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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: [AviationTrailInc.org](http://AviationTrailInc.org)*

## Three Area Pilots Receive Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award

The FAA made the presentations at the Moraine Air Park on May 5, 2019.

The most prestigious award that FAA issues to pilots, The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award, recognizes professionalism, skill and aviation expertise as an accident-free career pilot for at least 50 years. Less than 1% of current active pilots have received this award. Moraine Pilots that were honored as Master Pilots by FAA are Patty Wagner, Jack Darst, and Roger Saddler.

(shown left to right)

- Patty Wagner
- Jack Darst
- Roger Saddler



On hand to present the awards were Kirk McConnel (shown below making the presentations) and Jason Forshey of the FAA Safety Team. The pilots received a distinctive certificate and a lapel pin. The recipient's name, city and state are added to a published "Roll of Honor" located at <https://www.faasafety.gov/content/MasterPilot/RecipientList.aspx>.



The FAA made the presentations at the Moraine Air Park on the occasion of EAA Chapter 48's 60th annual Sunday Fly-In on May 5, 2019, the longest running EAA Chapter Fly-In at the same location in the history of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA).



For more about EAA 48 see: <https://www.48.eaachapter.org/about.htm>



## Tri-State Warbird Museum Gala

Site #15 on the Aviation Trail, the Tri-State Warbird Museum, announces its 15th Annual Taking Flight Gala Event - Friday, June 7th, 2019.

For full details, cost, and RSVP information see the Tri-State Warbird Museum website at <http://www.tri-staterwarbirdmuseum.org>  
4021 Borman Drive • Batavia OH 45103 • (513) 735-4500

You're invited to

# TAKING FLIGHT

## The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala of the Tri-State Warbird Museum

**JUNE 7, 2019**



<b>5:00 PM - 7:00 PM</b> Reception & Flight Line Review	<b>7:15 PM</b> Welcome, Dinner & Program	<b>Our Chairperson</b> Greg D. Carmichael Chairman, President & CEO Fifth Third Bank
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**AERIAL DEMONSTRATION**  
Part of our mission is to bring history back to life through flight. Before the program, enjoy the sights and sounds of warbirds in their natural element. Joining us will be the Fastrax parachute team performing their world-famous American Flag jump.

**OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER**



Most widely recognized for her service on September 11, Heather "Lucky" Penney was part of the first wave of women who went directly into fighters from pilot training. Heather flew the F-16 for ten years before having to make the difficult decision to leave the fighter aviation as a single mother. She now is a Senior Resident Fellow for the Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies at the Air Force Association, where she researches and advises on defense policy issues related to airpower and the Air Force. Heather's passion for aviation has never faded - she has raced jets at the Reno Air Races; she has over 3,300 flight hours with numerous flight ratings; and she is on the Board of Directors for the Experimental Aircraft Association.

## Wright State Honors Amanda Wright Lane

**Amanda Wright Lane received an honorary degree from Wright State University at spring commencement on May 5.**

The Wright State University Special Collections and Archives, Paul Laurence Dunbar Library is Site #10 on The Aviation Trail.

The following announcement appeared on the Wright State University website, by Bob Mihalek: bob.mihalek@wright.edu.

For the full article, with more photos, see

<http://webapp2.wright.edu/web1/newsroom/2019/04/24/amanda-wright-lane-to-receive-honorary-degree-from-wright-state-at-spring-commencement/>

Amanda Wright Lane, great grandniece of Wilbur and Orville Wright, will receive an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Wright State University at spring commencement.

The university's graduation ceremony begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 4, in the Wright State Nutter Center. The spring class of 2019 includes 2,082 graduates.

Wright Lane is the fourth member of the Wright family to receive an honorary degree from Wright State. Her great aunt and uncle, Ivonette Wright Miller and Horace Wright, received honorary degrees in 1981, and her father, Wilkinson Wright, was honored in 1999.



Amanda Wright Lane is the fourth member of the Wright family to receive an honorary degree from Wright State. (Photo by Erin Pence)

"I consider it a high, high honor," she said. "I was so proud the day my dad received his degree, his passion for this university was so evident. And I believe I caught that passion too!"

She said the honorary degree is wonderful recognition of the volunteer work she has done at the university "just as my father and great aunt and uncle did before me."

"I am not sure how to define what it is that I do — connect people with a love of aviation, share a legacy that really belongs to all of us and take Dayton's message of innovation around the world," she said. "But it certainly is terrific to know Wright State values something I love to do."

Wright Lane is an enthusiastic supporter of Wright State, saying she has a deep appreciation for the university's mission of reaching out to a student population that can be overlooked.

"One of the things I've always admired about the university is its interest in meeting students where they are — an acceptance of students who come from different backgrounds, who have different abilities academically and physically and who also may be in different stages in their lives when they begin their education," she said. "My great granduncles certainly were different in their thinking, and early on they struggled to find acceptance of themselves and their ideas."

As co-chair, Wright Lane played an instrumental role in the success of Rise. Shine. The Campaign for Wright State University, which raised more than \$167.7 million. She is currently co-chair of Discover Your Story: The Campaign for the Wright State University Archives Center. The \$6.5 million fundraising campaign will move the Special Collections and Archives to a new home.

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Special Collections and Archives is home to the largest repository of Wright family materials in the world, featuring more than 4,000 original photographs, documents, publications, medals and awards. For 30 years, Wright Lane has been a frequent visitor to Special Collections and Archives, bringing guests from around the world to campus to see her family's personal papers, diaries, photos and memorabilia.

Like so many others, Wright Lane knew from history books that the Wright brothers were the first to fly. However, after many visits to the archives she discovered the men behind the history — they were sons, businessmen, uncles and, of course, brothers.

"The scientific process they developed that led to the invention of the airplane and human flight was brilliant. They achieved what was thought to be impossible," Wright Lane said. "But understanding who these two young Midwestern men were and the environment they came from is by far the most interesting part of their story to me."

Once the Wright State Archives Center opens, Wright Lane said she envisions it becoming a hub of many activities for the university and a place that attracts not only researchers but also community groups, educators and children.

"It should be a dynamic meeting space for Wright State that is not only a comfortable place for students to explore or do some studying, but a place the public will enjoy as well," she said.

Amanda Wright Lane and David McCullough are co-chairs of the Discover Your Story campaign to raise funds for a new home for Wright State's Special Collections and Archives. The archives has the largest repository of Wright family materials in the world.

Wright Lane regularly consults with aviation experts and scholars studying the Wright brothers' history, including Pulitzer Prize-winner David McCullough, who conducted research in Special Collections and Archives for his book "The Wright Brothers." She also works with community leaders in both Ohio and North Carolina to raise awareness for the two national parks dedicated to telling the story of her great granduncles.

Wright Lane is a trustee of the Wright Brothers Family Foundation, a nonprofit organization that supports the preservation of aviation history related to the lives of the Wright brothers. Since its inception in 1990, the Wright Brothers Family Foundation has donated approximately \$1.5 million to aviation-related organizations in the United States and abroad.

She also serves on the boards of the National Aviation Heritage Alliance, Wright Image Group, Wright B Flyer, Inc., and the First Flight Foundation in North Carolina, as well as on the Ohio Aerospace and Aviation Council. She was appointed by President Obama to the advisory council of the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum.

Wright Lane has received the Public Service Award from the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, the Aviation Trail's Trailblazer Award and the Ivonette Wright Miller Award for volunteerism from the National Aviation Heritage Alliance. She has also been recognized by the Kittyhawk Chapter of the Air Force Association and was named a Woman of Influence by the YWCA Dayton and one of Dayton's Top Ten Women.

She served on the Le Mans Sarthe Centennial Committee celebrating the first powered flight in Europe, achieved by Wilbur Wright in 1908. She also represented her family at Wright brothers' events in France, Italy, the Netherlands, Germany and Brazil. She has served as a Wright family spokesperson many times at the Paris and Farnborough International Air Shows, beginning in 2003.

"I'm extremely proud to be able to share the Wrights' legacy with people from around the nation and around the world, but also to share Dayton's legacy — because I'm not sure that the Wrights could have done what they did if they hadn't grown up in Dayton, Ohio," she said.

Wright Lane graduated with a bachelor's degree from Miami University and as a volunteer founded three children's educational and social programs for her community's schools in Cincinnati. She and her husband, Don, have two children, Brenden, a graduate of Stanford University who lives with his wife, Erin, in San Francisco, and Meredith, a doctoral graduate from The Ohio State University who lives with her spouse, Pablo, and their two children, Rehn and Grey, in Columbus.

The above article from the Wright State University website, by Bob Mihalek: bob.mihalek@wright.edu.

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# Dunbar Visitor Center Events

**Park News**

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**Paul Laurence Dunbar House Historic Site**

Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday  
10:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Tours Free - Last tour at 3:30 pm

## Saturday Storytelling Sessions at the Paul Laurence Dunbar House Historic Site, site #2 on the Aviation Trail

Award-winning storyteller and NPS artist-in-residence, Omopé Carter Daboiku started a new initiative on Saturday, April 27 from 2pm to 4pm. **To be held every fourth Saturday**, the Dunbar Story Salon is an open mic event with a twist -- tellers will be chosen by lottery. The first quarter hour will be a social mixer, so folks can meet each other and not just be audience members.

Those who wish to experience the galleries of Dunbar's personal effects and tour the historic home should arrive at least 1 hour in advance.



In the spirit of Paul Laurence Dunbar and Dayton's strong literary culture, come celebrate the joy of listening. Bring your piece of the mosaic and let's create an intentional community built on shared experience!

The Paul Laurence Dunbar House Historic Site is located at 219 N. Paul Laurence Dunbar Street, Dayton, Ohio.

Please enter through the visitor center entrance on 312 Edison Street (around the corner from the Dunbar House).

Tours of the home are free and available from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday (last tour at 3:30 pm).  
<https://www.ohiohistory.org/visit/museum-and-site-locator/paul-laurence-dunbar-house>

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<http://www.aviationtrailinc.org/membership-donations-reservations-orders>.



# June 6 D-Day Events at NMUSAF



The National Museum of the U.S. Air Force will commemorate the 75th Anniversary of D-Day with one day full of events, as well as a temporary augmented reality (AR) exhibit.

The event on Thursday, June 6 2019 will include a flyover, wreath laying, living history re-enactors, WWII-era vehicles, collection displays and D-Day films.

### June 6 Schedule:

- 9:00 a.m. – 5 p.m. Commemoration Activities
- 10:00 a.m. Wreath Laying Ceremony with WWII military vehicles and C-47 flyover  
Location: Memorial Park
- 12:00 p.m. “D-Day: Normandy 1944” movie (\$) Location: Air Force Museum Theatre
- 12:15 p.m. – 5 p.m. Re-enactors representing the 101st Airborne Division  
Location: WWII Gallery
- 4:00 p.m. “D-Day: Normandy 1944” movie (\$) Location: Air Force Museum Theatre
- 6:30 p.m. Living History Series movie (\$) sneak peek of "Sunken Roads: Seventy Years after D-Day"  
Guest speakers: WWII D-Day veterans  
Location: Air Force Museum Theatre

(schedule of events is subject to change)

For more details and information see the NMUSAF website at

<https://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/Upcoming/Events/D-Day-75th-Anniversary/>



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\_\_\_\_\_ \$1000 Patron

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 Individual

\_\_\_\_\_ \$150 Supporting

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