

CHAPTER NEWS

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MEL HARMON CHAPTER

The Mel Harmon Chapter (Colo.) recently hosted three school tours at the Pueblo Weisbrod Aircraft Museum in Pueblo, Colo., according to Chapter President Margaret E. Eichman.

In January, the chapter held two tours for students from Youth & Family Academy Charter in Pueblo and AIM Global Academy, an online school.

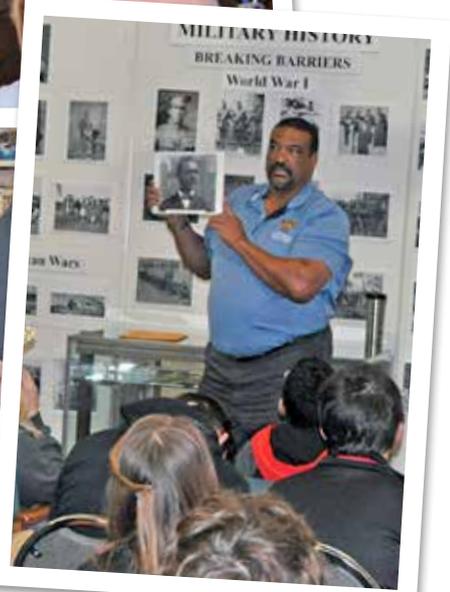
"We had three presentations featuring the Doolittle Raid, black military history, the STEM lab, and a tour of the aircraft museum," said Eichman in a chapter newsletter.

The following month, the chapter hosted students from Vineland Elementary School from the same town. On this tour, students were treated to additional presentations on the Vietnam War and Britain during World War II, she said. They also got to tour both of the museum's hangars.

Chapter VPs for Aerospace Education Ryan and Joni Mandarich set up the tour and coordinated with teachers and chaperones, said Eichman. "We've been sponsoring tours for years."

Many of the chapter members are also museum members, she said, and they acted as tour guides.

"We may be small but we are mighty," said Eichman. "Our funding of educational tours for the youth in our area is invaluable. All of this could not be accomplished without the dedication and work of our members."



Clockwise from top: Royal Air Force veteran Edna Simmons talks about life in England during World War II to students from Vineland Elementary School, Pueblo, Colo. Vietnam veteran Ray Brown presents on black military history. Students from AIM Global Academy look at the nozzle of a rocket booster motor during a tour of the museum led by Vietnam veteran Henry Eichman.

■ DAN CALLAHAN, 1923-2016

AFA National Director Emeritus Dr. Dan Callahan of Centerville, Ga., passed away Dec. 3, 2016. He was 93 years old.

Callahan was born in Georgia and graduated from Emory University in Atlanta and the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta. He practiced family medicine for more than 50 years.

Callahan served as a medic in the Army during World War II. He volunteered as a physician during the Vietnam War and received citations for his efforts from the State Department, South Vietnam, and the American Medical Association.

Callahan served as AFA Southeast Region vice president, a former chapter president, and a national committee member. He was elected a national director in 1972.

■ RICHMOND CHAPTER

Richmond Chapter President Harper Alford recently represented AFA at two events. He attended a Veterans Day service at the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond and a Pearl Harbor/WW II veterans memorial service at University of Richmond.

More than 60 veterans shared their WWII experiences during the latter ceremony, Alford said. "It was a very

moving occasion that I will not forget." Both events praised the services and sacrifices of US veterans.

■ NORTHEAST TEXAS CHAPTER

City officials of Greenville, Texas, named Northeast Texas Chapter VP for Community Partners J. Terry Thomas the "2016 Worthy Citizen of Greenville" in January. The news reached Chapter President Vance Clarke who praised his achievements and said Thomas has given "longstanding support to AFA" from the chapter level to the national level.

"He has been a stalwart and has made more happen than most will in a lifetime of work," said Clarke. ✪

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