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Editorial

As we reach the end of this year, various events tend to accumulate and monopolize all my available time and call for a lot of work: General Assembly, election of two of the Squadron Board of Administration and the counting of the votes, declaration to the authorities, P.X. annual stock check, spreading of the tasks for the on-coming year, CAF new name, new logo, modification of the FSS logo, and many more subjects...

If these activities are very pleasant, they are also time consuming. Therefore, I ask for your understanding if I am not so available as you might want me to be. Thank you everyone.

This Newsletter is almost entirely dedicated to the detailed report on our General Assembly. The points that we discussed were legion, and I hope that you will read it fully. I invite you to send me your comments and suggestions, especially if you did not attend this meeting. They will always be welcome, and will be studied in great depth by the members of the Board of Administration. The latter will implement them if they are useful to the goals of the CAF and the FSS.

The most significant fact of this General Assembly was the participation of three WWII veterans: Henri Bourrassier and Alphonse Thiry of the Groupe Bretagne, and Christiane Hébert, Resistant. It was a real pleasure for everyone to discuss with these heroes. Unfortunately, we missed our friends Louis-Jean Gioux and Lucien Goubard. I hope that we can soon organize a reunion and honor them as they deserve...

I would like to congratulate our friends of the Swiss Supporter Squadron who recently acquired a Stinson L5. I don't know about the financial details of this operation, but it surely was not easy, even though the Swiss Franc has a value much higher than our own Franc. The change of currency to the Euro may be a good thing in the long run? Let's hope so. In the mean time we must carry on working for the success of our own L Bird.

Happy Holidays to you all!

Bernard

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



FSS GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE FULL REPORT



COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE

WILL BE THE CAF NEW NAME
FROM JANUARY 01, 2002



• FSS ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY •

24 NOVEMBER 2001



Were present the following members: Henri Bourrassier and his friend Jeannine, Didier Cardinal, Giovanni Comis, Claude De Marco, Fumiko and Bernard Delfino, Yves Donjon, Stéphane Duchemin, Eric Ducreau, Claude Gascon, Cédric Malhaire and his friend Gaëlle, Jacques Pérageallo, Michel Perrin, Jean-Claude Petit, David Price, Hervé Quéfélléant, Alain Quesney, Claude Requi, John Roeder, Semaan Soueid, Alphonse Thiry, Christian

OPENING OF THE MEETING

Our President warmly thanked those of our members who had to travel a great distance to attend this General Assembly. They were the majority, and the total distance they had to travel was more than a Paris-Midland-Paris trip, that is to say 10,625 miles (17000 kilometres). A first in our Squadron's life!



Some of the participants: First row, cols. Michel Perrin, John Roeder, and Claude De Marco. Second row: Bernard Violette, Yves Donjon, Didier Cardinal, and Jeannine Bourrassier. Third row: Jacques Pérageallo, David Price, Claude Gascon, and Alphonse Thiry. Fourth row: Hervé Quefféléant, Christiane and Christian Hébert, Jean-Pierre Vésine, and Alain Quesney. Back row: Jean-Claude Petit, Cédric Malhaire, Gaëlle Lebras, Giovanni Comis, and Semaan Soueid (Photo: C.Tournemine)..

Tournemine, Bernard Violette.

Guests of Honor included: Christiane and Christian Hébert, Madame Yves Duval, and Monsieur Jean-Pierre Vésine.

Christiane Hébert is already well known by all our members. It was her, together with her father, who allowed colonel Sandy Sansing to escape the enemy, and sheltered him for three weeks, until the allied front moved forward and reached the area of Soissons.

Madame Yves Duval is the widow of mister Yves Duval, Director of the Yankee Delta company in Rennes. He died in an aircraft accident three years ago. The French Supporter Squadron invited her to show our gratitude and to congratulate her for continuing her husband's work. Yankee Delta was the first organization that invited our Squadron for its very first airshow. The souvenir of this generous help is engraved for ever in the memory of all the members of our Unit.

Mister Jean-Pierre Vésine is a Warbird lover, and he has shown a great interest in the goals and activities of the CAF and the French Supporter Squadron. Participating to this General Assembly was, for him, a unique occasion to discover these activities, and meet many of our members. We all hope that he will soon join the CAF and the French Supporter Squadron.

This figure would have been even higher if bad luck, bad weather, and technical problems had not stopped colonels Marcel and Liliane Ruppert, and colonel Bernard Pierraci, from joining us. We sincerely thank them for their unfruitful efforts.

As usual, our President started with a presentation of the Board of Administration members:

- Michel Cahiez, Honorary President (Excused).
- Bernard Delfino, President.
- Stéphane Duchemin, Executive Officer.
- Christian Frézard, Finance Officer (Excused).
- Eric Ducreau, Adjutant.

He carried on with the presentation of everyone present, and described the moral and financial situation of our Association.

MORAL SITUATION

The President told the assembly about the great satisfaction expressed by the leaders of the Confederate Air Force for the exemplary dedication of our Squadron to the goals and objectives of our Organization. This dedication was particularly well displayed during the two great achievements of this year: Project "Mission 441", and the grand opening of the French Aviation permanent display in the AAHM Museum in Midland.

The current activities of the FSS generally show a good participation, which results in an excellent work during airshows, a good collaboration in the production of articles for our Newsletter, an exceptional participation in the L Bird project, a good promotion of the CAF and the FSS in France and in Europe, and an excellent spirit amongst our Squadron members.

The points that will need to be improved, and will call for the participation of all our members during the oncoming year are:

- A great effort in the recruitment of new members, with the target of doubling up our membership in the next two years.



Honor to the veterans of the Groupe Bretagne! From left to right: Colonel Henri Bourrassier and his friend Jeannine, and Colonel Alphonse Thiry (Photo: C.Tournemine)..

- A better availability of our members during airshows, particularly during the setting up and the dismantling of our booth.

FINANCIAL SITUATION

On November 21, 2001, the total of our group's financial accounts was 184542,31 Francs (\$ 24,600.00) divided in three separate budgets:

- Current Account: 19518,23 F. (\$ 2600.00)
- Savings Account: 46219,10 F. (\$ 6160.00)
- L Bird Account: 118807,98 F. (\$ 15840.00)

The good health of our future L Bird account is due to the direct donations of numerous members and friends of the FSS, but also to the donation of aviation related objects which are sold by our P.X. The products of these sales are regularly added to this L Bird account under the name of the relevant donor, and these changes are immediately incorporated in the table which is printed every month on the last page of our Newsletter.

P.X.

The running of our P.X. is excellent but everyone must realize that it is not a real shop. The product of the P.X. sales is primarily there to ensure that we can participate to airshows and cover the costs involved (Renting of a van, fuel, highway fees, and, sometimes, participation fees asked by the organizers of these airshows). The profits left are added to our current account to help with the day to day running of the Squadron. Finally, as described above, the product of the sales of items donated to the P.X. by our members are added to our L Bird account.

The President closed this subject by thanking colonel Fumiko Delfino for her rigorous and faultless way of running this Squadron activity.

ACHIEVED AND CURRENT PROJECTS

Since the last General Assembly, the FSS has achieved several project of such a size that, a few months ago, one could rightly doubt if they could ever reach a full success. The dedication and the enormous amount of work produced by our members and friends, have allowed a success that we can all be proud of.

- The South-West group of colonels have managed a complete success of the project "Mission 441 - Lest We Forget". We thank our friends who have acquired

an experience that will be useful to other CAF and FSS projects.

- The grand opening of the permanent display "French Aviation" in the AAHM Museum in Midland was the other great achievement for the past year. The President thanked everyone who participated in this project, particularly mister Hervé Cherry who located and allowed us to purchase most of the historical and authentic items now displayed in the AAHM. Colonel Claude Requi rightly pointed out that these flight suits have now disappeared from the collectors' market, and, should they be available again, they would be so expensive that their price would be far too high for our modest budget.

- The French Veterans Heritage Book whose french version is practically finished - if not printed - still needs to be translated into English. Colonel Stéphane Duchemin is the master of this project and will soon ensure that he gets the help of members or friends who wish to participate to this translation. The President suggested that the latter should be finished as soon as possible so that this book can be donated to the Oral History Department of the AAHM during next year's Airsho. We thank everyone who will participate in this translation.

- The FSS Web Site was the victim of several problems and malfunctions. The effect on the public was, unfortunately, immediately negative. The great number of calls and messages recently received by the Squadron's Headquarters showed how disappointed were our members and amateurs who visit our site regularly. Colonel Christian Frézard, who is responsible for this activity, has promised to do whatever is necessary to return to a normal situation. He also needs to find a new host for our Web Site, as soon as possible, since the current one is very expensive and far from perfect.



Left to right: Colonels Christian Tournemine, Fumiko Delfino, and Bernard Delfino (Photo: C.Tournemine)..

- Our participation to next year's airshows has not been defined precisely since the 2002 calendar will not be revealed before February or March. All related information will be published in our Newsletter as soon as possible.

- Our Leader then told the assembly about a project that had been suggested to us during the La Ferté-Alais airshow, by a belgian citizen, monsieur Freddy Hebbelinck, who wished to get the FSS to look after the WWII part of a future belgian "Aviation Memorial", in Brussels or in the area of Liege. Despite numerous exchanges of letters and a meeting that took place during the month of August between the members of the Board



Madame Yves Duval, honored guest of the FSS, with, on her right, colonel Claude Requi, and, on her left, colonel Henri Bourrassier and his friend Jeannine (Photo: C.Tournemine).

of Administration and monsieur Hebbelneck, we were unable to obtain practical and serious details about this project. A last fax received last September even showed that this project was far too vague and was not supported by any serious financial plan to satisfy our trust and confidence. Today, the members of the Board of Administration consider that we should abandon this project which looked so promising. This decision is in total harmony with the feelings of two of the main leaders of the CAF, Bob Rice and Keith Lawrence, who were constantly advised of this project by our President, since the very beginning of this offer.

- The switching to the new european money was the subject of the next discussion. The small increase caused by this change in currency was not disapproved by anyone. The FSS annual dues will therefore be as follows, from January 01, 2002:

Colonels and Associate Members: € 50.00

Cadets: € 20.00

Friends of the FSS: € 40.00

- The FSS electrical power unit is in such a poor state that we need to replace it before the next airshow season. Colonel Didier Cardinal will find a replacement at the best possible price. A recent study has revealed that the cost of a similar unit is about 6 to 7000,00 Francs.

- The famous painter Roy Grinnell, author of the painting "Lloyd's Dream" and many others depicting the Flying Tigers, has recently expressed his wish to participate in the FSS life and it's L Bird project. He donated two prints of the painting he made of a B17 for Airsho 2001. The sale of these two posters have already made Roy a Sponsor of our grand project (Thank you Roy!).

But Roy Grinnell's generosity does not stop there since he also offered to make three oil paintings which he will donate to our Unit. Each of these paintings has an estimated value of \$ 6000.00 to \$ 10000.00 depending on the subject. The FSS would then be responsible to get posters printed from these paintings, and a limited series would be signed by the artist and by the pilot and mechanics concerned. In exchange for this unexpected and extraordinary help, the FSS should provide lodging for Roy and his wife Irene during the time required by the painting of at least one of these paintings. We are currently discussing this exciting project with our two friends in order to find the most economical way to

make it a success. The subjects that would best suit this kind of operation so that it gets a good response from the french public are the Normandie Niemen Yak, the Groupe Bretagne B26 Marauder, and the french navy F4U7 Corsair. It seems obvious to give the priority to the Normandie Niemen picture, with a possible participation of our friends of the Normandie Niemen Museum in Les Andelys. They could help us with the organization of our two friends' stay in this beautiful town so that they have a permanent access to the museum's archives.

Also, Roy and Irène will be in Duxford next July, where there will be a dozen Hawker Hurricane and several Battle of Britain veterans. There, they will get another of Roy's painting of the B.O.B. signed by these veterans. We would meet Roy and Irene in Duxford where Roy has also the intention to sell many posters, some of which for the FSS.

This great project, whose generosity appeared somewhat unbelievable to some of our members, has only just started. It was decided to move forward and get detailed prices from various printers, as well as the possibility to rent a flat in Les Andelys during next Spring. Our President also suggested that if the money required to complete this project was too high for our Unit, it could be completed by members of the FSS as a private venture.

- Following the lack of interest for the activities offered to our members in 2001, in the East of France (Xmas in Strasbourg with diner, visit of the Air Force Base of Nancy), colonel Eric Janssonne has decided to re-direct the group activities and concentrate on colonel Jean-Claude Miniggio's restoration of a Morane 315 (With original Salmson engine). He will take the opportunity of various airshows that the aircraft will attend to organize meetings and local visits. Also, Eric is going to become a member of the Swiss Supporter Squadron, and will act as a liaison agent between our two Units and organize common events.

One should be happy to hear that our friends of the Swiss Supporter Squadron have acquired a Stinson L5 in California. Prepared for transport immediately after Airsho, the plane arrived in Switzerland at the beginning of December. The picture printed below shows the plane being extracted from its container. It will be ready for its first flight soon after it has been put back together. We sincerely congratulate our Swiss friends for their dynamism and their perseverance in the achievement of this project. We can already think about future reunions of our planes and Units, in the best *esprit de camaraderie* which is a common rule in the CAF.



- An Annual General Assembly which would be held outside the Paris area does not seem to be suitable for the moment. Tremblay en France has given us total satisfaction until now, and a G.A. held in the provinces would probably not allow us to get enough members to reach the minimum legal figure. Therefore, it was decided to take the opportunity of airshows to organize extraordinary General Assemblies.

- The extension of our tent has not been carried out yet, due to the lack of time. It will soon be done, thanks to two of our members, Didier Cardinal and Giovanni Comis, and also with the help of col. Eric Ducreau's father.

QUESTIONS FROM FSS MEMBERS

The questions received from our members were, this is no surprise, in total agreement with those put on the agenda by the members of the Board of Administration of the French Supporter Squadron.

- Colonel Gilles Avenel suggested the creation of a committee whose task would be to make the L Bird project move forward. He also suggested that we could take the opportunity of the future CAF name change to ask for a change in our own Unit's name from "French Supporter Squadron", to "French Squadron".

The idea of the creation of a committee did not receive any opposition. Those of our members who would like to become members of this committee are invited to make themselves known to the FSS Board of Administration.

As for a possible name change for our Squadron, this subject will be dealt with once the CAF new name will be effective. It will be the subject of a survey among our members who will therefore have a chance to express their opinion about this possible change.

- Colonel John Roeder was the spoke person for our group of members in the South West of France, and raised several points that interested everyone:

- Recruitment efforts:

Colonel Roeder rightly emphasized the statement made by our President about the necessity to increase recruitment, and underlined the fact that a greater number of FSS members would really facilitate the owning of an L Bird. Colonel Claude Requi suggested that we take the objective of 100 members before the next General Assembly.

This target is quite reasonable, but it will call for everyone's participation. The FSS H.Q. will send you all the necessary documents to recruit new members as Colonels or Associate Members.

- Experience acquired during operation "Mission 441":
John briefly described the benefits of this operation, insisting on the most evident experience acquired: The fact that a personal contact with potential sponsors had been much more efficient than sending letters to them.

- Membership with the "Souvenir Français":
Colonel Roeder suggested that the FSS should become a member of the "Souvenir Français". The members of this veterans Association have always kept Harold M. Gnesin tombstone clean and made sure that it always



Christian Tournemine was one of the members rewarded by the FSS for year 2001 (Photo: F.Delfino).

had fresh flowers. The cost of this membership is only 100,00 Francs a year, and this suggestion was accepted immediately by all members.

- Forteresse Toujours Volante B17:

John carried on with questions related to the FTV B17: Could the FSS become a Sponsor of the Forteresse Toujours Volante B17? At what cost? If this is possible, could it allow a couple of our members to fly on the airplane occasionally? And could the name of our Association be displayed on the airplane?

Colonel Claude Requi rightly reminded everyone about the regulations which are applicable to classic airplanes certified under the CNRAC, and the restrictions which they impose on airplanes of this type. A letter was sent soon after the General Assembly to the leaders of FTV so that they can give us an answer to all the questions asked. Their reply will be made available as soon as we receive it.

- Paintings of Jean Bellis and the creation of a poster depicting american aircraft which flew under french colors during history:

Colonel Roeder explained that the cooperation between the FSS and the painter Jean Bellis, author of water colors profiles which are sold as greeting cards by our P.X, will be further developed by the creation of a poster displaying these planes. During history, no less than 87 different types flew under french colors. This considerable number will allow us to get three different posters made, but the operation will start with only one of them.

The FSS financial participation, covered by the money accumulated during operation Mission 441, is exactly 5640,00 Francs. The FSS will receive 200 posters which will be sold by the P.X, at a price of 60,00 Francs for our members, and 80,00 Francs for the public. Also, the editor (ESCADRILLE), will make a donation of 500,00 Francs to our Unit for every 100 posters sold by itself. This money will be integrally transferred to our L Bird account which should therefore grow rapidly. Depending on the success received by this first poster, the project will move on, and the other two posters will be made.

As we were on the subject of Jean Bellis' pictures, John Roeder said that he had the intention of writing a monthly, one page article, describing each of these planes, for a publication in our Newsletter. This offer was warmly accepted by our President/Editor, always looking for interesting articles!

- Mission 441 book:

The author of this book will be colonel Jacques Leroux, helped by cols. John Roeder, Michel Perrin, and Alain Quesney. It will be published in French and in English. The complete history of the airplane and its crew members, from their training period to today, will be described, and a good place will be reserved to the June 2001 commemoration.

- Video tape "Mission 441":

A VHS SECAM tape (1H30 duration) is now available in the P.X. for the price of 175,00 Francs + P&P. Our members are invited to order it by phoning or mailing the FSS.



Claude De Marco was rewarded for his efficiency in the Mission 441 project (Photo: F.Delfino).

- FSS L Bird project:

In the name of the South West group, John asked a few questions related to this great project:

- What use will be made of this airplane?
- Will the airplane need permanent sponsoring?
- What will be the benefit for our members?
- What will be the return for the Sponsors?

The President briefly reminded the assembly of the goals and objectives of the Confederate Air Force, which were adopted unanimously by our members and adapted to the french legislation, from the moment the FSS was created. These rules are, today, the true meaning of our Squadron's existence. It is therefore evident that our L Bird will not be used like a light aircraft generally is in an aero-club. This plane will be the tool that will allow us to honor the thousands of pilots, crew members, and ground personnel, who fought for our freedom during WWII. Its annual cost, as long as we acquire an aircraft in a good state and with a good reserve of hours, will be limited to the cost of each flying hour, the insurance, and a hangar space. All these expenses will be precisely determined when we know the type of airplane, the power of its engine, the place where it will reside, and the type of insurance that we will choose. We can, nevertheless, estimate this yearly cost to be around 10.000,00 Francs.

As for the benefits and the return for the FSS members and the aircraft sponsors, our President reminded the assembly of simple notions of associative and benevolent life:

The members of the CAF and the FSS have for unique goal to honor those who sacrificed their life or their youth so that, today, we can all enjoy freedom. The

means that our Squadron has given itself to reach this goal call for a lot of hard work, money, energy, and time, from all our members. These efforts and the good results obtained during the past five years should bring a great satisfaction to everyone of us, a satisfaction so great that, on its own, it represents the best possible reward. To dedicate oneself to such a noble cause requires great moral qualities that each of our members possess: Generosity and modesty, to quote two of the most important ones. This is why, like the 11000 CAF benevolent members who work, all year long, for this very cause, without hoping for nothing else than a profound satisfaction, we must concentrate on the positive achievement of the projects adopted by the FSS on a regular basis.

It is, nevertheless, true that the L Bird flights that will take place will be so numerous and varied that they will allow all the supporters of this project to enjoy, sooner or later, one or several flights. These flights will be dedicated to the ferrying of the aircraft, to fly-in's, to demonstrations, to training, and to technical checks: Enough to satisfy every body, and a good reward for everyone who supports this project.

Every member must also bear in mind that this plane will be the very first one, and that nothing stop us from acquiring another one in the future, like a restoration project that would give everyone a chance to get his (her) hands dirty.

2001 FSS ELECTIONS

Our President thanked the two members who will soon finish their function within the Board of Administration, Stéphane Duchemin and Christian Frézard, for their good work during the past two years. He then introduced the two candidates to these two vacancies, Colonel Didier Cardinal who wishes to become the Unit's Finance Officer, and Claude Requi who wants to be our Executive Officer.

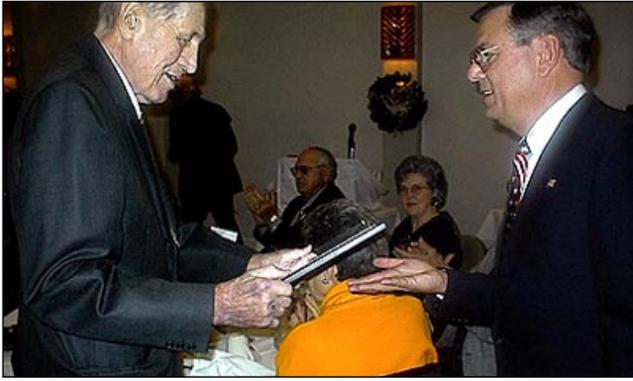
The vote of the members present was followed, on Monday 26 December, by the mailing of the ballots to the rest of our members. The limit date to send these ballots back is December 15, 2001. The summing up of all the votes will take place on December 18, and the final result will be announced in our January 2002 Newsletter.

FSS AWARDS FOR 2001

The President reminded everyone about the great number of CAF Awards received by our members this year. These Awards are mainly related to the "Mission 441" project. He then carried on with the distribution of the FSS Awards for year 2001. And the winners are:

Colonel Hank POTTER

For his 30 year career within the U.S. Air Force, at the service of his country and of the free world. Colonel Hank Potter participated to the famous raid on Japan on April 18, 1942, as Navigator of aircraft number One flown by Jimmy Doolittle. He then flew a tour of operation on the B26 Marauder, and became an Air Inspector with the Headquarters. After the war, he was a commanding officer until the end of his career which he finished as a Colonel in 1970. The French Supporter Squadron is honored to have him as one of its members since 1997.



Colonel Jim Lux gave colonel Hank Potter the Awards that was granted to him by the FSS. This ceremony took place during a meal organized for Hank on November 27, 2001 (Photo: Centex).

Colonels Connie & Sandy SANSING

For the warm welcome they reserved to one of our youngest colonels, hosting him in their own house for two full months during Summer 2001, and for having travelled all the way from New Braunfels to Midland in order to attend the grand opening of the French Aviation permanent display in the AAHM. The support of these two colonels to the French Supporter Squadron and its projects have played a major role in the success of these operations.



A happy Sandy Sansing! Is it because of the Award that he and his lovely wife Connie received from the FSS?... (Photo: Jim Lux).

Colonel Christian TOURNEMINE

For the permanent support he has demonstrated towards the French Supporter Squadron during the past year. Colonel Christian Tournemine was present during every single event that the FSS took part in, whatever was the distance he had to travel. The help he gave to the Squadron was efficient and invaluable, namely during the setting up and the dismantling of the tent and equipment on every airshow attended by the FSS during year 2001.

Colonel Claude DE MARCO

For his total support to the French Supporter Squadron during the past year. Colonel Claude De Marco managed to get an invaluable financial participation from Association "Les Ailes Brisées". This help ensured, for a great part, the success of this project. Colonel Claude De Marco also represented this Association during the events in the Toulouse area during the month of June 2001.

Madame Christiane HÉBERT

During World War Two, Madame Christiane Hébert, then a teenager, showed a courage, a spirit of patriot-

ism, and an abnegation towards France, such that she saved the life of several allied airmen. Under the direction of her father, Monsieur Léon Coigné, a Resistant of the first hour, Madame Christiane Hébert actively participated in the local Resistance Group. The dangers that she had to face during her young years, deprived her of the best years of her life, but gave her wisdom and modesty. Her courageous actions and the risks she took during this terrible conflict have impressed the entire Confederate Air Force. The members of the French Supporter Squadron are honored to consider her as their friend and thank her for her actions for freedom.



Christian and Christiane Hébert, guests of honor, and friends of the FSS (Photo: C.Tournemine).

Our sincere congratulations to these winners. We hope that we will have to give even more of these Awards next year, because the occasions to work for our cause will be legions.

The General Assembly was closed at about 18:00, and Colonel Fumiko Delfino opened the P.X.

The sales went on very well and several items were sold through a silent auction. Three posters of Roy Grinnell's paintings were sold immediately as well as various items donated by Buntly Bateman. The product of these sales have been added to our L Bird savings which grew significantly.

Finally, we thank those of our members who helped in the organization of this General Assembly, and, particularly, the personnel of the Hôtel Acadie, and Colonels Didier Cardinal, Eric Ducreau, and Bernard Delfino, who acted as chauffeurs for our friends who came by air and by rail.

We will see you all next year of our seventh General Assembly.



A French Supporter Squadron General Assembly would not be a real success if it did not finish by an excellent meal. The 2001 issue did not escape this rule... (Photo: B.Delfino).



NEW NAME FOR THE CAF

The choice has been made. After two years of thoughts, and a difficult dilemma, 54% of the votes went to the name of **Commemorative Air Force**.

The second name was "Ghost Squadron", with 34% of the votes. These two names, like before, will be used simultaneously.

By the way, do you know how many votes these 54% represented?... Exactly 1945! A strange coincidence...

The logo illustrated above is our new one. The new patches and pins will be available from March, at the CAF gift shop. You can check for their availability on the Members only Web Site, at the following address: <www.ghostsquadron.org>.

GIFT TO THE L BIRD PROJECT

Thanks to several members and friends, the L Bird project, has done another big jump this month. We warmly thank Madame Christiane Hébert, Alphonse Thiry, Claude Requi, Bernard Delfino, Roy Grinnell, and Madame Bunty Bateman.

WARBIRD PICTURES FOR SALE

Colonels Claude Requi and Bernard Delfino are offering for sale a wide variety of pictures taken mainly during Airsho 2001 and 2002.

With a size of 30 x 45 cm, these pictures are sold at the extraordinarily low price of 50,00 Francs a piece (+ P&P if ordered by mail). This is half of the price normally asked for them. Too many different pictures are available to print them in this Newsletter. Please call the FSS.



Photo: B. Delfino

LA FERTÉ-ALAIS 2002

Colonel Christophe Bastide is offering to book your hotel rooms if you intend to be at La Ferté-Alais for the annual airshow during the week-end of Pentecost, and wish to find a room not far from the airfield.

Please contact Christophe urgently and tell him about your requirements (Dates, number of persons concerned, number of rooms, etc...).

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TRANSLATORS WANTED

Colonel Stéphane Duchemin is looking for bilingual interpreters (French and English) to help with the translation of the French Veterans Heritage Book. This task can be split into several stacks of a few pages each, in order to reduce the amount of work for each of these volunteers. The latter do not need to be CAF/FSS members. If, for example, you know of a few students who would like to practice, they will be most welcome. Please contact Stéphane at:

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AN INTERESTING MUSEUM

Colonel Claude Gascon advised us of a very interesting museum located near Vraux (51), half way between Reims and Chalons en Champagne.

Dedicated to the story of the airfield of Condé-Vraux during the period 1939-1945, this museum includes 4 rooms, for a total of 200 m2. Two planes are displayed there: A Pou du Ciel and a Broussard, and numerous objects that tell the story of this era. The museum is open every day between July 1st and 31st, and every Saturday and Sunday between July 31st and October 31st. A visit that must be added to your list!

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The following articles are available against payment by cheque to the **French Supporter Squadron**.
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- Official Squadron patch: 60,00 F.
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