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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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"The Flight Log" -

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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 Events

March 5 @ 9:30 am - 11:00 am at Tri-State Warbirds
"Parachutes!" is our next Super Soarin' Saturdays!

Come learn about parachutes.

Fun, crafts, games and learning activities start at 9:30 am • **Best suited for ages 6-11.** Learn about the Candy Bomber from WWII, build a candy parachute, see a real parachute deploy and experience a cockpit climb-in.

Super Soarin' Saturdays is our children's program!

- This program is targeted to children ages 6-11.
- Student admission is \$7
- This program is FREE to members
- Yearly family memberships are \$50



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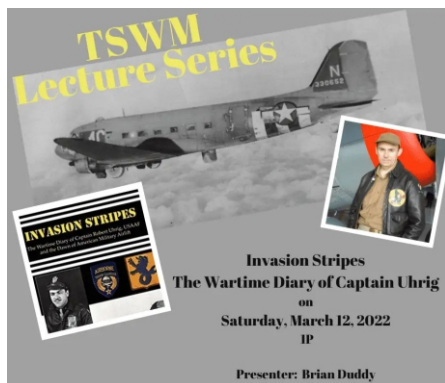
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Tri-State Warbird Museum Lecture Series

March 12 @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Invasion Stripes : The Wartime Diary of Captain Uhrig

The next segment in our Lecture Series. A sometimes hilarious, sometimes tragic, detailed first person story of Captain Uhrig.



Captain Uhrig was a WWII aircraft mechanic and then Engineering Officer for the 36th Troop Carrier Squadron and their Douglas C-47s. Captain Uhrig's wartime career took him from jump school at Ft. Benning to supplying British units in North Africa to the Sicily and Normandy (D-Day) invasions and all the other airborne operations in Europe. The lecture also includes his personal love story. As Captain Uhrig endures almost three years of wartime separation from his love, with only photographs and letters to sustain them across thousands of miles. **Presenter: Brian Duddy Ret. Lt. Col. USAF**

Tri-State Warbird Museum

4021 Borman Drive

Batavia, OH 45103

(513) 735-4500

<https://www.tri-statewarbirdmuseum.org>



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

Wright State University Special Collections and Archives Paul Laurence Dunbar Library

Celebrating 150 Years of Paul Laurence Dunbar

(The following as posted on the library's "Out of the Box" blog on Feb. 4 by Lisa Rickey)

Paul Laurence Dunbar was born on June 27, 1872, in Dayton, Ohio. He was one of the first African American literary figures to gain national critical acclaim. On May 2, 1992, Wright State University's main library was renamed "Dunbar Library" in recognition of Dunbar's significant literary contributions, importance to Dayton, and friendship with Wilbur and Orville Wright for whom the University is named.

This year, we join with the National Parks Service and local organizations in celebrating the 150th anniversary of his birth. This spring semester the University Libraries and the Friends of the Libraries will host several events to commemorate the anniversary. These events offer an opportunity to explore the history, the work, and the legacy of this influential author. Upcoming Dunbar 150 events sponsored by University Libraries and the Friends of the Libraries include:



• **February 17 @ 3:00 pm:** Paul Laurence Dunbar: Beyond the Mask documentary screening and discussion with filmmaker Frederick Lewis (already presented).

• **March 8 @ 5:30 pm:** Book Club discussion of The Sport of the Gods by Paul Laurence Dunbar

• **April 15 @ 4:30 pm:** Visions of Dunbar art & literary expo (submissions are open to WSU students and area high school students, accepted through March 16th)

• **April 20 @ noon:** Friends of the Libraries Virtual "Lunch-in": Paul Laurence Dunbar, a Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of His Birth, featuring Herbert Woodward Martin

• **May 6:** Silver Melted into Sound music festival (hosted by WSU School of Music)

For full details and registration information on all of these events, please visit the University Libraries' blog at:

<https://www.libraries.wright.edu/community/blog/2022/02/03/paul-laurence-dunbar-150-years/>

We hope to see you there! P.S. – Don't forget, you can enjoy reading Dunbar's poetry on our web site anytime! <https://libraries.wright.edu/special/dunbar/poetry>

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www.libraries.wright.edu/special/

**Wright State University Special Collections and Archives
Paul Laurence Dunbar Library is Site #10 on the Aviation Trail**



Butler County Warbirds Event

FigLeaf Pint Night

Join BCW and our crew of reenactors at Figleaf Brewing, 3387 Cincinnati-Dayton Rd in Middletown for a look back at the 1940s! Enjoy your favorite brew while checking out German, Japanese and US military artifacts. Learn about our aircraft restoration projects. There will be a raffle for a ride in our WWII PT-19 aircraft and other prizes!

Wednesday, March 9 from 3pm-10pm.



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



Butler County Warbirds is Site #16 on the Aviation Trail



**NATIONAL MUSEUM
OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE™**

March 2022 Events and New Exhibits

MARCH 12, Open Aircraft Day

On Open Aircraft days, visitors will have the unique opportunity to look inside one of the museum's aircraft from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. unless otherwise noted. (The list of aircraft is updated quarterly)



[Republic P-47D \(Bubble Canopy Version\)](#)

[BF 109G-10 \(Messerschmitt\)](#)

Event is March 12, 2022, 11 am to 3 pm.
Click on the above links to see more about each aircraft.



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March 26, Plane Talks

A few times a year and allow visitors the opportunity to interact with various subject matter experts. The experts at these talks may include veterans, active duty, former pilots, crew members, engineers, navigators, and more. These experts will be stationed in the galleries near the aircraft or exhibit that relates to their expertise. These Plane Talks programs often occur in conjunction with the anniversary of a significant Air Force or military event. 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, March 26 - In honor of Vietnam Veterans Day

New Exhibit: "A Force For Good" Department of the Air Force Humanitarian Missions

The museum debuted its latest permanent exhibit Feb. 5, 2022, demonstrating the history and role the Air Force plays in humanitarian operations to assist people domestically and around the world including: aerial deliveries, goodwill missions, relief and rescue, firefighting, and critical care responses.

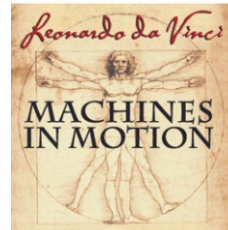
A number of artifacts will be on display including diving equipment used during the Thai Cave Rescue, and firefighting tools used to combat wildfires in Alaska. You can also see a fully-assembled Transport Isolation System.

This new exhibit is on display in the museum's Global Reach Gallery near the C-130E. Stay tuned for details on our Grand Opening Celebration events scheduled for April.



<https://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/Visit/Museum-Exhibits/>

Leonardo da Vinci Machines in Motion



A new special exhibit built in Florence, Italy, that showcases the largest hands-on display of full-size machine replicas of Leonardo da Vinci's inventions will open to the public on Feb. 21 at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

The exhibit titled "Leonardo da Vinci Machines in Motion," on tour by Evergreen Exhibits, provides an engaging combination of education and entertainment in an experience that explores history, science, mechanics and physics, invention and innovation.

The exhibit, which is divided into four parts based on da Vinci's study of the elements of nature and applied knowledge: earth, water, air and fire, features 40 actual-size working machines designed by a modern team of scientists and artisans who used the craftsmanship that Leonardo would have used in his time. These machines include a revolving crane, a full-size armored tank (large enough for several visitors to explore inside), a working robot, and four flying machines. Other displays include the hydraulic water saw, the pillar lifter, floats for walking on water, the parachute and the machine gun.

This free exhibit will be on display in the museum's fourth building through May 8, 2022. Evergreen Exhibitions, founded in 1992, is one of the world's premier providers of traveling museum exhibits. Evergreen conceptualizes, designs, produces, markets and tours its exhibits, primarily in science, natural history and children's museums. The exhibits use educational concepts to create high quality, immersive, multi-sensory, entertaining and educational experiences for family audiences. More than 60 million people worldwide have enjoyed an Evergreen Exhibitions experience. Additional information is available at www.evergreenexhibitions.com. (Federal endorsement not implied.)

The National Museum of the U.S. Air Force, located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio, is the world's largest military aviation museum. With free admission and parking, the museum features more than 350 aerospace vehicles and missiles and thousands of artifacts amid more than 19 acres of indoor exhibit space. Each year thousands of visitors from around the world come to the museum. For more information, visit www.nationalmuseum.af.mil.



National Museum of the U.S. Air Force
1100 Spaatz St, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433
www.nationalmuseum.af.mil

The National Museum of the United States Air Force is Site #5 on the Aviation Trail

Butler County Warbirds Open Cockpit Event

Sunday, March 20, 2022 from 1pm to 4pm

Have you ever wanted to sit in the cockpit of an aircraft...but don't know anyone who owns one? Here's your opportunity! Join us for an open cockpit event in our '43 Fairchild PT-19. Here's your chance to sit in this aircraft that trained cadets at Parks Air College in East St. Louis, IL until June '44. Hop in and check out the controls, take some selfies and let your imagination take you back to the 40's!



This is a free event, but as always, donations are welcome and greatly appreciated to keep this historic aircraft flying. Props available for small donation for your photo ops. Sunday, March 20 from 1pm-4pm.

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2351 Wedekind Drive

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<http://www.bcwarbirds.com>



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Parachutes in the News
PRESENTED BY THE AVIATION TRAIL PARACHUTE MUSEUM



The U.S. Army Parachute Team, the Golden Knights, to be Honored with the 2022 Bruce Whitman Trophy

Washington, DC, February 15, 2022 – The National Aeronautic Association (NAA) is pleased to announce that the U.S. Army Parachute Team, the Golden Knights, have been selected as the recipient of the 2022 Bruce Whitman Trophy.

The Bruce Whitman Trophy was established by the Board of Directors of NAA in 2019 to honor the late aerospace executive and philanthropist. Whitman was posthumously named as the first recipient of the trophy the same year, followed by General J.R. "Jack" Dailey in 2020 and Erin Miller in 2021.



The trophy is awarded to "... outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions to aviation or aerospace in the United States, and who by working with museums and other institutions have promoted an appreciation by students and the broader public of the sacrifices and legacy of members of the military service." A deserving nominee is put forth annually by the Chairman of the NAA and approved by the NAA Executive Committee.

For more than 60 years, members of the U.S. Army Parachute Team, nicknamed the Golden Knights, have been marking milestones of achievement and an evolution of excellence serving as the "Ambassadors of the Army." The more than a hundred men and women who make up the Golden Knights conduct worldwide parachute demonstrations, competitions, and a tandem orientation program to connect the U.S. Army with the American public and enhance the Army's recruiting efforts, while simultaneously providing technical expertise in support of military free-fall programs.

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Serving under the leadership of the United States Army Recruiting Command and Marketing Engagement Brigade, the Golden Knights are separated into eight sections - the Black and Gold demonstration teams, a tandem team, two competition teams, a select training team, a headquarters section, and an aviation detachment that flies hundreds of sorties annually to directly support the various parachuting teams.



The Golden Knights annually reach a third of our nation by performing spectacular live parachute demonstrations for the American public. The team has performed more than 21,000 shows in all 50 states and 48 countries, reaching and inspiring more than 20,000 people per show. The team has won an impressive record of more than 460 national championships and more than 100 world championships, earning the Army 2,148 gold, 1,117 silver, and 693 bronze medals in national and international competition. These achievements have made them not only the most successful Department of Defense sports team, but also the most successful parachute team in the world.

The National Aeronautic Association is a non-profit membership organization devoted to fostering opportunities to participate fully in aviation activities and to promoting public understanding of the importance of aviation and space flight to the United States.

NAA is the caretaker of some of the most important aviation awards in the world and certifies all national aviation records set in the United States. For information, visit www.naa.aero.

Contact: Stephanie Griffith, Director of Awards, Events, and Membership • 703-416-4888 Ext 104

National Aeronautic Association

Reagan National Airport, General Aviation Terminal, Hangar 7, Suite 202,

Washington, DC 20001



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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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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

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Or click the membership logo on the right >



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