

AIR MOBILITY COMMAND MUSEUM FOUNDATION
2020 SUMMER FUNDRAISER
MUSEUM PROJECT UPDATE

There are two major restoration projects in progress – the C-119B Flying Boxcar and the KB50J 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 AMC Museum after spending many years abandoned in the California desert.

Our volunteers are diligently working 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 Marine Corp veteran Art Tatoian, who in 1950 was one of the many “Chosin Frozen” who was able to return home, thanks, in part, to this 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.



It’s preserving aircraft with such special histories, creating new exhibits and providing educational opportunities that make it so satisfying to be Museum staff, Museum volunteers, and Foundation members. We’re still working hard, along with that staff and those volunteers, to keep our Museum as the “must-see” attraction for the state of Delaware.

We can’t do all this without your Sponsorship. Your tax-deductible gift will be used 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. Your support is critical to our success.