



**STUDENT ARTISTS WILL INTERPRET INTERVIEWS WITH VETERANS
DURING “WAR BIRDS” AIRPORT VISIT THIS MONTH**

Airport Exhibit to Follow

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Student artists from Bourne and Barnstable will bring a new dimension to the September 17-19 return visit of the historic World War II aircraft to Barnstable Municipal Airport.

Selected eighth graders from the Bourne Middle School and the Barnstable Intermediate School will interview participating veterans from all wars during the airport reception for the aircraft. In the weeks following, the students will work with their teachers—Dineen D’Avena of Bourne and Ho Yin Yuen of Barnstable—to develop “artistic responses” to the interviews. The resulting work will be exhibited at the airport during the week of November 17.

The project is being coordinated by the Cape and Islands Veterans Outreach Center and the Grace Veterans Program, based in Hyannis.

Lieutenant Colonel Patrick J. McNamara (USAF-Ret.) of Marstons Mills says the project will provide students with an opportunity to better understand the military and veteran community on Cape Cod. “It will help to enlighten the broader community on the reality of the military experience,” he added.”

Veterans who would like to be interviewed should contact Regina Giambusso of the Grace Veterans Program at 774 470-4971 or at gina@graceveterans.org.

Airport Manager Roland “Bud” Breault says there will be a brief aircraft arrival ceremony at the airport’s East Ramp at 2 p.m. on the 17th. Veterans of all wars are invited to participate. The East Ramp is located off Mary Dunn Way and Route 28 in Hyannis. Free parking will be available.

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THE WINGS OF FREEDOM TOUR RETURNS TO HYANNIS SEPTEMBER 17-19

Vintage Aircraft that helped win World War II Open for Tours

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HYANNIS – Three mighty “war birds” that helped America fight the Second World War will make a return visit to Barnstable Airport next month.

Two heavy bombers—a B-24J Liberator and a B-17 Flying Fortress—are scheduled to land at the airport between 1:30 and 2 p.m., Wednesday, September 17, accompanied by a P-51 Mustang fighter. The three aircraft will park on the airport’s east ramp, near Route 28 and Mary Dunn Way. Public admission will be exclusively through the airport gate on Mary Dunn Way. There will be free parking.

The restored aircraft will be open for tours from 2-5 p.m. that day, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, September 18, and 9 a.m. to noon Friday, September 19. Adult visitors may explore the aircraft—inside and out—for \$12; children 12 and younger will be charged \$6 dollars. Discounts are available for school groups. World War II veterans are invited to tour the aircraft at no charge. Funds go to the non-profit Collings Foundation of Stow, Mass. which keeps the aircraft flying.

Thirty-minute flights aboard the heavy bombers may be scheduled for \$450 per person. Flights in the P-51C Mustang begin at \$2,200 for a half hour.

“During this 70th anniversary year of D-Day, the Allies’ invasion to liberate Europe during World War II, it is of special significance that the “war birds” return to Hyannis,” said Airport Manager Roland “Bud” Breault. “The bombers were the backbone of the American war effort and were renowned for

efficiently destroying enemy war-making facilities at key points during the war.” The B-24J Liberator and the P-51C full dual control Mustang are the only examples of their types still flying, according to the Collings Foundation.

The Wings of Freedom Tour visits an average of 120 cities in 35 states each year.

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Editors: High resolution photos of the aircraft are available at www.CollingsFoundation.org/media/.

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