



# HOT STUFF/GEN. ANDREWS

## Newsletter #21

### April 2018



### JIM'S CORNER

I recently returned from a very successful series of meetings in Iceland with Icelanders and organizations helping to make the monument dedication a truly memorable event.

The monument site is being prepared and the moment construction is under way.

The program for the events that will take place during the monument dedication and memorial service are close to being finalized.

Hjalmar Arnason, Managing Director of Keilir Aviation Academy has arranged for members of his staff to help with logistics, technical support and is addressing a long list of items needed to be completed prior to and during the event.

I cannot thank the people of Iceland, the Iceland Coast Guard, the United States Air Force and the United States Embassy enough for their support.

See y'all in Iceland!

*Jim Lux*



### Monument dedication less than a month away!

After more than six years of fund raising and eight years of trying to get recognition the crew of *Hot Stuff* and those who died in the accident, the memorial monument honoring them will be dedicated on May 3, 2018!

Planning for the dedication program has been in the works for almost a year and it's very close to being completed.

The monument unveiling ceremony will take place at 1:00 pm Iceland time followed by a memorial service at the Andrews Theater in Keflavik at 2:30 pm.

A private banquet will take place that evening and it is sold out!

Jim is hoping to arrange for a webcast of the memorial service. A special bulletin will be sent to everyone who receives the newsletter with details of how to view the service if it's available on the Internet.

More than 100 Americans will attend the ceremonies including more than 50 family members of *Hot Stuff's* passengers and crew. People are also coming from Sweden and the United Kingdom.

### United States Air Force B-52 Stratofortress to fly during the Monument Dedication



The United States Air Force will pay tribute to Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews and those who died in the accident and the crew of *Hot Stuff* for being the first heavy

bomber in the 8th Air Force to complete 25 missions in World War II. The huge bomber will make a fly-by during the monument dedication ceremony.

**Commander of the 3rd Air Force, United States Air Forces in Europe to attend the monument dedication.**



**Lt. Gen. Richard M. Clark**

Lt. Gen. Clark will be the senior officer in attendance at the monument dedication. He will participate in the unveiling of the monument and speak at the memorial service.

**Commander of Joint Base Andrews and the 11th Wing to attend the monument dedication.**



**Col. E. John "Dragon" Teichert**

Col. Teichert accepted an invitation to attend the dedication and will also speak during the memorial service.

## **United States Air Forces in Europe Band "Winds Aloft" to play at the Memorial Service**



**"Winds Aloft" Band**

The United States Air Forces Europe Band "Winds Aloft" Woodwind Quintet is a premier component of the USAFE Band. Based at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, the five-member ensemble, consisting of the traditional instrumentation of flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, and horn provides diverse sounds and styles making it the prominent chamber ensemble throughout Europe.

They will be quite busy during their visit to Iceland. They will perform during a reception for Lt. Gen. Clark at the U.S. Embassy in Reykjavik on May 2nd. On May 3rd, they will perform during the memorial service at the Andrews Theater in Keflavik and again that evening at a Monument Dedication Banquet in Reykjavik.

***Going to the monument dedication in Iceland?***

***Check out page 3 for some helpful information.***

# Helpful Hints On Your Trip To Iceland

## Bring Warm Clothes

Be sure to bring warm clothes including a warm jacket, hat and gloves. The weather varies greatly this time of year. It is often windy and rainy where the monument is located. Remember *Hot Stuff* crashed in severe weather on this date 75 years ago.

## Dollar Exchange

You can easily exchange dollars for Iceland Krona at the airport. The exchange rate is comparable to most banks.

## Cellphone use in Iceland

Check with your cellphone service provider if you intend to make calls back to the U.S. or other countries.

## Health Care

Check with your health insurance provider to determine if you are covered outside the United States. You may want to purchase supplemental coverage while you are in Iceland.

**Medicare does not provide coverage in Iceland.**

## For those who made their own hotel and transportation arrangements

## Car Rental Insurance

If you are renting a car, check to make sure your insurance company covers your car. Most do not.

## Check your cellphone GPS

Check to make sure your cell phone GPS works. This could save you the expense of renting the GPS option on a rental car.

## Directions to the Monument Site and the Memorial Service and the Andrews Theater

### Directions to the Monument Site from Keflavik

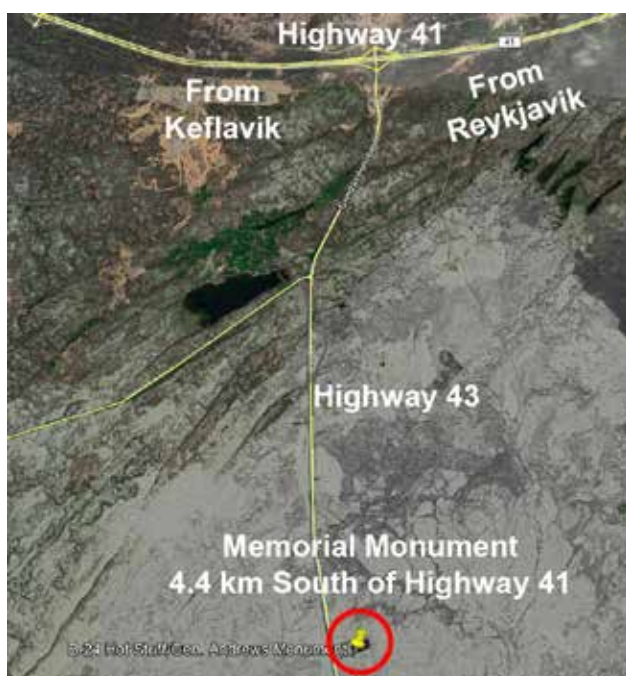
1. Take Highway 41 east to Highway 43.
2. Go south 4.4 Kilometers on Highway 43.
3. The monument is located on the left (north) side of the highway.

### Directions to the Monument Site from Reykjavik

1. Take Highway 41 west to Highway 43.
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3. The monument is located on the left (north) side of the highway.

### Directions to the Andrews Theater in Keflavik from the Monument Site

1. Go north on Highway 43 to Highway 41.
2. Turn left (west) on Highway 41 to Flugvallarvegur.
3. Turn left and stay on Flugvallarvegur to Grænásbraut.
4. The Andrew Theater is on the left on Flugvallarvegur just past Grænásbraut.



## For those taking the optional Crash Site Tour

It's about a three and a half hour hike round trip to the crash site. Be sure you have boots that cover your ankles. You will be walking across lava fields and there are lots of small rocks that will test your ankles.

Those of you who decide to make the 850 foot climb up to the actual crash site will not need special climbing gear. However, it is quite steep and the mountain is covered with small loose rocks. It's also difficult descending because of the steepness and the rocks.



What you can expect climbing the mountain.

## Sneak Peek of the Monument and Site Under Construction

Mt. Fagradalsfjall where the crash occurred is in the background.

One of two polished black granite stones being worked on.



**Many thanks to Icelandair for their support and help on the Memorial Monument Project.**



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# A Gold Medal for “Before the Belle”

Betty Byron and the late Cassius Mullen, authors of “Before the Belle,” received the prestigious Gold Medal awarded by the Military Writers Society of America.

