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**SECRETARY OF STATE NAMES NELL CALLOWAY DIRECTOR
AT AVIATION AND MILITARY MUSEUM OF LOUISIANA**

CALLOWAY GRANNDAYUGHTER OF GEN. CLAIRE CHENNAULT

Secretary of State Jay Dardenne is pleased to announce the hiring of Nell Calloway as director of the Aviation and Military Museum of Louisiana in Monroe. Calloway, granddaughter of Gen. Claire Lee Chennault, began work May 12 overseeing the museum.

Calloway has visited China several times with her mother, Rosemary Chennault Simrall, as a guest of the Chinese government during a celebration with members of the "Flying Tigers" which her grandfather guided during World War II. The "Flying Tigers," a fighter squadron formed by the American Volunteer Group, kept the Japanese from taking over Mainland China during the war. She is a former museum governing board member and current member of the Friends of the Aviation and Military Museum of Louisiana. Calloway is married to Mike Calloway and has three children - Michael Calloway, Robin Meadows and Amanda Calloway - and four grandchildren.

During the current legislative session, Sen. Francis Thompson authored SB 164 to change the name of the museum to the Chennault Aviation and Military Museum of Louisiana. Secretary Dardenne deemed it appropriate to change the name to honor Chennault and his contributions to aviation and military history.

Patricia Hibbard, former director of the museum, will now serve as the regional outreach coordinator for the museums located in north Louisiana.

For more information about the Aviation and Military Museum of Louisiana and the Secretary of State's Museums Division, visit our Web site at www.sos.louisiana.gov/museums.

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