Dear Friends and Supporters,

It is a thrilling time for the Flying Leatherneck Historical Foundation as we continue to grow our organization’s capacity and financial support for the Flying Leatherneck Aviation Museum and our numerous programs. I am pleased to share that we surpassed our 2019 Heroes of the Sky fundraising goal; I’d like to extend my personal thanks to all who contributed. With your generous support, we were able to complete the restoration of the TBM Avenger and EA-6B Prowler this year, get the F-8 Crusader project underway, and continue our long-term restoration work on the SBD Dauntless and PBJ Mitchell. In addition, we were able to continue our programming to engage our local youth through the art and essay contests and school tours. Your gifts are working hard to help us achieve our mission to Preserve, Honor, and Inspire the proud history and contribution of Marine Corps Aviation.

It is heartwarming to hear from the many guests, students and association groups who visit our museum how much they appreciate the aircraft and artifacts on display and the stories shared by our wonderful group of volunteers working as docents, restorers and gift shop personnel. It continues to be an honor and privilege for me to serve as the Foundation’s chairman and work with Retired Brigadier General Mike Aguilar who has taken over the day-to-day operations and fundraising efforts for the Foundation as our acting Executive Director.

Mike has developed a comprehensive fundraising plan which expands on last year’s Heroes of the Sky campaign and is comprised of six targeted efforts: Annual Appeal, Government Grants, Visitor Donations, Membership, Corporate Grants/Gifts, and Major Gifts and Legacies. The 2020 Heroes of the Sky Campaign plans to raise a total of $500,000 from these six areas.

The Foundation’s Board and staff are committed to meeting the challenge, but we cannot do it alone. Will you support the restoration and preservation of the world’s largest collection of iconic Marine Corps aircraft, help to honor all those who have served in Marine Corps Aviation, and inspire the next generation, all through participation in our Annual Appeal program?

Enclosed you will find a contribution form that allows you to join this rewarding effort through a one-time donation by either check, credit card, or a recurring monthly credit card charge. You can also visit our website at www.flyingleathernecks.org to make an online PayPal contribution. For more information, please contact our office at (858) 693-1723.

Again, our deepest appreciation and gratitude for the vital role you play in preserving and honoring Marine Corps Aviation History and inspiring our next generation of American leaders.

Warm personal regards,

B.G. Butcher
Major General U.S. Marine Corps, Retired
Chairman, Board of Directors
Preserve. Honor. Inspire.
Your contribution will allow us to...

**Preserve**
Aircraft Restoration and Preservation
$85,000

Aircraft restoration by the numbers:
- $50  •  500 rivets or 50 cleco fasteners for the wing of the SBD Dauntless
- $100  •  2 gallons of paint for the RF-8 Crusader or SeaCobra
- $250  •  1 sheet of aluminum sheet metal
- $15,000  •  Replace the existing non-functional forklift
- $20,000  •  Re-manufacture the nose of the PBJ Mitchell Bomber

**Honor**
Operations and Sustainability
$250,000

Make exhibits, grounds, and programs accessible and meaningful to diverse audiences through FREE admission, parking, and use of our grounds for displays and ceremonies
Enhance and improve the Museum’s educational programs
Acquire, preserve, and display historic artifacts, photos, and oral histories

**Inspire**
Museum Expansion and Programming
$165,000

Begin installation of fabric structures to provide environmental protection
Annual essay and art contest open to all local students & school tours
Irene Ferguson Marine Wife Recognition Award—honoring the resiliency, strength, and dedication that a spouse embodies
Open cockpit days—for visitors to feel what it is like to be a Marine Aviator

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2020 HEROES OF THE SKY FUNDRAISING GOAL $500,000

The Flying Leatherneck Historical Foundation

2020 HEROES OF THE SKY
Our Annual Gifts Appeal

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Gifts for the future

PLEDGE PAYMENTS OVER TIME

[ ] I would like to make recurring donation by paying $______ per [ ] Month [ ] Year

LEAVE A LEGACY

[ ] I have included the Flying Leathernecks in my/our Estate Plans

[ ] I want to join the Flying Leathernecks Legacy Society

[ ] Please contact me about planned giving opportunities:

[ ] Wills and requests  [ ] Gifts of Securities or Real Estate  [ ] Charitable Annuity/Trust

Thank you for your generosity!

The Flying Leatherneck Historical Foundation is a tax-exempt, not-for-profit 501(c)3 charitable organization. Our Tax ID # is 33-0345440. Your contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.