

Vietnam Show Case at Exploration of Flight After Action Report



Vietnam Show Case at Exploration of Flight at Centennial Airport was pretty Awesome! It was a three day event over last weekend, 21, 22, and 23 October. Lots of coordination between Terry Olson and Wings Over the Rockies to ensure continuity was maintained between the Chapter and the Wings over the Rocky personnel. Once again, Weir Trucking provided the transportation. Dennis Poirier volunteered his time and drove the tractor.

Besides the Museum Gary Worthy brought his OH-6 Helicopter again. It was a BIG hit. The Loach was constantly surrounded by visitors. The Loach came in by trailer and was flown off to make it easier to move around and for visitors to be able to view it. Gary's Pilot Roddy even gave a few rides the day of arrival before making it ready for static display.

We had over 300 visitors by the Exploration Museums count, but there were many more that attended. It was never overwhelming which gave us time to interact with each guest. Everyone was very engaging. I even had a chance to give BG John Barry, CEO of Wings over the Rockies a personal tour. I also had a very meaningful conversation with Mr. Lee. Mr. Lee was a refugee of the Vietnam War who immigrated to the U.S. at age 15. He and his Father were able to board a C-130 to Clark AFB one week prior to the fall of South Vietnam. He really appreciated the fact that we flew the South Vietnamese Flag. Mr. Lee's Son is stationed at Buckley and was just selected to be a member of the Space Force. Mr. Lee's visit provided us with a very special moment.

Donations were very brisk. Three Helicopter models, 21 T shirts, and 17 challenge coins, and other misc. items, including 4 2001, vintage wine glasses. All most likely due to the salesmanship of Barbara Cavalluzzi. A big round of applause for the Docents, Enactors, and support personnel who rotated shifts to provide "The Story" to the guests. They were: Bill Bates, Carl and Barbara Cavalluzzi, Eric & Margret Brettschneider, Roddy Dill (pilot), Al & Dottie Harinck, Dale House, Gregg Mann, Doug Neil, Terry Olson, and Gary & Mona Worthy.

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