



VETERANS CEREMONY TO FOLLOW ARRIVAL OF WORLD WAR II AIRCRAFT

Scheduled for 2 pm, Wednesday, September 12

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HYANNIS – Barnstable Municipal Airport will honor the region’s veterans in a special ceremony Wednesday, September 12 at 2 p.m. immediately after the scheduled arrival of three World War II-era aircraft for public tours.

The brief ceremony, open to the public, will salute World War II veterans along with those who served in the Korean conflict, the Vietnam War and more recent Middle East hostilities.

It will be held rain or shine, adjacent to hangars on the airport’s east ramp which is accessible only through gates on Mary Dunn Way, off Route 28. Parking is free.

“The visit of these vintage aircraft is the perfect opportunity to pause and reflect on the sacrifices of those, living and deceased, who served,” said Airport Manager Roland “Bud” Breault, himself a retired Coast Guard captain and aviator. All veterans and their families are encouraged to attend.

The ceremony will begin with the posting of colors by representatives of Detachments 125 and 955 of the Marine Corps League of Cape Cod. Following the singing of the National Anthem, several speakers will make brief remarks.

At the conclusion of the event, doors will open to two heavy bombers—a B-24J Liberator and a B-17 Flying Fortress—and a P-51 Mustang fighter. Tours will continue until 5 p.m. Wednesday, and resume between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Thursday, September 13, and 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, September 14.

“There’s an endless fascination with these vintage planes,” Breault said. “The bombers were the backbone of the American war effort and were famous for their ability to take damage and still accomplish their missions in Europe and the Pacific. The B-24J Liberator and the P-51C full dual control Mustang are the only examples of their type still flying.”

World War II veterans will be offered aircraft tours at no charge. Admission for other adults is \$12 per person and six dollars for children younger than 12. School groups will receive discounted rates.

Thirty-minute flights aboard the heavy bombers may be scheduled for \$425. Flights in the P-51 Mustang begin at \$2,200 for a half hour.

The Wings of Freedom Tour is managed by the Collings Foundation of Stow, Massachusetts, a non-profit educational foundation. The tour visits an average of 110 cities in 35 states each year.

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Editors: High resolution photos of the aircraft may be downloaded from www.CollingsFoundation.org.

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