



# Aviation Trail, Inc.

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

## Conference of Aviation Trail Sites

**Aviation Trail, Inc. Sites and the Dayton Convention and Visitors Bureau Public Relations Conference**

**The DCVB premiered Jim Bucher's recent videos of historical aviation locations in our area.**

Aviation Trail, Inc and the Dayton Convention and Visitors Bureau hosted representatives of member sites on the "Trail" on February 27th at the Wright Dunbar Interpretive Center & Aviation Trail Visitor Center for a discussion of site promotional plans for the future. Representatives from most of the sites were present to discuss site updates and exchange information.

The Convention Bureau premiered Jim Bucher's recent videos of historical aviation locations in our area. The video will be featured on the Bureau's website, and flashdrives were distributed to the ATI sites for their own website and other promotional usage. Copies will also be made available to the news media throughout the Ohio area.



The video is also viewable from the Video page on the ATI website video page at: [www.aviationtrailinc.org/video](http://www.aviationtrailinc.org/video)

Aviation Trail provided information on our brochure and "Wilbear Wright" programs along with an update on our Fish Market and Pekin Theater building plans. Attending sites spoke

on their current activities and thoughts on how we all might work closer together in advancing our aviation heritage. Aviation Trail urged member sites to send information on their site activities and updates for inclusion in the ATI website.

Aviation Trail, Inc. is very proud of our nearly thirty-six year history as a non-profit all volunteer organization. We estimate well over one million brochures promoting aviation sites have been distributed in that time. There are more than 10,000+ "Wilbear" "Wright" bears in homes around the world earned by experiencing the member sites.

Aviation Trail thanks all who attended for their valuable input.

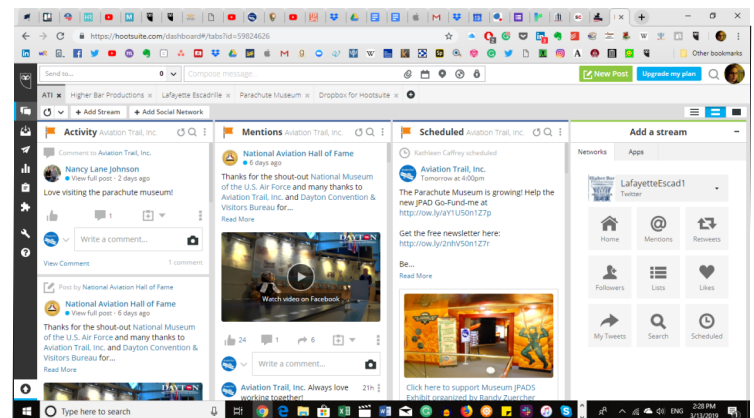
## ATI & Social Media

**The following is a message from Aviation Trail's new Social Media Manager, who will be posting news and events on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, and LinkedIn.**

Blending the aviation history of Dayton to the coming technology and realities to come is an experience. Yet the process is actually fun, and reaching out to the new families and members can never get old.

Great things are coming for ATI, weaving together the website and newsletter, the amazing locations, and now a new additional form of outreach. Events, such as the Trailblazer Award, are in the works so that anyone following will learn about every step of the way.

The current projects are both start-ups. The first is a general reintroduction to the sites using the wonderful videos from the Dayton Convention and Visitors Bureau (see the article on the left), and hopefully inspiring the exploration of these locations. The second is funding the addition of the JAPDS (*Joint Precision Airdrop System*) exhibit to the Parachute Museum.



This is an introduction, but all things have to begin. As such - welcome and thanks for signing up! It's really wonderful to have you here. And I hope we keep coming up with more reasons to have you back.

*-Kathleen, Social Media Manager*



## WACO Aviation Lecture Series

### *A Woman's Place in War: the Women's Army Corps in WWII*

WACO Historical Society Aviation Lecture Series

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 28, 2019  
doors open at 6:30 p.m., speech at 7 p.m.

**WHERE:** WACO Air Museum, 1865 South County Road 25A  
Troy, Ohio 45373

In recognition of Women's History Month, WACO will host Molly Cooper at the Aviation Lecture Series on Thursday, March 28th at 7 p.m. in the Willis Wing. Molly, in WWII costume, will present "A Woman's Place in War: the Women's Army Corp in WWII." Doors will open to the public at 6:30 pm.



Molly Cooper is a living historian specializing in the Women's Army Corps during WWII. Her background in living history started at a young age, and she grew up participating in American Revolution and War of 1812 reenactments. She began participating in WWII at D-Day

Ohio in 2009. Molly founded the 1st WAC Separate Bn Living History Group in 2013, with 3 members. Since then, it has grown into the largest female reenacting organization for WWII, with chapters from coast to coast. In addition to reenacting, Molly also enjoys researching the WAAC/WAC and sharing that information online and at presentations.

'A Woman's Place in War: the Women's Army Corps in WWII' is a brief history of the WAAC/WAC during WWII, from its pre-war roots to V-J Day. Molly will share a 1944 recruiting film, facts, and anecdotes to bring alive this period in American history and the experiences of the first "Lady GIs." Following the presentation, there will be an opportunity for questions and answers.

All aviation lectures are free and open to the public; donations to WACO Air Museum are gladly accepted. Lectures are held in the Willis Wing of the WACO Air Museum at 1865 South County Road 25A in Troy, OH. Programs are scheduled to last one hour with questions to follow. For questions, please call 937-335-9226 or visit [www.wacoairmuseum.org](http://www.wacoairmuseum.org).



## 2019 Champaign Aviation Museum Gala

*Champaign Aviation Museum, Site #13 on the Aviation Trail, has announced their Annual Gala event, which is planned for the evening of Saturday April 13, 2019.*

**Doors open at 5:30 p.m., B-25 flyby 6:30, dinner seating at 7:00. All proceeds go towards supporting the B-17 Flying Fortress restoration and the museum's mission.**

*The featured speaker is Brian Udell, F-15 Strike Eagle Pilot.*

Brian began flying at age nine, took his first cross-country flight at age ten, and received his Private Pilots Certificate at age 17. Since that time he has accumulated over 21,000 hours in a variety of both civil and military aircraft. He was one of only sixty candidates across the United States selected to attend the Euro-NATO Joint Pilot Training program. Brian graduated number one in his class and was awarded the Air Training Command—Commanders Trophy. Brian was one of the first Lieutenants selected to fly the F-15E Strike Eagle. He graduated from Strike Eagle training and received the top academic award with an overall average of 99.8%. Brian went on to his operational units where he became an Instructor, Mission Commander, and Air to Ground Top Gun winner.



He has flown over 100 combat missions in Southwest Asia and logged nearly 2000 hours in the Strike Eagle. Brian received the Air Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters and the Aerial Achievement Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters for combat missions over Iraq. Brian's military career spanned ten years. Brian left the Air Force in 1999. He is a Captain with Southwest Airlines, a competition aerobatic pilot, and a motivational and inspirational speaker.

### **Tickets are limited**

For details and ticket information see the Champaign Aviation Museum website event page:

<https://www.champaignaviationmuseum.org/museum-gala>

Be sure to check out the rest of the Champaign Aviation Museum website, especially the information on the restoration of the "Champaign Lady" B-17 Flying Fortress.

Admission to the museum is free, and the museum's mission of "Touching Lives by Restoring History" is supported by gifts and donations, which can be made online via their website.

Champaign Aviation Museum  
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## WACO Aviation Lecture Series

*Dan Patterson shares a preview of upcoming film,  
Lafayette Escadrille*

Thursday, April 25th, 2019  
Doors open at 6:30 p.m., speech at 7 p.m.  
WACO Historical Society  
WACO Air Museum, 1865 South County Road 25A  
Troy, Ohio 45373

Dan Patterson, a renowned aviation photographer, author, designer, lecturer, and now film maker, will speak at the WACO Aviation Lecture Series. On Thursday evening, April 25th, at 7 pm, Dan will share a brief history of the Lafayette Escadrille, a 20 minute segment of the upcoming documentary film, and information about the current film project. Doors open to the public at 6:30 pm.



Before the United States had even entered into World War I, 38 Americans volunteered to fly in order to aid our oldest ally, France. Their bravery helped spur this reluctant nation to join with France as an ally. The upcoming documentary is to tell of this squadron known as the Lafayette Escadrille. According to film makers Dan Patterson, Paul Glenshaw, Darroch Greer, and Mark Wilkins, "Our extensive research is ongoing, including our discoveries of previously unpublished manuscripts by Escadrille pilots, which shine new light on the story. Their bonds cut across class and wealth. The pilots' own voices are the center of our film." The film allows the viewer to experience the flying of World War 1 like never before....including the chaos of the dogfights and combat aerobatics. "Our research has also revealed strong female characters central to the story. Their voices bring feminine insight and perspective rarely seen in war films," says the team of filmmakers.

Daytonian Dan Patterson has authored over 40 books on aviation and was honored in 2003 as the National Aviation Hall of Fame's first winner of the Harry B. Combs Award for Excellence in the Preservation of Aviation History. He has been a lecturer for the Smithsonian Journeys Program. Dan is currently the Artist in Residence for the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park.

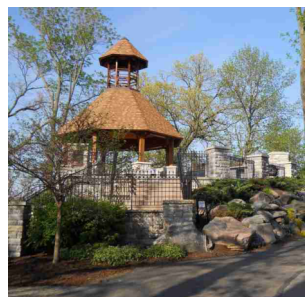
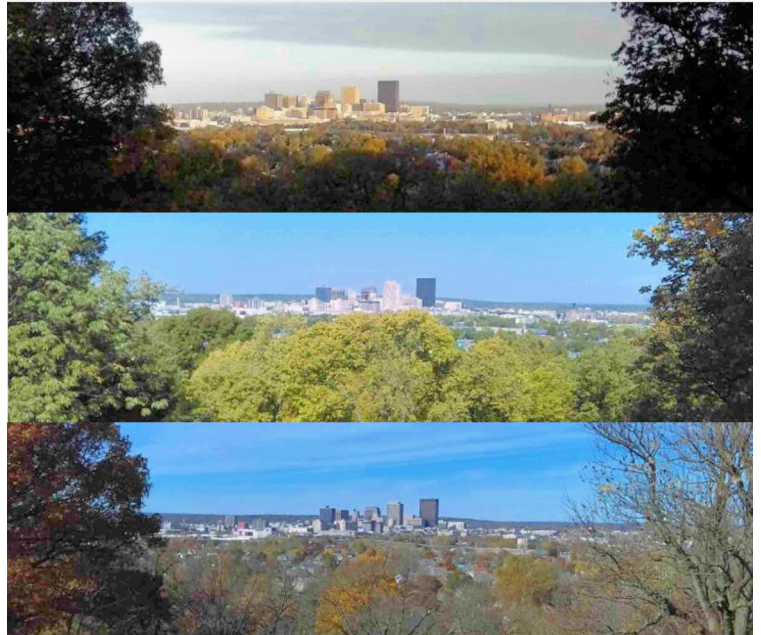
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## Woodland a Winner in Dayton.com's Annual Best of Dayton Contest

*Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum, Site #8 on the  
Aviation Trail, captured First Place in the Best View of  
Dayton category (4th year in a row!) and Third Place in  
the Best Landmark in Dayton category.*

No matter what time of year or the weather over Dayton, you do get the Best View of the Gem City from Lookout Tower at Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum.



*The iconic Lookout Tower at  
Woodland Cemetery and  
Arboretum. The highest natural  
point in the City of Dayton.*

Learn more about Woodland, and its special events and tours at  
<http://www.woodlandcemetery.org/tours-and-events>

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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 at [www.aviationtrailinc.org](http://www.aviationtrailinc.org).**

**Select the "Memberships -Donations-Reservations button from the top menu. Secure payments are made through PayPal.**

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