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This "Flight Log" highlights some of the stories and events featured on the Aviation Trail website: www.AviationTrailInc.org

Paul Laurence Dunbar Annual Graveside Tribute

February 9, 2022 @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Woodland Cemetery, members of the Dunbar Alumni Association and Dayton Dunbareans will celebrate another annual graveside tribute to Dayton's own Paul Laurence Dunbar on the day of his death, February 9th.



Paul Laurence Dunbar became the first African-American poet to earn national distinction and acceptance. He was born and raised in Dayton. His short thirty-three years of life were filled with literary achievement and contributions that catapulted him to national and international fame and appreciation.

The President of Wilberforce University and the Wilberforce University Choir rendered the first graveside tribute to Paul Laurence Dunbar in the year of 1906. In 1988, five Dunbar devotees found themselves standing in front of Mr. Dunbar's grave on the day of his death to pay their respects. The five decided to collectively commemorate Dunbar's date of death in the future and thus established an annual graveside tribute.

Through the years, the Dayton Dunbar Alumni Association, the National Park Service, Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum and community volunteers have continued to support the annual tribute. It is through the efforts of LaVerne Sci, a Dunbar scholar who once served as the Dunbar House site manager, that the annual tribute is still celebrated.

"Dunbar wrote with Dayton as his solid foundation and as his reference," stated Mrs. Sci. "It was in Dayton that he found his richest and greatest experiences and all the elements of beauty and joy that he enjoyed."

The Annual Paul Laurence Dunbar Graveside Tribute will begin with a gathering at the grave site of Mr. Dunbar at 10:00 a.m. where a laying of a wreath will take place. A short program of readings and stories will then follow inside the Woodland Mausoleum given by devoted friends of Paul Laurence Dunbar.

The event is free and open to the public. All are invited to both the graveside and Mausoleum services. Woodland Cemetery is located at 118 Woodland Avenue off of Brown Street in Dayton. Participants may gather at the front entrance of the Mausoleum for a processional to the Dunbar grave.

Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum
118 Woodland Ave
Dayton, OH 45409
<https://woodlandcemetery.org>



Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum is Site #8 on the Aviation Trail

Super Soarin' Saturdays

Tri-State Warbird Museum Event, Feb. 5, 9:30 - 11:00 am
"Cupid's Arrow"

Super Soarin' Saturdays is our children's program!

This program is targeted to children ages 5-11.

Student admission is \$7

This program is FREE to Tri-State Warbird members
Yearly family memberships are \$50



Tri-State Warbird Museum
4021 Borman Dr., Batavia, OH 45103
(513) 735-4500

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



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

Champaign Aviation Museum Gala

10th Annual Gala: Saturday, April 30th

Tickets are on-sale now for the
Museum's 10th Annual Gala and Summer B-25 Rides!



Champaign Gala continued on next page...



Doors open at 5:30pm and activities of the evening include complimentary drinks and hors d'oeuvres, musical guest, fly-by (weather permitting), a delicious dinner and dessert, silent auction throughout the evening, and special guest speaker Captain Scott O'Grady.

As an Air Force F-16 Pilot, Captain O'Grady was shot down over Bosnia while helping to enforce a United Nations no-fly zone. Alone, facing death, capture, and the elements, Scott discovered within himself the courage to go on, relying on his skills to survive for almost six days behind enemy lines. He details the teamwork, preparation, and leadership responsible for both his survival and his dramatic rescue by the U.S. Marines. Come hear the amazing story that inspired the film, "Behind Enemy Lines."



Gala tickets are available for purchase [online](#) or at CAM.

CAM Members get a discount on tickets - [join or renew today!](#)

B-25 Champaign Gal Rides: Saturday, Aug. 27th

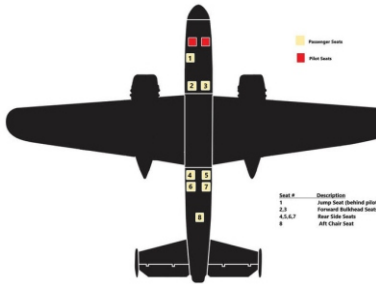
Hear the roar of twin radial engines, feel the thrill of soaring like a WWII Bomber Crew, explore the aircraft nose to tail, **LIVE THE HISTORY** of the aircraft made famous by the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders.

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Champaign Aviation Museum
1652 N. Main St., Urbana, OH 43078
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National Museum of the United States Air Force

Upcoming Events

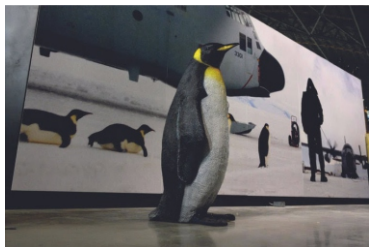


ON THE RADAR | WINTER 2022

Upcoming Events

- Humanitarian Exhibit | Feb. 5
- Open Aircraft Day | Feb. 12
- Plane Talks | Feb. 19
- Micro-Drone Races | Feb. 26-27
- Open Aircraft Day | Mar. 12
- Plane Talks | Mar. 26

[More Information](#)

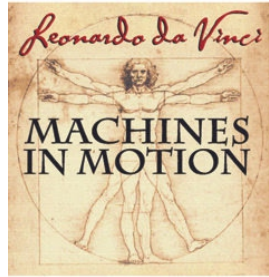


New Exhibit Opens to the Public Feb. 5

"A Force for Good: Department of the Air Force Humanitarian Missions" Our newest exhibit will expand on the history and the role of the Department of the Air Force (DAF) in humanitarian operations. "A Force for Good" will be located near the C-130E in the Global Reach Gallery.

This exhibit will be open to the public on Feb. 5, but stay tuned for the Grand Opening Celebration Events scheduled in April!

[NMUSAF Events continued in next column...](#)



Special Exhibit opening Feb. 21 Leonardo da Vinci - Machines in Motion

In a fascinating new traveling exhibition, kids can experience da Vinci's creativity and designs—first-hand—while exploring the principles he so ingeniously employed, as 40 of his inventions are brought to life in full-scale true-to-design working models, with narrative, media and other displays to help tell his amazing story.

Machines in Motion will open to the public Feb. 21, 2022 and is free to all museum visitors.



Must See Event Feb. 26-27: 3rd Annual Micro Drone Race

Museum visitors become race spectators!

Cheer on your favorite Micro Drone while watching timed races throughout the museum's Korean War Gallery. Visitors will also have the opportunity to experience flying a drone with computer-based simulators provided by the museum's Education Division and then fly an actual drone in a designated area courtesy of AFRL and the museum's Education Division.



NMUSAF Videographer Awarded Regional Emmy for 2020 Memphis Belle Documentary

United States Air Force Civilian and National Museum of the U.S. Air Force Public Affairs Specialist Kenneth LaRock was recently awarded a regional Emmy® for his contributions to the film "Memphis Belle: Her Final Mission."

The documentary, produced by Dayton Public Broadcasting Station (PBS) ThinkTV Senior Producer Richard Wonderling in Dayton, Ohio, marks the first time a museum employee received such an award.

Footage from "Memphis Belle: Her Final Mission" can be viewed at <https://thinktv.org/memphis-belle-the-final-mission/>. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.

Air Force Museum Foundation



The Air Force Museum Foundation encourages you to join the Friends of the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force and help support the museum.

The Air Force Museum Foundation, Inc. is a Section 501(c)(3) private, non-profit organization. It is not part of the Department of Defense or any of its components, and has no governmental status.

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The National Museum of the U.S.A.F.
1100 Spatz Street
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



Woodland Cemetery and Woodland Arboretum Foundation Announce Changes to Boards of Trustees

Photo Credit:
Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum

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L to R: Lee Carpenter, Robert Laing, Vail Miller, Jr., Tony Huffman, Andy Lehman, Robert Berner and Sean O'Regan.



DAYTON, OH – Woodland Cemetery and Woodland Arboretum Foundation announce that Tony Huffman has resigned from both boards, Robert Laing has resigned from the Arboretum Foundation board and Andy Lehman has joined both boards effective January 1, 2022. Vail Miller, Jr. has been named Chairman of the Cemetery and Arboretum Foundation boards, replacing Tony Huffman, who served as Chairman of both boards since 2019 and as a trustee since 2003. "My 18 years as a Trustee and President of the Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum, was an incredible experience and honor," stated Tony Huffman. "During my tenure on the board, I developed not only a high appreciation for the history the cemetery tells of our community, but also the natural beauty of its arboretum. I am especially proud of the fact, that we developed a plan to restore the historic chapel and its priceless Tiffany windows and developed a fund-raising strategy to support this initiative and execute it. The historic chapel, administrative building and entrance gates are well on their way to completion by year's end. I am pleased that Mr. Vail Miller, Jr. is following me as the new President of the Trustees. Vail's commitment to our community speaks for itself and he will add his own creative and professional abilities to the future growth of Woodland.

"Newly appointed Chair Vail Miller Jr. stated, "As a Cemetery Trustee for over 19 years, Mr. Huffman has contributed his time and talent to the great benefit of Woodland and we can't thank him enough for all that he has done and continues to do for this institution and the Dayton community. Mr. Laing's 31 years of dedicated service to Woodland's mission is remarkable, his input will be missed but his influence continues. I am pleased to have Andy Lehman join Woodland's board. Andy is a tremendous leader who expands the knowledge, talent and commitment of our organization." Mr. Lehman joins the boards that oversee Woodland Cemetery's and Woodland Arboretum's finances, policies and procedures, strategic planning, and community outreach.

The staff and boards of Woodland Cemetery and Woodland Arboretum Foundation are happy to welcome Andy Lehman, Chief Information Officer and Senior Vice President of Kettering Health. An active member of the community, Andy has proudly served on a number of boards. "Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum is a beautiful historic landmark that has been the center of our community for over 180 years. I'm honored to serve and assist their legacy of success" said Mr. Lehman. Mr. Lehman will join, Vail Miller, Jr., Lee Carpenter, Robert Berner, and Sean O'Regan as Cemetery Trustees.

"It is a bitter-sweet moment in my tenure at Woodland to bid farewell to Tony Huffman and Robert Laing from the active board," said Sean O'Regan, President and CEO of Woodland. "Their influence, trust and friendship will always be treasured and their lasting impact is very much appreciated. I am grateful to welcome Mr. Lehman. His leadership, values, along with his interest in the growth and lasting success of Woodland will be an asset to our dedicated board of trustees."

Woodland Cemetery sits in the heart of downtown Dayton on over 200 verdant acres of rolling hills with over 3,000 trees on the property. This historic cemetery, founded in 1841, welcomes thousands of visitors who tour the grounds each year to visit the grave sites of inventors of powered flight, Wilbur and Orville Wright; poet Paul Laurence Dunbar; Gov. James M. Cox, founder of Cox Media and three-term governor of Ohio; writer Erma Bombeck; inventor Charles F. Kettering; and entrepreneurs John H. Patterson (NCR); George P. Huffman (Huffy Bicycles); and George Mead (Mead Paper Co.).

Woodland Arboretum Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation currently involved in a capital campaign to raise funds for the restoration of the Cemetery's Romanesque Chapel, Administration Building and Gateway, which are on the National Register of Historic Places.

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_____ \$25.00 Senior (age 60+)

_____ \$75 Contributing

_____ \$1000 Patron

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_____ \$150 Supporting

_____ Other- I am a life member and would like to make an additional contribution

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_____ \$1500 Individual Life Member*

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* Donations will be designated to promote and preserve historical aviation sites in the Dayton Region.

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