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Mission Statement

The Eastern Carolina Aviation Heritage Foundation honors aviation history and inspires and cultivates the next generation of leaders in aerospace.

Eastern Carolina Aviation Heritage Foundation

September 2026

2026 Summer Elementary School Engineering Camp





Welcome to Amelia,
better known as
ECAHF Vice Chair,
Mary Beth Fennell



MajGen Chuck
Yeager was also at
the Fly-In greeting
families.



RIP, K9 Officer Freddy. You will be missed.



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Thank you to all the STEM Presenters!

- Cherry Point EOD
- USMC MAG-14 "Flight Gear"
- USMC Flight Physiology
- Greg Sabin "AV-8 Flight Simulator"
- FRC-East Engineering
- Havelock Police Dept
- Col Jimmie Green "Ejection Seats"
- Rich Hazlett, HH-46 "Pedro"
- Craven Community College
- Havelock Fire & Rescue "Jaws of Life"
- Flight Gear Photo Station
- Civil Air Patrol
- Donnie Cox, WCTI-12, Meteorologist
- Havelock Police Dept Canine Unit
- Alpacas of the Crystal Coast
- Aurora Fossil Museum "Fossil Dig"
- "Parachute Drag"
- City of Havelock Parks & Rec
- Numerous Volunteers
 - City of Havelock
 - NC State University



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Spotlight on *TAV-8B "T-Bird"*



The Havelock Tourist & Event Center is proud to welcome a **TAV-8B Harrier II** to its aviation display, adding another remarkable aircraft to Havelock's celebration of aviation and Marine Corps history.

The two-seat TAV-8B was designed as an advanced trainer for pilots learning to fly the AV-8B Harrier II. Its unique vertical/short takeoff and landing capabilities made the Harrier one of the most recognizable and innovative aircraft in Marine Corps aviation.

The aircraft, **BuNo. 163186**, has a special connection to the Marine Corps community and the Cherry Point area. Its arrival at the Havelock Tourist & Event Center provides visitors with an opportunity to see a piece of aviation history up close while learning about the aircraft, the Marines who flew and maintained it, and the important role of Marine Corps aviation in Eastern North Carolina.

The addition of the TAV-8B further strengthens the Center's mission of preserving and sharing the region's rich aviation heritage for residents, visitors, and future generations.



Members & Sponsors Night

October 20, 2026

2027 Gala

February 19, 2027



Please Join ECAHF Each Year

ECAHF needs your support to share the story of the advancement of military aircraft and those who have made it possible in eastern North Carolina. Your membership helps to provide resources to encourage students to acquire science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) skills through interactive exhibits and programs.

Together, our joint forces will recognize our neighbors' roles in advancing military aviation since 1942 when MCAS-Cherry Point was commissioned. In addition, your membership will help influence a new generation of aviation enthusiasts and skilled workers for the future. Be a part of this challenging and exciting mission.

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