



# Aviation Trail, Inc.

*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.*

## "The Flight Log" - **AVIATION TRAIL MAIL**

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**October 25, 2017**

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



Above: Aviation Trail Visitor Center • Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center • Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park  
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## National Park Service Hosts Naturalization Ceremony

On Thursday, October 12, 2017, a naturalization ceremony was held at the the Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center, hosted by the National Park Service. Judge Walter Rice of the US District Court, Southern District of Ohio, inducted 32 new naturalized U.S. citizens, from 21 different countries. They took the oath of citizenship at the 2:00 PM ceremony outside in the courtyard of the Dayton Aviation Heritage Historical National Park Visitor Center. Aviation Trail hosted a reception in the conference room to welcome the new citizens, and offered them a free one year membership to congratulate them for their achievement.



## November 8, 2017 - Aviation Trail Annual Meeting

Aviation Trail, Inc. will hold its Annual Meeting at 1:30 PM on Wednesday, November 8. All ATI members are invited to participate. The meeting will take place in the conference room on the second floor of the Visitors Center at the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, 16 S. Williams St., Dayton, OH 45402.



## McCook Field Centennial

On Friday, October 6, a new Ohio Historical Marker was unveiled to celebrate the centennial of historic McCook Field. The airfield, was established by the U.S. Army Signal Corps Airplane Engineering Department in 1917. The research and innovation that took place at McCook was the beginning of the research, development and acquisition missions now at Wright-Patterson AFB. McCook engineers made significant accomplishments and contributions to the war effort in the field's early years, and in the years after WWI many achievements in aeronautical testing and development took place at McCook. The slogan at the field was "This field is small, use it all". Because of this lack of size, and land-locked location, it was closed in 1927, and its mission moved to Wright Field, now part of WPAFB.



On hand for the presentation were Air Force Ma. Gen. William Colley, commander of the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL), Lt. Gen. Robert McMurry, commander of the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center at Wright-Patterson, and Dayton City Commissioner Matt Joseph, among many others from the Air Force and the community. The placement of the marker, along the east bank of the Great Miami River near downtown Dayton, will commemorate the site's importance in aviation history.

See more on McCook Centennial on the National Aviation Heritage Area site:  
<https://www.aviationheritagearea.org/dayton-air-force-observe-mccook-field-centennial/>



## Trailblazer Award and 114th Anniversary of the First Powered Flight

ATI's Celebration of the 114th Anniversary of FIRST POWERED FLIGHT in 1903 honoring the Wright Brothers is scheduled for December 16, 2017 in the Hope Hotel at Wright-Patterson Air force Base.

The feature of this year's event will be the presentation of the 2017 Trailblazer Award. This award is given annually, since 1983, to an individual or organization that has furthered aviation in the greater Miami Valley.



Watch for an announcement of more details, with times, costs, and information on the Trailblazer Award recipient.



## Dayton's National Park Winter Hours

Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, 16 South Williams Street, Dayton, Ohio 45402 • [www.nps.gov/daav](http://www.nps.gov/daav) • (937-225-7705)

**Beginning November 6th, 2017** through February TBD, 2018

- **CLOSED on Mondays and Tuesdays**
- **Open 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Wednesday through Sunday**

Closed on the following holidays: Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.



During inclement weather, Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park follows the opening/closure decisions of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. For up to date operating status information during inclement weather, visit the WPAFB Operating Status page. This information is updated daily. You can also call (937) 225-7705 for more information.



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