

HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM

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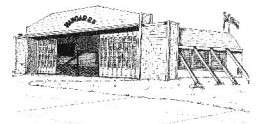
To whom it may concern,

Hangar 25 Air Museum is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit museum. The mission of Hangar 25 Air Museum is to promote education through the collection, preservation and exhibition of the history of Big Army Air Force Bombardier School and Webb Air Force Base while honoring all Veterans past and present. We have become an active force in the community and continue to see a steady rise in our visitation rate. One of many of our goals is to develop a stronger relationship with our constituency by offering public programs and educational workshops in conjunction with school aged children's existing curriculum. Our Kid's Klub program is our summer outreach workshop that offers an informal learning environment that not only brings new information into their existing curriculum but also provides the unique experience of having hands on activities that teach local and national history.

We at Hangar 25 Air Museum look forward to the success of our Kid's Klub program and hope to expand its availability in the future. We seek your financial assistance in the amount of \$1,000.00 to aid us in supporting our Kid's Klub Summer Workshop for the 2008 year. With your crucially needed assistance, we at Hangar 25 Air Museum can accomplish our goals of promoting education within our community by offering this program to our local children.

Sincerely,

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Texas Rural Communities, Inc.
Hangar 25 Air Museum
Grant Application

Kid's Klub Summer Workshop
Proposal Summary

Hangar 25 Air Museum promotes the history of Big Spring Army Air Force Bombardier School and Webb Air Force Base while honoring all Veterans past and present. We provide the children in our community of Big Spring, TX the opportunity to learn part of the history of the town as well as offering the unique experience of talking with a local veteran about his or her experiences. This combination of oral history and academic learning is unique. Kid's Klub is in its third year of existence and each summer our numbers grow. Kid's Klub summer workshop allows for the children in our community to gain new insight in a different way about the history of their community. We combine academic learning, oral history, and physical activities to offer a fun and memorable learning experience for the children.

This is a week long program that will be offered June 9 – 13, 2008. The classes will run from 9:00 am until noon. We will begin each day with a vigorous physical fitness activity that is reminiscent of an Air Force Physical Training Test. We will then go on to a different academic activity, snack time and finally a hands-on activity to finish each day. The week will include several visits with local veterans. This will give the veterans the opportunity to tell their stories as well as allow the children to ask questions. This interaction is geared towards making the history and activities more relevant to the children by offering them the human aspect of what they will be learning about.

Kid's Klub Summer Workshop also provides an environment for children in our community to interact on a social level, both with each other, the instructors and the veterans. It is our goal to offer a safe learning environment for the children of our community to have an alternative but complimentary learning experience to the local school's curriculum. Hangar 25 prides itself in being strong and active educational force in our community. With your help we can continue to offer this unique educational program.

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Hangar 25 Air Museum, Kid's Klub Summer Workshop 2008

Section I

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b. Hangar 25 Air Museum
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Section II

a. Purpose of Organization:

Hangar 25 Air Museum is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit institution. The Museum's purpose is to promote education through the collection, preservation, and exhibition of the history of Big Spring Army Air Force Bombardier School and Webb Air Force Base while honoring all Veterans past and present. Hangar 25 Air Museum strives to bridge the past to the present by providing the highest-quality education and public programs to our community.

Hangar 25 Air Museum has a significant history both locally and nationally. During the years of 1942-1945 the building sat on the site of the Big Spring Army Air Force Bombardier School. The Bombardier school played a significant role in the United States during WWII. The purpose of the field was to train aviation cadets in high altitude precision bombing. Training for the use of the Norden bombsite also occurred here. The Norden bombsite was a highly classified instrument that was rated far superior to any previously developed instrument for computing a bomb trajectory. The instruments were so highly classified that they were stored in a heavily guarded vault. Nearly 6,000 students graduated from the bombardier school and training planes had flown approximately 400,000 hours and more then 60 million miles. The school also trained French and Brazilian cadets as well as Americans. Many of the pilots went on to fly combat missions in planes such as the B-17 Flying Fortress, B-24 Liberator, B-25 Mitchell, and B-29 Superfortress in both theaters of WWII. The school closed in 1945. In 1951 the site was reactivated by Col. Ernest F. Wackwitz, the first commander of the 3560th Pilot Training Wing. In 1952 the base was re-named in honor of 1st Lt. James Louis Webb, Jr., a Big Spring native. Lt. Webb was a WWII veteran with 49 combat missions. He was honorably discharged from the United States Air Force in December 1945, he re-entered the service three years later and was deployed to Japan. Lt. Webb was killed in combat on June 16, 1949 off the Coast of Hokkaido Island. During Webb's tenure it served not only as a significant element to the United States Air Force but also as a significant economic resource to the city of Big Spring. Webb AFB served as a training ground for some of America's top pilots and helped sustain the economic growth of Big Spring. Webb AFB closed in 1977. Hangar 25 Air Museum is one of few buildings intact and in use from Webb AFB.

Section III

a. Description of proposed educational program:

The Kid's Klub Summer Workshop is a week long summer program that will provide children in our community with the unique opportunity to learn the history of Hangar 25 and Big Spring, TX through activities that will engage them both mentally and physically. They will have the opportunity to participate in an Air Force style Physical Training obstacle course as well as crafts and academic activities focusing on military history and aviation. Kid's Klub will also provide the opportunity for one of our local veterans to speak to the children about their own experiences and share his or her story. This activity will allow the children to see the human aspect of the history that they will be learning about and bring a very extraordinary facet to our program. The week will include 25 children. If there is an overwhelming amount of interest we will offer a second session June 23-27 for the children that were unable to register for the first session. We will only accept 25 children per session to ensure that each child gets the proper amount of attention and each educator has the time and energy to make this experience both valuable and memorable.

b. Proposed program participants:

The participants of the Kid's Klub Summer Workshop will be available to children within Howard County between the ages of 8-13.

c. Budget:

Expenses

Supplies:

Craft paper- 150.00

Sidewalk chalk- 50.00

Pencils- 15.00

Crayons- 10.00 + In-kind

Paper- 100.00

Hangar 25 Kid's Klub T-shirts- 100.00

Glue- 20.00 + In-kind

Total: \$455.00

Snacks:

Cookies- 50.00

Crackers- 50.00

Juice Boxes- 50.00

Napkins- 10.00

Paper plates- 10.00

Total: \$170.00

Advertising:

Radio- 100.00

Newspaper- 0.00

Mailings- 150.00

Total: \$250.00

Miscellaneous- 125.00

Total Expenses: \$ 1,000.00

d. Deliverables:

Hangar 25 Air Museum's Kid's Klub Program allows an opportunity for the children of our community to bridge the generation gap with our local veterans, both past and present, through programs that enable the children to view local and national history in a more relevant manner. It is part of our mission at Hangar 25 to honor all veterans as well as to promote education through our programs and exhibits. Kid's Klub provides the chance to honor our veterans by educating the youth in our community through the veterans stories and experiences. Kid's Klub provides this very unique and important aspect of Big Spring's history to our local children. Kid's Klub will also allow an atmosphere of social interaction and group education to all participants. In this aspect this is a great opportunity for all children attending both public schools as well as home school.

e. Schedule:

June 9 – June 13

9 AM – 12 PM

*If there is an overwhelming amount of interest we will offer a second session June 23-27, 9 AM – 12 PM to accommodate more children.