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**Dedicated to preserving, in flying condition, a vintage PV-2 Harpoon in memory of all who fought in the air on behalf of the United States of America**

**News Letter February 2016 2016**



Greetings to members & friends of the AMHF,

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The second month of 2016 is now passing through and it doesn't look like it is going to take long to do it even considering the extra day we have this year. I hope the New Year has started off really great for all of you. January was not very good at letting us accomplish very much. We did get some organizational work done in the shop so the first set of tanks is lined up and all hardware is located and with each tank. We were also able to sort through more hardware and do some organizing. Now don't go getting all excited that you missed out on something, there is plenty left to do. It would be nice if we could get organized before we have a hanger. It certainly would make the move a lot easier. You know, in a perfect world we would just move and put everything in its place. Then when someone asked for a particular item we could just walk right to that spot pick it up, bring it back to them, smile and say here you are, avoiding the normal half hour looking and asking if anyone has seen it recently. Oh! Sorry about that I must have drifted off into some other world for a while



Left to right Roy Pellegrin, Kara Harrison, Steve Montani, Glen Matejcek, Richard Suiter, Mary Gibble, Donn Starkey

This is the photograph of the presentation of the grant we received from the Hancock County Community Foundation. Mary Gibble is President and Kara Harrison is the grants officer. I am sure you will recognize the rest as members of the AMHF board of directors. We greatly appreciate the help we have received from the Hancock County Community Foundation along with all of the positive feedback we have received from them. They are a great group of people to work with and we thank them for their support.

We still have some job openings that need someone to step up and help out with. The board is currently working on the membership rolls and it should be all in order by the end of February. So at that point it should be fairly easy for anyone to keep it up to date and send out any notices that the membership would need to know about.

Membership  
Inventory/Manuals  
Historian/Librarian  
Public relations

Roy, Sandy, and I attended a networking work shop sponsored by the Hancock County Community Foundation in January. There was a considerable amount of information put forth on acquiring and retaining volunteers. Some of the things we already do. However, there are many more that we are pretty lax on and no doubt need to give some attention. You will hear more about this as I have time to assimilate the information in a presentable order. From this meeting we have been asked if we would be agreeable to a TV interview and a small documentary on the Harpoon and the AMHF. So if we have some budding TV stars out there let it be known so we can get you before the cameras.

Last month we had a picture of a plane for you to identify. I received no feedback so I don't know if anyone was successful. It was the XV-15 Tilt Rotor made by Bell Helicopter Company. Length 41 ft.; Wingspan 35 ft.; rotor diameters 25 ft.; speed 415mph; ceiling 29,500; range 445 miles; 2 engines Lycoming T53 turboshafts 1,800hp each. Book did not give a date. However, I suspect it is years before the Osprey.

**"Everybody is gifted, it's just some people never open the package."**

*Author unknown*

I will leave you for this month with the above quote for you to contemplate. In any group of people you have all kinds of talent available to be used or drawn from. It is up to the individuals as to whether they choose to use their talent or not. The AMHF is no different. If you look around at the talent we have available to draw from it is sort of mind boggling. However, it seems easier to stand back than to open the package and use the talents we have been given. Perhaps each

of us needs to take a look at the package and see if we are using it to our best abilities or if we haven't bothered to open the package.

Have a great month,

Gaylon

Donn Starkey provided the link below. You might find the interview interesting.

[https://www.dvidshub.net/video/395572/jerry-yellin-world-war-ii-veteran-interview#.Vq9ul\\_A8KrU](https://www.dvidshub.net/video/395572/jerry-yellin-world-war-ii-veteran-interview#.Vq9ul_A8KrU)