



# Aviation Trail, Inc.

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"The Flight Log" -

**AVIATION TRAIL MAIL**

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This "Flight Log" highlights some of the stories and events featured on the Aviation Trail website: [www.AviationTrailInc.org](http://www.AviationTrailInc.org)

## Free Aircraft Rides for Veterans at Butler County Warbirds

Save the Date: May 27, 2023, 10 AM to 5 PM



BCW will be hosting a day of FREE aircraft rides for all veterans! May 27th between 10am-5pm, with a rain date of May 28th. We want to give just a little to those who have served our country. Your choice of one 20 minute ride in one of three aircraft: 1943 PT-19 (max weight 260lbs), 1941 Aeronca L-3E (Max weight 170 lbs) or the 1972 Grumman AA-5 (Max weight 435lbs for up to 3 people).

Requirements- Proof of veteran status required. Rides must be scheduled in advance, as there are a limited # of rides available. One ride per veteran.

Please visit our FREE military history museum before or after your ride.

Please call Middletown Regional Flight Training at 513-217-4636 or Tim at 513-702-3062 to get your ride scheduled.



Butler County Warbirds  
Middletown Regional Airport (KMWO)  
2351 Wedekind Drive  
Middletown, OH 45042  
(513) 702-3062  
<http://www.bcwarbirds.com>

Butler County Warbirds is Site #16 on the Aviation Trail



## Tri-State Warbird Museum

April 2023 Events

### Lecture Series Military Mapping Maidens

The Tri-State Warbird Museum's Military Mapping Maidens continues with these March events in 2023. See the [Tri-State Warbird events page](#) for further details.

- Saturday, April 1 @ 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
- Wednesday, April 5 @ 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- Saturday, April 8 @ 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
- Wednesday, April 12 @ 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- Saturday, April 15 @ 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
- Wednesday, April 19 @ 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- Saturday, April 22 @ 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
- Wednesday, April 26 @ 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- Saturday, April 29 @ 10:00 am - 3:00 pm



Military Mapping Maidens Exhibit- Included in with general admission.

## Open Cockpit Day

Tri-State Warbird Museum • April 15 at 1:00 to 3:00 pm



COME, IMAGINE,  
AND DISCOVER WITH US!

- HOKIE POKIE THE C-45
- TWEETY THE T-6

April 15, 2023  
1 - 3 p.m.



A fun day at TSWM! - Cockpit climb-ins - FREE to Members  
[Yearly family memberships are \$50]

Frequently Asked Questions: <https://www.tri-staterwarbirdmuseum.org/learn/kids/open-cockpit-days-faqs/>

Saturday General Admission: <https://www.tri-staterwarbirdmuseum.org/event/saturday-general-admission-14/>

Memberships: <https://www.tri-staterwarbirdmuseum.org/support/membership/>



Tri-State Warbird Museum  
4021 BORMAN DR., • BATAVIA, OH 45103  
(513) 735-4500 • <https://www.tri-staterwarbirdmuseum.org>

Tri-State Warbird Museum is Site#15 on the Aviation Trail



# Parachute Museum Theater

Fort Benning's 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion  
The "Triple Nickles"



#8 in a series of videos  
featured by the  
Aviation Trail Parachute  
Museum

A Double Feature on  
Parachute History

by Fort Benning TV

These two videos tell the story of the 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion, the first all-black unit of paratroopers. The unit was the first of its kind, an all-black paratroop battalion, nicknamed the "Triple Nickles." They were used as smokejumpers, fighting forest fires ignited by Japanese balloon bombs on the West Coast, becoming known as the 555 "Smoke Jumpers."

To watch the Fort Benning videos click on the images below, or use these links:

<https://youtu.be/om4mcuJDW08>

<https://youtu.be/MMAPLqzLyl8>



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See more about Fort Benning (soon to be renamed Fort Moore) at [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort\\_Benning](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort_Benning).

See the Parachute Museum Theater page for access to more Parachute Museum Theater videos: <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/parachute-museum-theater>.



The Aviation Trail Parachute Museum  
16 South Williams Street  
Dayton, OH 45402  
(937) 225-7705  
[aviationtrailinc.org/parachute-museum](https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/parachute-museum)

The Aviation Trail Parachute Museum is Site #1b on the Aviation Trail

# Aviation Trail Salutes Wilbur Wright

April 16, 1867 Birthday of Wilbur Wright



Wilbur Wright was born to Milton and Susan Wright April 16, 1867, in a three-room house near Millville, Ind., eight miles east of New Castle, Ind. Wilbur was the Wrights' third son and was named for Wilbur Fiske, a clergyman admired by Milton.



It was Wilbur's observations of birds in flight that inspired his concept of wing warping, and his letter to Octave Chanute that helped propel the brothers on their historic venture.

(See this Library of Congress story: <https://www.loc.gov/collections/wilbur-and-orville-wright-papers/articles-and-essays/the-belief-that-flight-is-possible-to-man/>).

Although Wilbur's birthplace is commemorated by the [Wilbur Wright Birthplace Museum](#) in Hagerstown, Indiana, you can now visit his final resting place at [Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum](#) in Dayton, Ohio (Site #8 on the Aviation Trail) where he lies next to his brother Orville.



## Aviation Trail Gift Shop

See the GIFT SHOP menu item on the Aviation Trail website at:

<https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/>

or **CLICK HERE.**

All transactions will be purchased from, processed by, and fulfilled by Dayton History, and can either be shipped to the purchaser or held for pick-up at Carillon Historical Park Museum Store at 1000 Carillon Historical Park, Dayton, OH 45409, (937) 293-2841. The products are in stock at the Carillon Historical Park Museum Store.



## Aviation Trail Memberships & Donations

Join or Renew Now to Help Support Aviation Trail, Inc. and the Aviation Trail Parachute Museum



### Membership

- Join
- Renew
- Donate

Help keep the Dayton area in the forefront of the world's aviation history, leadership and preservation.

#### Membership Reminder:

All levels of Aviation Trail memberships, except for Life Membership, are annual and are **subject to renewal, at the desired level, by each January.** Aviation Trail is now accepting memberships and renewal orders for 2022.

Aviation Trail Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Aviation Trail remains committed to upholding our mission of aviation awareness, education, preservation and restoration in our region. We need your support in order to be more than "The Birthplace of Aviation," but also the premier locale in the country to "Experience the Birthplace of Aviation." Your membership and donation support is critical in helping maintain that mission. Thanks for your support! Memberships and donations can be made on-line through secure payment on PayPal, or a Membership/Donor form can be downloaded from the Membership Page for mailing.

See the **JOIN/DONATE** menu item on the Aviation Trail website to join, renew, or donate: <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/>



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## Yes! I want to support Aviation Trail, Inc.

Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (to receive online newsletter) \_\_\_\_\_

(Name to be used for recognition if different than above) \_\_\_\_\_

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### Membership Levels

I / We wish to remain anonymous.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 Senior (age 60+)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$75 Contributing

\_\_\_\_\_ \$1000 Patron

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 Individual

\_\_\_\_\_ \$150 Supporting

\_\_\_\_\_ Other- I am a life member and would like to make an additional contribution

\_\_\_\_\_ \$40 Family

\_\_\_\_\_ \$1500 Individual Life Member\*

(\*May be paid in three annual payments of \$500 per year, mail in only )

\_\_\_\_\_ Donation - I would like to support Aviation Trail with a **DONATION** of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Aviation Trail

### Please apply my donation to:

**Membership Fund**

**Preservation Fund\***

**Wilbear Fund\*\***

\* Donations will be designated to promote and preserve historical aviation sites in the Dayton Region.

\*\* Donations will be designated to promote and preserve the "Wilbear Wright" teddy bear program that promotes the Aviation Trail and its partner sites.

**Check enclosed. Make payable to: Aviation Trail, Inc.**

**Mail to Aviation Trail, Inc. / PO Box 633 / Wright Brothers Station / Dayton, OH 45409**

Members and donors receive an online subscription to the Aviation Trail newsletter, *Flight Log*, and advance invitations to Aviation Trail events and programs.

**Online credit card payments may be made from our website. Secure payments are made through PayPal.** See the **JOIN/DONATE** menu item on the Aviation Trail website to join, renew, or donate: <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/>. **Or click the membership logo on the right >**



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*Donations to Aviation Trail, Inc., a 501(c)3 organization, in partnership with the National Park Service to promote Aviation Heritage in the Dayton region, are fully tax deductible.*

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