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Re: Liberal Army Air Field

Greetings,

The MAAM Foundation recognizes the significant role the Liberal Army Air Field played in the growth and development of southwest Kansas and the Oklahoma Panhandle in the mid-1900s. Of the few remaining original structures on the Air Field the most dominant one is an original B-24 hangar. But sadly, it is being neglected and is rapidly deteriorating.

The Foundation is prepared to help coordinate initial efforts to focus attention on the building condition, and the opportunity of saving this structure for what it offers to the area community. We are asking you, and your organizations, to support an effort to, '...acknowledge the historical importance of the LAAF to the area, and to professionally assess the B-24 hangar condition, its refurbishment, the reuse possibilities, and a phasing and costing assessment related to such opportunities.' You and your group's indication of supporting such effort as described above will help in initiating and aggregating such a broad community interest in the Liberal Army Air Field history and support in saving the hangar.

Regards,

For the Foundation

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