

Recent Visitors



January 28 2012 was a busy day, as the **Trinity Valley Young Marines** led by C. O. Hall descended on the museum. The cadets were very interested in military history, and in flying in particular.



Board member Carl Nilsson explained that the pilot cadets at No. 1 BFTS learned navigation and flying without the help of calculators, computers or GPS units.

Carl discusses the twenty cadets who did not survive training, and why we continue to honor their memory.





On February 8, the museum had an invasion of approximately 75 students from the **Terrell ISD Head Start program**.

Teachers and parents accompanied the children as they learned involvement in WWII.



A Former Cadet Remembers Terrell

THE TERRELL TRIBUNE

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Former RAF cadet offers gratitude to community

To the Editor:

More years ago than I care to remember in 1942 I was an RAF Cadet in training for my pilot's wings at No. 1 BFTS Terrell. During my stay I spent some of the most interesting months of my life in both training and in my off duty time. The hospitality of the citizens of both Terrell and Dallas was just amazing and today I look back on that period of my life as having been very special.

However, since I left the Air Force in 1946, through the formation of the No 1 BFTS Association by ex-cadets in the UK, Terrell has never been forgotten. Following its closure only in recent years the mantle of keeping in contact with "us oldies" was taken over by the good people of Terrell with the expansion of the No. 1 BFTS Museum.

I have just received the latest copy of their newsletter and the details of Remembrance Day 2011.

I find it quite EXTRAORDINARY that this bond through No. 1 BFTS Museum continues to be maintained. I am wondering therefore if, through your newspaper, my thanks and appreciation for the kindness and hospitality shown to me and my fellow cadets all those years ago by the good people of Terrell could be offered.

Finally my wife and I visited Terrell in 2000 and were warmly welcomed. It is such a pity Texas is so far away.

My kind regards to you and wish you all the best for 2012.

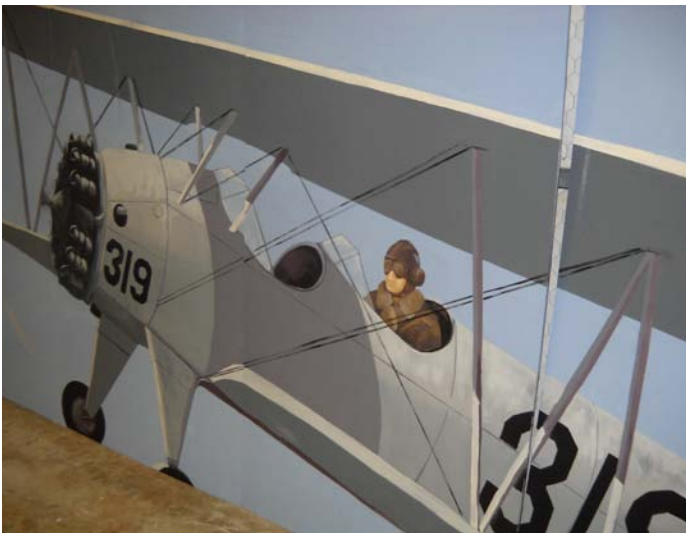
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Mural Memorializes No 1 BFTS

A collaborative effort will soon allow a cornerstone of Terrell's rich history to take new flight.

On March 10, members of the North East Texas Fine Arts Alliance joined supporters of the No. 1 British Flying Training School Museum in unveiling a mural honoring the WWII aviation school that will be placed downtown in the coming weeks



The panels were painted in the back area of the museum, and will be stored there until they are installed in the downtown area of Terrell.

In Remembrance

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of former cadet Henry Madgwick on March 10, 2012



Henry Madgwick, Sr., 88, of Terrell, Texas went to be with his Lord on March 10, 2012. He was born on May 16, 1923 in England to William Henry and Emma Mary Madgwick. Henry, also known as "Harry", served in WWII in the Royal Air Force. He loved gardening and bird watching. He was employed with Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance company for over 35 years and was a member of the RAF association. He was a member of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church since 1947 where he sang in the choir and was a Lay Reader.

Henry is preceded in death by his parents, his first wife Magaret Katharine Madgwick, second wife Marriott Sanders Madgwick, sister Betty Ford, brother Teddy Madgwick, grandson Chuck Madgwick and his son's second wife Lynnette Barnes Madgwick. In recent years, his companion and loved one Chris Dozier gave him a daily dose of happiness. She was a devoted and caring friend who blessed Henry's life until her passing. Henry is survived by son Charles Madgwick Jr. and wife Cindy of Lubbock, grandson Christopher J. Madgwick and wife Elizabeth of Plymouth, WI, step children Bruce Sanders and wife Miranda and Susan Douglas McCrum ; step grandchildren Jimmy B. Michell , Cole McCrum and Kelly McCrum and step great grandchildren Jayton Brian, Adi Lachelle and Rylon Lee Michell. He is also survived by caregivers Lisa Kelly and Jane Clem, who, in recent years, provided him with daily love and support.

From the Wall of Honor, No 1 BFTS Museum

Henry Madgwick began his seven years of service in WWII by joining the Cadet Corps. After training as a pilot at No 1 BFTS, he became a control tower operator. He finished the war as a fitness training supervisor, holding the rank of acting Flight Lieutenant. He returned to Terrell in 1946. In 1954, he became an American citizen. He served in various committees in Terrell. He was elected mayor of Terrell in 1998. He helped to begin the No 1 British Flying Training School Museum in Terrell.

High Flight

by John Gillespie Magee, Jr.

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
 And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
 Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
 Of sun-split clouds, — and done a hundred things
 You have not dreamed of — wheeled and soared and swung
 High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
 I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
 My eager craft through footless halls of air. . . .

Up, up the long, delirious burning blue
 I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
 Where never lark, or ever eagle flew —
 And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
 The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
 Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

Calendar of Events 2012

We welcome everyone to join us for the following annual events.

Memorial / VE Day

May 6

Memorial service at Oakland Cemetery

Allied Memorial Remembrance Ride

June 30

Riders from 5 nations have organized a joint ride to take place on the same day in remembrance of members of the Allied Forces, Past and Present, who have and will pay the ultimate price in the pursuit of our Freedom and Security.

We expect 350 or more motorcycle riders to convene at the museum, then ride down Moore Ave. to Oakland Cemetery for a memorial service. There will be a City of Terrell escort, bagpiper, bugler and guest speakers, followed by a party at the Holiday Inn Express in the evening.

Flights of Our Fathers

September 15, 16

Saturday – Fly In:

Static Display of Military Aircraft, Warbirds, Vintage and New Aircraft
 F-35 1/10 size Model with BAE Systems Test Pilot
 Texas Heatwave Aerobatics Team: R/C Airplanes
 F-16 Simulator

Emergency Vehicle Exhibit
 Special Speakers
 Pancake Breakfast
 Food Court

Antique/Collectible Car Exhibit
 Kids' Zone
 BBQ Cook-off

Dinner-Dance 6:00pm at Armory

Music provided by Larry Johnson's Heritage Brass Band

Sunday – Memorial service at Oakland Cemetery, 3:00pm

Veterans / Remembrance Day

November 11

Memorial service at Oakland Cemetery

Remember to Renew your Membership

Membership Renewal

The museum's new fiscal year runs from October 1 through September 30. For your convenience, you may pay by check or by Pay Pal on the museum's website.

Annual membership dues are:

Individual	\$35.00
Family	\$50.00
Senior	\$25.00

Return the bottom of this page with your payment. Thank you!!

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RAF Slang

Ack: under the old phonetic alphabet, "Ack" stood for the letter "A", thus "ack-ack" was "A-A" or anti-aircraft artillery

Bang on: to be right on target. By extension, to be right on the mark about any observation (also "spot on")

Kit: ones belongings, both issue and personal (hence kitbag). Also used to mean equipment, as in "Does that erk have the kit to repair the hole in the starboard wing?"

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