

HONORING OUR AVIATION HEROS

WARREN "BUD" WOODS • RANDY THOM



March 20, 1986

Supplies and fuel delivery to Lime Village • DeHavilland Caribou crashed on final approach • Woods and Thom killed • Previous damage to aircraft speculated to contribute to crash



Warren "Bud" Woods

Palmer High School graduate, 1956 • Member of Air National Guard Reserve • Founded Woods Air Service, 1961 • First helicopter rescue from summit of Mount McKinley, 1976 • Robert E. Trembly Mountain Pilot Award recipient, 1977



Randy Thom

Earned pilots license at 16 • Palmer High School graduate, 1981 • Attended Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University • Mechanic for Woods Air Service •



Palmer Municipal Airport

Founded December 1949
6000' runway to support heavy aircraft
524 acre property contains 18 hole golf course



DeHavilland Caribou-N539Y

Flew CIA rescue missions in Vietnam War • 26,000# gross weight, 5,240# payload, 32 passengers • Woods Air Service used the Caribou for cargo and supply deliveries in remote locations throughout Alaska •



Commemorative Plans

Palmer City Council proclaims airport renamed, "Warren (Bud) Woods Palmer Municipal Airport"

Palmer Flight Service Station renamed "Randy Thom Flight Service Center"

Building Signage, Commemorative Plaque and Exterior Interpretive Displays to be designed and erected

