs and support our volunteers. Please help us broaden our outreach to the general public and the Air Force community.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Please come out and enjoy us again.

Fly safe! Blue skies and tailwinds,

Don Sloan, Colonel, USAF Reserve (Ret.)
President, The AMC Museum Foundation

As in the past, we are pleased to offer our $50-plus donors a chance to win one of THREE prizes. But instead of only giving ONE away, we’ll be drawing a name for EACH prize. They are a sightseeing flight in a 1941 PT-17 Stearman, a Schweizer 2-33 glider flight, or a giclée of your choice from our AMC Museum’s Aviation Art series. Just indicate your choice on the return slip.

Additionally, our $100-plus donors also will receive the 2019 “ramp shot” of the AMC Museum, which includes our two new planes, the KB-50J, and the C-119B.