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Experience the Birthplace of Aviation!

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" -

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

Air Force Museum Foundation Event

Join us for a night of space fun May 6th at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force™



Look inside the Space Shuttle Crew Compartment Trainer with two NASA shuttle astronauts. Test your knowledge of space trivia. Strut your stuff in the Moonwalk competition. Dress up as your favorite 80s space hero/heroine and get an up-close photo opportunity with a "flying saucer!" Or simply grab a Signature Space Cocktail and explore the Museum's collection—especially the open/look-in aircraft opportunities in the Space Gallery! Plus, see artifacts from the Museum collection, including an original Apollo 14 test suit! Food will be provided as well as a cash bar.

Tickets are limited so get yours today for this adults-only event!
<https://afmuseum.com/events/after-dark-events>



<https://www.afmuseum.com>
Air Force Museum Events
Air Force Museum Foundation
WPAFB, OH 45433

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

Tri-State Warbird Museum

A Blue Star Museum

May 20 @ 10:00 am - September 2 @ 4:00 pm



Free admission for our nation's active-duty military personnel and their families — Army, Navy Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard as well as members of the Reserves, National Guard, US Public Health Commissioned Corps, NOAA Commissioned Corps, up to five family members Valid Military ID required.

Blue Star Museums is a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and participating museums across America. For a list of participating museums, visit [arts.gov/bluestarmuseums](https://www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums). For more information please visit — <https://www.arts.gov/initiatives/blue-star-museums/frequently-asked-questions>

See the [Tri-State Warbird events page](#) for other upcoming events.



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



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
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(513) 702-3062
<http://www.bcwarbirds.com>

Butler County Warbirds is Site #16 on the Aviation Trail



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/>



The National Aviation Hall of Fame "Class of 2023" Enshrinement



SAVE THE DATE!

The National Aviation Hall of Fame
59th Annual Enshrinement Dinner & Ceremony

Friday, September 22, 2023
National Building Museum | Washington, DC

HONORING



Join us for the "Oscar Night of Aviation" as we come together to honor the newest group of aviation giants as they're inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame.

For details, visit NationalAviation.org/enshrinement or contact Aimee Maruyama at (937) 256-0944, ext. 11.

THE NATIONAL AVIATION HALL OF FAME - HONORING AEROSPACE LEGENDS TO INSPIRE FUTURE LEADERS

MEET THE CLASS OF 2023

Two iconic history-making pilots, two groundbreakers in aviation policy, and two NASA astronauts, are all included in this remarkable group.

Learn More at:

<https://nationalaviation.org/programs/enshrinement/>

BECOME AN ENSHRINEMENT SPONSOR

If you have questions or an interest in an exclusive sponsorship opportunity, please contact Aimee Maruyama, at amaruyama@nationalaviation.org or call 937-256-0044, ext. 11

View Sponsorship Opportunities:

https://nationalaviation.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Sponsor-Opps_2023G.pdf

About The National Aviation Hall of Fame- Formed through an Act of Congress in 1964, the National Aviation Hall of Fame (NAHF) is dedicated to honoring America's aerospace pioneers. Considered by many to be a true national treasure, the NAHF serves as the only Congressionally-chartered aviation hall of fame and works tirelessly to confidently promote the vision, innovation, skill, and courage of the national heroes who lent their genius to further our nation's aerospace legacy. Founded and based in Dayton, OH, the NAHF is committed to informing the public of American aviation heroes, their accomplishments, and their impact on advances in aviation from Early Flight to Space Travel. The NAHF strives to create a distinctive educational resource that will inspire future generations to appreciate our nation's extraordinary aviation heritage and the men and women who created it.



National Aviation Hall of Fame
1100 Spaatz St., Dayton, OH 45433
(937) 256-0944
www.nationalaviation.org

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



Parachute Museum Ejection Seat on Display at Sinclair UAS

Sinclair National UAS Training and Certification Center
Sinclair College • 444 West Third Street • Dayton, Ohio 45402

One of the ejection seats that is part of the new acquisition by Aviation Trail Parachute Museum is now on display at the Sinclair National UAS Training and Certification Center in Dayton. The seat on display is from a F-102A Delta Dagger, the USAF's first operational supersonic interceptor and delta-wing fighter. Ejection seats are marked with the tail number of the aircraft in which they were used. The spec sheet for this seat's aircraft is shown next to the photo of the display. For more information on the Parachute Museum ejection seat collection see

<https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/parachute-museum>

Located on the Sinclair College Dayton Campus in Building 13, the Sinclair National UAS Training and Certification Center and Aviation Technology facilities lead the nation in Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) and traditional aviation training and education, applied research and development, consulting, and STEM outreach. The site's Wilbear stamp and additional information about the facility and programs are available at a kiosk located in the first-floor lobby and free parking is available in Lot K off Perry Street. Visitors can complete a self-guided tour of the glass-walled facility during normal college hours, which are posted on the primary college website at www.sinclair.edu.



F-102A, s/n 56-1192
Manufactured by CONVAIR, San Diego CA and delivered to the USAF on 1 Jul 1957.
Jul 1957 To 482nd Fighter-Interceptor Squadron (Air Defense Command), Seymour-Johnson AFB NC
Jul 1958 To 95th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron (ADC), Andrews AFB MD (deployments to Tyndall AFB FL)
Aug 1959 To San Antonio Air Materiel Area, Kelly AFB TX
Dec 1959 To Sacramento Air Materiel Area, McClellan AFB CA
Feb 1960 To North Pacific Air Materiel Area, Kiznarazu AB Japan
Mar 1960 To 509th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron (Pacific Air Forces), Clark AB Philippines
Apr 1963 To 405th Fighter Wing (PACAF), Clark AB (deployments to Tan Son Nhut AB Vietnam, Bien Hoa AB Vietnam, Udorn RTAFB Thailand, Da Nang AB Vietnam, and Don Muang RTAFB Thailand)
Feb 1970 To San Antonio Air Materiel Area, Itazuke AB Japan and dropped from inventory as surplus



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uascenter@sinclair.edu <http://uas.sinclair.edu/>



Sinclair National UAS Training and Certification Center
is site #17 on the Aviation Trail



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

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

Betty Stagg-Turner Memorial Scholarship Challenge Coin

Available at Butler County Warbirds

For a minimum \$50 donation, you can get one of our Betty Stagg Turner Memorial Scholarship challenge coins. They are in stock here at the museum and they are gorgeous! Help to support the future of women in all aspects of aviation.



See <https://bcwarbirds.shop> for the BC Warbird online store to donate & order the Betty Stagg Turner Memorial Scholarship challenge coin:

If you would like to participate in promoting or contributing to this future scholarship, please contact michelle@bcwarbirds.com and provide as many details as you can.

More about the Betty Stagg-Turner Memorial Scholarship/AT-6 Acquisition Project:

Butler County Warbirds is partnering with Tailwheel Aviation LLP to promote advancement of women in the aviation industry. After 3 years of planning, in OCT 2022, we began taking donations and investment money towards the acquisition of a North American AT-6 Texan. The Texan was a 1940s and early 1950s military training aircraft that was used to teach most of the military pilots of WWII and the Korean War advanced flying principles. Our interests in it are specifically related to their use to train the WASPs, the famous Women's Air Force Service Pilots of WWII. BCW's friend, Betty Stagg-Turner was one of those lady flyers. As a graduating member of Class 44W-9, one of Betty's favorite memories was of her time in the AT-6. Therefore, we thought it fitting to honor her memory and use this historic aircraft to fund the Betty Stagg-Turner Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship will be awarded to women and used to assist ladies in starting or advancing their aviation careers.

Once we have obtained an AT-6 via our AT-6 Acquisition Project, a portion of each ride sold in the AT-6 will go into the scholarship fund and will be awarded annually to a female applicant seeking a career in aviation. This can be used for training as an air traffic controller, flight attendant, mechanic, pilot, and more. For information on how to make a tax deductible contribution to the project, or to join us as an investor, please contact BCW President Tim Epperhart at 513-702-3062 or tim@bcwarbirds.com for information or visit bcwarbirds.com



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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.





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E-mail Address (to receive online newsletter) _____

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

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

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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