

NUTHAMPSTEAD AIRFIELD MUSEUM

News from the Trustees - July 2015

The Buildings Are Named!

After much deliberation and thought, the Nuthampstead Airfield Trustees have chosen the names for the two museum buildings. The first and smaller building will be "James", named after the commanding officer of the 55th Fighter Group while they were stationed at Nuthampstead.

The second and larger building will be called "Hunter", after Colonel Hunter, first commanding officer of the 398th Bomb Group while they were at Station 131. We found it interesting that both men's first names were Frank.

We determined that since the first building was smaller and the aircraft flown by the 55th were smaller than the 398th planes, and since the 55th was stationed at Nuthampstead first, it would be appropriate that the first building's name would represent the 55th. This does not mean that only 55th artifacts will be situated in "James" building, since we have not yet determined exactly what will be displayed in each building.

We appreciate the suggestions that were given to us and we would like to thank Connie Novek for her idea that led us to the final conclusion for our buildings' names.

Photo Below:

Harvey Ditchman hard at work as usual putting up wall and ceiling panels in the *Hunter Building*.

Hey Harv, don't let your thumb get in the way of that hammer!



Photo Above:

Gail & Joe Mailoux check out the many photo and artifact displays in the *James Building* during their May visit.



Would YOU Like To Donate Items? Here's How!

If anyone has anything that they wish to donate to the Nuthampstead Airfield Museum, please bring it to the reunion in New Orleans for Geoff & Marilyn Rice to take back to England with them. Remember, we welcome any donations whether it is paperwork, books, photos, clothing, hats, bags, etc. And if you are not attending the reunion, but have something to donate, please contact Marilyn at president@398th.org and arrangements can be made.