



VINTAGE “WAR BIRDS” RETURN TO HYANNIS SEPTEMBER 25-27

Tours and Flights Available at Barnstable Municipal Airport

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HYANNIS – Three mighty “war birds” that helped America fight the Second World War some 70 years ago will make a return visit to Barnstable Municipal 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 25, 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.

The restored aircraft will be open for tours from 2-5 p.m. that day, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. September 26, and 9 a.m. to noon September 27. Admission will be exclusively through the airport gate on Mary Dunn Way, off Rte. 28. Parking is free.

By special arrangement, The B-17 and the Mustang will be open for tour September 26 by those registered for the seventh annual Back to Business Bash, sponsored by Cape Cod Young Professionals, at the Rectrix Aerodrome on the airport campus. The aircraft will be on display outside the Rectrix hangar between 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. (For more information or to purchase tickets to CCYP’s event, call 508 714-2201 or go to www.CapeCodYoungProfessionals.org.)

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

Foundation of Stowe, Mass., a non-profit organization that preserves them for display and public education.

“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,” said Airport Manager Roland “Bud” Breault. “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 12 and younger. School groups will receive discounted rates.

The so-called 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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