

**Creator of Davis-Monthan Airfield
Golden Age History Web Site
Announces Tax-Exempt Status**

Aviation historian Gary W. Hyatt, creator of www.dmairfield.org, announces that his research organization is now a tax-exempt, public charity in accordance with U.S. Internal Revenue Code 501(c)3. Contributions to **Delta Mike Airfield, Inc.** are now deductible under section 170 of the Code.

“My web site is built around one of the most significant Golden Age aviation artifacts in the United States.” says Hyatt. The focus of the web site is a folio-sized, leather-bound transient Register, signed by pilots visiting the Davis-Monthan Municipal Airfield in Tucson, AZ between 1925 and 1936. “The site has a powerful educational and historic web presence, enjoying over two million ‘hits’ to-date. Upwards of 60,000 people per year visit dmairfield.org.”

What started as a personal interest evolved over the last seven years into a non-profit organization with a mission to deliver aviation history to the world as it relates to the old Davis-Monthan Municipal Airfield. As well as the web site, Hyatt has published several companion books and articles. Since its global release in 2005, Hyatt has enhanced the site and added, on average, about one new item per day about the people, aircraft and events memorialized in the Register. With the new tax-exempt status, he is upgrading the web pages and menus to better reflect the non-profit nature of the site. Hyatt says, “The web site brings my work to life as a tribute to the people and airplanes that gave us modern aviation. They all will fly again on my site.”

The site features a database of 3,689 pilot signatures and associated information compiled from and about the Register. Dynamic menus and links enable site users to investigate each pilot, their vintage airplanes, passengers and more. The site is the first and only extensive source of information from the Register which is accessible to people all over the world. Hyatt’s site exhibits color images of all 218 pages of the Register. It represents in microcosm the people, technologies and spirit of Golden Age aviation.

There is a strong personal side to his web site. Hyatt says, “I have actually spoken with four signers of the Register. I’ve also been contacted through my site by nearly 100 sons, daughters, nephews, nieces, granddaughters and grandsons of signers. I’ve learned from them the pilots in their families were, and continue to be, forces of nature. Each has fascinating stories to tell.”

Further, Hyatt says, “While the Register database is the core of the web site, more and more the driving force is becoming the contributions from site visitors of images, old movie films, anecdotes and memorabilia. They offer me information to put online to commemorate their ancestors and friends who landed at the Airfield so long ago. Their contributions are very gratifying, and I try to do respectful justice to the flying spirits of their kin when I celebrate them on my site.” Recently, his site was sponsored financially by the Wolf Aviation Fund.

For a look at the expansive web site, or to offer your support for his work, you can visit and contact Hyatt through www.dmairfield.org.

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