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courage local veterans and their families to visit and share their experiences and stories with the public.

Over the past 30 years, the Foundation has undertaken and completed more restoration projects than many of the major aviation museums in the United States such as the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum (NASM) or the United States Air Force Museum.

The importance of volunteers who support the Foundation's efforts by hosting the aircraft in their towns, maintaining and restoring the planes, educating the American public about the heritage the planes represent, and financial-

ly supporting the Foundation's efforts is invaluable.

The Foundation's efforts have caught the attention of people of all ages and backgrounds (the youngest volunteer started at age 12).

The Foundation also relies upon the volunteer services of a number of pilots, many of whom work for major U.S.-based airlines, who have been certified in the operation of these aircraft.

The Foundation depends solely upon private funding, receiving donations from individual members, as well as the people who visit the aircraft in each city and town.

The Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress "Nine 0 Nine" WWII

Heavy Bomber, Consolidated B-24 Liberator "Witchcraft" WWII Heavy Bomber and P-51 Mustang fighter, will fly into Blairsville Airport in Blairsville offering a rare opportunity to visit, explore, and learn more about these unique and rare treasures of aviation history.

The B-17 is one of only 8 in flying condition in the United States, the B-24J and Full Dual Control P-51C Mustang are the sole remaining examples of their type flying in the World.

Visitors are invited to explore the aircraft inside and out - \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 12 is requested for access to up-close viewing

and tours through the inside of the aircraft.

WWII Veterans can tour through the aircraft at no cost.

Discounted rates for school groups are available.

Visitors may also experience the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to actually take a 30-minute flight aboard these rare aircraft.

Flights on either the B-17 or B-24 are \$425 per person.

Get some "stick time" in the world's greatest fighter plane. P51 flights are \$2,200 for a half hour and \$3,200 for a full hour.

For reservations and information on flight experiences call (800) 568-8924.

## Blairsville Council approves taser purchases



Lt. Russell Walker explains to city council members why the city police department needs tasers for each city officer. Photo/Charles Duncan

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In today's uncertain society, law enforcement faces a much greater challenge than 30 years ago.

Blairsville Police Lt. Russell Walker asked the Blairsville City Council to choose a less lethal option for crimefighting.

Tasers are becoming the method by which officers are using to subdue violent persons.

"Tasers prevent assaults on officers," Lt. Walker said.

Lt. Walker recommended a Carbon Arms brand of taser that comes in at about

half of cost as the namebrand Tasers.

"You can purchase a Carbon Arms for \$599," Lt. Walker said. "If you buy directly from Taser, you'll pay twice that much."

The city approved the purchase of 8 tasers for its seven full-time officers, and one part-time officer at a cost of \$6,123.

In other business, the Council approved the second reading of its revised Sign Ordinance. The revised version calls for the elimination of sign permit fees.

The City Council hired Myron Turner, Mary Cook, Joe White and Pam Moon to

assist with the upcoming City Election, to be held Nov. 5th. Early voting for the election begins Oct. 15th.

The Council approved spending \$16,411.37 to run electricity to the new city street lights to be installed as part of the Streetscape Project.

The figure was never a part of the Streetscape cost plan, Downtown Development

Authority Program Director Janet Hartman said.

Streetscape, a Downtown enhancement project, is in its final phase.

The Council approved holding its November meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 6th. The reason for the date change is the City Election will be held on Nov. 5th.