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CAF Airpower Museum Hosts Fly Day and Above & Beyond Seminar June 23

Midland, Texas (June 18, 2012) - Visit the CAF Airpower Museum Saturday, June 23, for Fly Day and the Above and Beyond Seminar featuring Ed Gunter of the Ravens. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Hi-Sky RC Club will fly their remote control airplanes in the hanger. While there, sign-up to become a member of CAF and receive a complimentary flight in a vintage warbird (specific membership levels required and subject to weather conditions). The aircraft of the CAF's High Sky Wing will be available for visitors to experience in flight and on the ground.

At 2 p.m. Ed Gunter will share his unique story as a Raven working in conjunction with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). The Ravens were a group of fighter pilots flying covert missions in Southeast Asia during Vietnam. This elite group flew missions in Laos from 1966 through 1973, providing coordination for most of the air strikes against communist forces.

Their mission was to support indigenous forces from North Vietnam. Most of these men were recruited from Tactical Air Squadrons working in South Vietnam. Due to international treaties, the Ravens were detached from the USAF. They wore civilian clothes and operated out of generally small fields at different sites in Laos. Most Ravens knew little or nothing about what they were volunteering for other than it was classified, exciting and far removed from the governmental battles and political rules of engagement in South Vietnam.

Admission includes museum self-guided tours, Fly Day activities and the seminar. It is \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors and children ages 13-17, \$7 for children ages 6-12, and children under 5 are free. Admission is FREE for CAF Colonels and Museum Members. Hamburger plates will be available for \$5 by the High Sky Wing and drinks will be \$1 each by the Desert Squadron. For more information, visit www.airpowermuseum.org.

The CAF Airpower Museum Above & Beyond Seminar Program is made possible through the support of the Odessa Council for Arts & Humanities.

Founded in 1989 as an affiliate of the Commemorative Air Force, the mission of the CAF Airpower Museum is to tell the complete story of World War II military aviation by collecting, preserving and interpreting World War II material culture. The Museum serves a broad and diverse audience by preserving the memory of the men and women who built, supported, and flew the historic aircraft of World War II through educational programs, exhibits, collections and library research services. For more information, visit www.airpowermuseum.org or call (432) 563-1000.

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