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A non-profit corporation in partnership with the National Park Service to promote Aviation Heritage in the Dayton region

Visit the historical sites that tell of man's conquest of the air.

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This "Flight Log" highlights some of the stories and events featured on the Aviation Trail website: www.AviationTrailInc.org



Tri-State Warbird Museum Santa Fly-In

Saturday, December 3, 2022 - 9:30 to 11:00 AM



All visitors including members must reserve tickets in advance!

Get Santa Fly-In Tickets at: <https://form.jotform.com/TSWM/santa-fly-in->

Join us as we await the 9:45 AM arrival of Santa! Santa will fly in on a plane!

Once Santa arrives there will be hot drinks, cookies, crafts and fun activities! Santa will be available to meet children until 11:00 AM.

\$7 student admission \$12 adult admission

This program is FREE to members!

Yearly family memberships are \$50



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

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



Cookies with Santa at Butler County Warbirds

December 4, 2022 at 2:00 PM

Join us for our 2nd annual Cookies with Santa! Have cookies and Hot Chocolate with Jolly Old ST NICK himself at the Butler County Warbirds Museum at the Middletown Regional Airport.

Santa's Elves will be dropping in from their parachutes around 2:30 to anxiously await the arrival of Santa and the Mrs. in their red aircraft sleigh. Enjoy the cocoa and cookies while waiting for Santa and the Elves, and there will be a giveaway for the kids after Santa arrives.

This **FREE COMMUNITY EVENT** is open to everyone and is presented by Butler County Warbirds with the kind assistance of Middletown Regional Flight Training and Start Skydiving.

***Parachuting Elves and Santa flying in are weather permitting. Santa & the Mrs. will be in the hangar enjoying cookies and hot chocolate in the event of inclement weather.*



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



A Carillon Christmas 2022

November 22 – December 30, 2022*

Sunday – Thursday: 5:00pm – 9:00pm
Friday & Saturday: 5:00pm – 10:00pm
at Carillon Historical Park

* Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day

Dayton's Newest Holiday Tradition!



Join us for A Carillon Christmas to see Carillon Historical Park's 65-acre campus transformed into a winter wonderland of sparkle, magic, and holiday cheer!

Featuring:

The Carillon Tree of Light • Santa Claus • Candy Cane Slopes • Carillon Card Co. • Letters to Santa • Deeds

Carillon Christmas Concerts • Carillon Christmas Café • Roundhouse Café in the Transportation Center • Holiday Storytelling in our one-room Schoolhouse • Model Train Displays • Midnight Express Miniature Train Rides • Museum Store Shopping • Walk through our beautiful campus, filled with thousands of lights • Morris and Hetzel Bakery • Gristmill Christmas Village • Carillon Brewing Co. ... and more!

Click this link for prices: <https://www.daytonhistory.org/events/special-events/a-carillon-christmas/>

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1000 Carillon Blvd.
Dayton, OH 45409
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<https://www.daytonhistory.org>



Carillon Historical Park is Site #4 on the Aviation Trail



Armstrong Air & Space Museum Holiday Lights

November 25, 2022 - January 02, 2023



For over ten years now, the Armstrong Air & Space Museum has been inaugurating the holiday season by illuminating their grounds with a vast array of festive and colorful lights known as the Holiday Lights Display. The overall exhibition contains a multitude of aviation and space-themed displays made from tens of thousands of vibrant LED bulbs, with prominent works including a twenty-foot-tall Saturn V rocket and a giant Apollo-era astronaut saluting the American flag.

The Display officially kicks-on at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, November 25th, when the lights are turned on for the first time during the "Grand Illumination" event. The museum itself will be open as part of the event for guests to shop or visit from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm.

The lights will be on for guests to enjoy from dusk until dawn every night until the end of the year. Holiday lights will be spread periodically throughout the museum grounds to allow guests to social distance if they so choose.

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For over ten years now, the Armstrong Air & Space Museum has been inaugurating the holiday season by illuminating their grounds with a vast array of festive and colorful lights known as the Holiday Lights Display. For the first time, the light display is part of the Ohio Holiday Lights Trail, a compilation of the state's most impressive light displays curated by Ohio. Find It Here., the state's tourism division. This year's holiday lights trail features 43 locations across Ohio, the largest trail since its inception five years ago.

Guests are asked to refrain from touching lights, sculptures, or cords. If you take any pictures of the lights throughout the holiday season please post them using [#AASMLights](#). Donations will be accepted on-site and online via our donation tab listed above! The guestbook can also be found onsite or on our website below this page! Please leave your comments and let us know what you think! The Holiday Lights Display is weather permitting. The store and restrooms are not regularly open, and there is no food or beverage available.



Armstrong Air & Space Museum
500 Apollo Drive
Wapakoneta, OH 45895
(419) 738-8811 or (800) 860-0142
<https://www.armstrongmuseum.org>



Armstrong Air & Space Museum is Site #12 on the Aviation Trail



National Aviation Hall of Fame Announcement

**National Aviation Hall of Fame President and CEO
Amy Spowart to resign in late 2022**

DAYTON, OH, November 3, 2022 — The National Aviation Hall of Fame (NAHF) announced that President and Chief Executive Officer Amy Spowart has resigned effective December 21, 2022.

"Over the past seven years, Amy has done an exemplary job of leading the NAHF," said Michael Quiello, Chair of the NAHF Board of Trustees. "Amy has been a great ambassador for the Hall of Fame, one like no other, who has raised awareness of our mission to a nationwide audience, serving both the National Aviation Hall of Fame and our Enshrinees exceptionally well."

"It has been a privilege and honor to serve the NAHF for 23 years. I am proud of what we have accomplished and have no doubt that the programs currently in place will continue to grow and generate innovative and pioneering ideas for our industry," said Spowart. "The NAHF is incredibly strong and will continue to be an increasingly vital force in educating and building the future workforce."

Accepting the leadership role in 2017, Spowart led the successful effort to achieve the NAHF strategic goal of significantly expanding its reach from a regional focus to a national level. Spowart brought the NAHF current by creating nationally recognized programs, initiating and strengthening partnerships, and providing visionary thought leadership. She oversaw the formation of critical alliances, including with PBS, to develop the STEAM-based educational and workforce program, Discovering Flight with the National Aviation Hall of Fame.

"On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we thank Amy for her service and leadership. The NAHF is strong, healthy, and financially sound, with a remarkable team in place that will continue to build on Amy's legacy and many accomplishments," said David Brixey, Vice-Chair of the Board. "We are committed to a smooth and transparent transition and to finding the best possible candidate for this important role."

The NAHF profoundly appreciates the dedication and service of Spowart and wishes her continued success in her new endeavors. The board will begin a national search to find a permanent CEO shortly.

National Aviation Hall of Fame
1100 Spaatz Street, Dayton, OH 45433
937-256-0944
<https://www.nationalaviation.org>



The National Aviation Hall of Fame is Site #6 on the Aviation Trail



New Executive Director of the WACO Airfield & Museum

Nancy Royer, Former WACO Learning Center Director, named to Executive Director position



The WACO Board of Directors have selected Nancy Royer to serve as its next Executive Director. Many of the WACO members and the Troy community have come to know Nancy as the WACO Learning Center Director since 2013, but she now fills the Executive Director position that had been vacated by the retirement of Gretchen Hawk in early 2021.

The Board unanimously supported Nancy's promotion to Executive Director as the most qualified individual to lead the organization as it celebrates the 100th anniversary of WACO aircraft production in Troy next year.

"Nancy has served the WACO well over the past 9 years in her primary role of Learning Center Director, but also in fundraising, managing the ride program in our WACO Classic YMF-5, and assisting Gretchen and the Board," said Jim McGarry, current president of the board. "She is responsible for the success and growth of the Learning Center, its STEM programs, robotics teams, and numerous educational programs for our membership and the surrounding community."

Please join us in welcoming Nancy to her new role, and the next time you are in the Troy area, stop at the museum to wish her well and see what the future will bring to WACO.

Jim McGarry, President WHS



PRESERVING THE PAST...INSPIRING THE FUTURE!

WACO Air Museum & Learning Center
1865 S. County Rd. 25A
Troy, OH 45373
937-335-9226

www.wacoairmuseum.org

WACO Air Museum & Learning Center is Site #11 on the Aviation Trail



Aviation Trail Gift Shop

See the GIFT SHOP menu item on the Aviation Trail website at: <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/> or **CLICK HERE.**

Ideas for Holiday Gifts!

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.



Christmas Truce on the Western Front

WACO Historical Society Aviation Lecture Series
December 15, 2022

WACO Air Museum, 1865 South County Road 25A, Troy, Ohio 45373
Thursday, December 15, 2022. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., lecture starts at 7 p.m



WACO Historical Society
Aviation Lecture Series

World War I, the so-called Great War was only 5 months old and there were already many casualties on both sides. The first Christmas of the 4 year-war, at the front lines, became a Christmas celebration of the size that never took place before and most likely will never happen again. Many believe it is a miracle that thousands of soldiers put down their weapons and stopped killing to celebrate Christmas. The lecture will cover the history of World War I and the events that led up to the Christmas Truce.

The lecture is presented by Bill Albers, a frequent guest lecturer about World War II subjects. Bill is Dutch-American who survived WWII. He was born in Amsterdam in 1940 and as a child, survived a 5-year long German occupation during World War II. He served in the Royal Dutch Air Force as a jet aircraft mechanic and earned a degree in mechanical engineering before coming to the US in 1965. He continued to study engineering in Ohio and lived and worked in the US before becoming a citizen in 1977. Bill has held positions as an engineering manager, sales manager, and divisional manager, VP of sales & engineering, and CEO of different US companies. He now is busily retired and spends time volunteering at the Champaign Aviation Museum as well as WACO Air Museum. Bill is a pilot with Sidney airport as his home base and holds a private, instrument, commercial, and ground school instructor pilot license. Bill shares his knowledge about World War II so people do not forget what happened during WWII.

All aviation lectures are free and open to the public and are scheduled to last one hour, beginning at 7 pm, with questions to follow. The lecture is held in the Willis Wing of the WACO Air Museum at 1865 South County Road 25A in Troy, OH. Doors will open at 6:30. Donations to the WACO Air Museum are gratefully accepted. All lectures are sponsored in part by Collins Wheels and Brakes. For questions, please call 937-335-9226 or visit www.wacoairmuseum.org.

WACO Air Museum & Learning Center • 1865 S. County Rd. 25A • Troy, OH 45373 • 937-335-9226

WACO Air Museum & Learning Center is Site #11 on the Aviation Trail



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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.

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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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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.

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