Intrepid hosted its fifth-annual Hometown Heroes Day on Sunday September 19, featuring the presentation of awards to the winners of this year’s Hometown Heroes Contest.

Winners in each category included, Community Service Award: Nicole McGrath, DDS; Mentor Award: Steve Larosiliere; Youth Community Service Award: David Engle; and Service Person Award: Christopher Schiavo. The ceremony was hosted by Michael Gargiulo, Anchor/Reporter, WNBC 4 New York, who recognized each winner’s achievements and accomplishments as they were given an historic piece of Intrepid’s wooden Flight Deck.
Dear Member,

As always, it was a busy summer here at Intrepid, filled with a wide array of activities and events. Our Summer Salute to Heroes included our annual Firefighter, Police, EMT and Coast Guard Appreciation weekends as well as Safety Preparedness weekend. We honored the brave men and women who serve our communities so faithfully with exciting displays and demonstrations on our Pier, from antique police cars to firehouses competing in the Battle of the Boroughs cookoff.

For the first time ever, Intrepid and New York City welcomed Air Force Week. The week kicked off with a ceremony on Intrepid’s Flight Deck, presided over by the Secretary of the Air Force, Michael B. Donley, and included a flyover by the Thunderbirds. Pier 86 was filled with displays including an Air Force branded Orange County Chopper, Stealth Tour and even a branded NASCAR car. The Air Force Drill Team performed and there were demonstrations by their Security Forces Working Dogs. Intrepid was thrilled to host these events.

This summer also featured our second successful Summer Movie Series with a great slate of films shown on the Flight Deck in front of record-breaking audiences.

September featured our Hometown Heroes weekend, where we recognized the winners of our Hometown Heroes Contest, honoring those who have made outstanding contributions to their communities. Categories included a Mentor Award, Service Person Award, Youth Community Service and Community Service Award.

Fall has arrived and with it even more exciting events. We have another “spooktacular” Halloween Haunting on the Hudson festival planned, featuring a variety of seasonal fun including a pick-your-own pumpkin patch where children can pick a pumpkin and decorate it.

As part of our ongoing mission of Honoring our Heroes, we invite you to join us in commemorating the sacrifices of our brave service men and women at our annual Veterans Day Ceremony on the Flight Deck, Thursday, November 11.

Enjoy the Fall and as always, please check our website for the most up to date details on these events and our plans for the Winter.

Best Wishes,

Susan Marenoff
Executive Director
How did they feed 3,000 young men aboard an aircraft carrier afloat? Who was responsible for preparing all of these meals? What sort of dishes did they eat? Was the food any good? Thanks to a new interactive exhibit called “Mess Deck Life,” curious visitors can access a wealth of historic documents that answer these and other questions about life and work on Intrepid’s Mess Deck.

“Mess Deck Life” features three touch screens, each of which highlights a particular theme: Training & Sanitation, Cooking & Eating and Remodeling the Mess Deck. The kiosks, located on the Mess Deck itself, showcase the archive of Robert Craig, the Food Service Officer in Intrepid’s S-2 Division who oversaw the 1969 renovation of the Mess Deck. Using the touch screens, visitors can flip through digitized historic documents including photographs, menus, comment cards, memorabilia and training materials. These archival materials help bring the Mess Deck to life.

Ever wonder what a hungry Intrepid sailor might have eaten for supper? The Cooking & Eating kiosk features Intrepid’s six-week menu cycle from 1970. The menus list the dishes that would have been served at each meal. Next to each item is the Navy’s recipe card number for that dish. Intrepid’s cooks prepared a variety of recipes that made creative use of available provisions: Creole spaghetti, ginger pot roast, smoked ham logs and liver fiesta. International Nights featured Italian, French, Japanese and other world cuisines. Special menus highlighted American regional fare, giving crewmembers from across the country a taste of home.

And what did Intrepid crewmembers think of their shipboard cuisine? The Food Service Suggestion Box offered a means for sailors to praise or criticize the mess. “Mess Deck Life” includes sample comment cards submitted by Intrepid sailors. Food Service personnel did their best to address these ideas whenever possible. Thanks to crewmember suggestions, Intrepid’s mess served orange juice every morning, increased the amount of chocolate milk available in the mess and offered a substitute meat during meals featuring liver as the main dish. Some men used the suggestion box to thank the S-2 Division for their efforts: “During the past month there has been a remarkable improvement in the food, and atmosphere, on the Mess Decks. My only suggestion is ‘Just keep up the good work.’”

These are just two examples of the many fascinating tidbits to be discovered in Mess Deck Life. On your next visit, be sure to spend some time exploring the kiosks. We are grateful for the support of the New York State Council on the Arts, which helped make this project possible.

In addition, keep your eyes open for other new exhibits. We’re working hard to complete our next interactive exhibit: “USS Intrepid Around the World.” Intrepid’s missions took her and her crew to the far corners of the planet. “USS Intrepid Around the World” will use the Intrepid Museum’s globe, located in the Exploreum, to present five of Intrepid’s major cruises. You’ll see historic photos of Intrepid and her crew in such far-flung ports as Bergen, Norway, and Wellington, New Zealand. Stay tuned!
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Tours will be led in ASL by Guthrie Nutter and Alexandria Wailes, who have several years of experience giving tours at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Guggenheim Museum and the Lower East Side Tenement Museum.

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Education Update

With summer behind us and the Education Department embarking on a new school year, here are some highlights from our busy summer.

By Sheri Levinsky, Assistant Vice President of Education

Our annual Camp Intrepid soared to new heights with its longest running program - 10 weeks starting in June. It also had the highest attendance than any previous summer, with 250 campers ages 5-13! Every week focused on a different theme, including space, inventions, water, aviation and even underwater archaeology. Along with the many activities held at the Museum, we also partnered with other organizations such as the Hudson River Park Trust at Pier 84, to enrich the campers’ experiences. It was at Pier 84 that our Intrepid campers learned about the wildlife living in the Hudson River, complete with fishing and microscopic investigation of water samples from the River. In addition, we enjoyed a program brought to us from the Museum of Interesting Things, weekly rides on the Circle Line’s Beast and exciting presentations and activities.

The schedule for Camp Intrepid for next summer has been posted on our website, as is the schedule for this school’s year S.O.S.I. (School’s Out, Ships In) for weeks when school is closed in December, February, March and April. We are also thrilled to announce that the Motorola Foundation is continuing its support of Camp G.O.A.L.S. for Girls and we will offer a larger camp next summer for six weeks for 80 New York City girls! We graciously thank the Motorola Foundation for their support.

On July 9 the Education Department hosted the fourth Intelius-sponsored Power of One program for city scholars from the Police Athletic League, featuring NY Knicks legend John Starks. Power of One is our eminent speakers program, at which prominent members of the New York City community speak to middle and high school students who are overcoming their own struggles in order to achieve success. Tamara Chalvire, the Director of Youth Employment for PAL, felt that “John Starks spoke from the heart and gave everyone inspirational words to take with them on their journey through life.” Campers from Camp Intrepid also joined this Power of One program to hear from, and meet this dynamic basketball legend.

We are gearing up for the launch of the third year of L.I.F.T.T. (Leadership Institute for Today and Tomorrow), a year-long program for 80 high school students in their junior year from every borough in NYC. This program develops critical leadership and academic skills and this year will incorporate exciting new elements, including technology-based learning and social networking, science, technology, engineering and math (S.T.E.M.) sessions led by top engineers from the U.S. Navy, and more. Students from this year’s cohort will also speak at the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development. Every L.I.F.T.T student will design and implement a community service project in order to complete the program. We thank the Claire Giannini Foundation for its continued support of this program.

The development of access programs for visitors with special needs, including those who are blind or partially sighted and deaf or hard-of-hearing, children with autism, developmental disabilities or limited mobility, continued throughout the summer. In addition to open captioning two of the movies featured on the Flight Deck during the Museum’s Summer Movie Series, the Museum’s Educators partnered with the Association of Metroarea Autistic Children (AMAC), an agency that provides services for individuals on the autism spectrum, to develop a new school program. We visited AMAC to observe classes and learn about their needs and meet with AMAC’s Executive Director and staff, and they visited with our Educators to provide suggestions about our space and programs. Later in the summer, two classes from AMAC visited to explore the Museum, discuss the aircraft collection and the function of an aircraft carrier. In addition to this summer’s pilot program with AMAC, we welcomed several other classes of children with autism from NYC public schools and community organizations throughout NYC and Long Island.

Thanks to generous funding from the Joseph LeRoy and Ann C. Warner Fund, the Intrepid looks forward to offering 20 free-of-charge workshops for students with special needs, including Autism Spectrum Disorder, as well as an additional 25 workshops for students with low vision or those needing American Sign Language interpretation.

Here are a few program highlights for this fall:

- Join our Educators every weekend for fun and innovative demonstrations, free with admission.
- Funding is available for New York City Public Schools interested in class trips to the Intrepid for Educator-led tours and workshops.
- Upcoming Power of One speakers include Frank Lucas (American Gangster), Dr. Roscoe Brown (Tuskegee Airman), Eugenie Mukeshimana (Survivor of Rwandan Genocide) and Sally Frishberg (Survivor of the Holocaust). The Power of One is designed for middle and high school students.
- We celebrate Blind Awareness Month in October with a FREE verbal description/touch tour on October 25 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Space is limited and preregistration is required.
- On Sunday, October 24th, 2 p.m. - 4p.m. we offer an American Sign Language-led/voice Interpreted Tour: Intrepid Restoration. The tour is provided at no cost. Preregistration is required and space is limited. Assistive Listening Devices with hearing loops are available upon request.

For more information about the above programs, please contact our Education Department at either educationprograms@intrepidmuseum.org, or access@intrepidmuseum.org specifically for programs for the blind or partially sighted, deaf or hard-of-hearing and children with autism, developmental disabilities and limited mobility.

Questions? Call 646-381-5030.
Cougar Progress Continues

By Eric Boehm, Curator of Aviation and Aircraft Restoration

Well I don’t know about you, but I’m actually happy about the summer coming to an end. I usually enjoy the warm days and the longer periods of sunlight as it allows us to get more done in our leaky old tent/hangar, but this summer was brutal! The National Weather Service declared that this was the hottest summer in New York City ever. We had roughly 34 days where the temperature was above 90 degrees, and several of those days approaching 100. If you have ever been on our Flight Deck when its 90 degrees out, you know that this steel deck holds the heat, magnifies it and radiates it back at you so that it feels substantially higher than 100!

Even with the sweltering weather we managed to make remarkable progress on the Cougar project. I’m happy to report that the wings are now reinstalled, so for the first time since 1986 the Cougar is now in one piece. It’s an amazing thing to see when one recalls her condition just a year ago. Of course there is plenty of work yet to do before she is ready for paint.

Last month I started a Facebook fan site dedicated to our aircraft collection. It’s been a great tool for interacting with other aircraft enthusiasts and those just popping in to see what’s new at Intrepid. The memories and stories from this group of people have been very interesting. Pop in and check it out at: www.facebook.com/intrepidaircraftcollection. Don’t forget to click the “like” button if you are a Facebook member. I’m doing an Aircraft of the Week feature as well as a Mystery Aircraft on Fridays. Cougar progress is also a popular feature and we have many followers from the town in New Jersey where she spent a major portion of her life as a playground fixture. I’m shooting for 1,000 “likes” by the end of the year, and we have a long way to go.

Last issue’s Mystery Aircraft contest received a lot of replies and I’m happy to see that this
Where are the wings? This Mystery Aircraft may be easy for the more experienced aircraft spotters out there. I hope our younger followers will take a crack at it. This round wing concept was actually proven on a smaller test aircraft and only one full size example was built for the U.S. Navy, it was never flown.

This month’s Mystery Aircraft may be too easy for some of you, but we seem to be attracting quite a few young people who race to the Internet search engines and aviation books looking for the answers. This was my intent all along, and I hope they take a few extra minutes to learn something once they identify the aircraft. For those of you who are more experienced aviation aficionados, I encourage you to check out the Facebook site mentioned above, the mystery aircraft featured there are far more difficult to identify and will offer you a better challenge.

As always, please feel free to call or write me at: Eric Boehm, Curator, Aviation and Aircraft Restoration email: eboehm@intrepidmuseum.org phone: (646) 381-5237 facebook.com/intrepidaircraftcollection

Birthday guests become Pilots, Sailors, Marines, Spies or even Astronauts with our exciting party themes. Ask about our new “Rosie the Riveter-We Can Do It” theme, designed especially for girls! Choose from three different party packages, all with customizable options, to make your child’s next birthday party an adventure they will never forget!

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Include your name, address, telephone number and email address with your answer. All answers must be received by December 1, 2010.

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