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Love Field Centennial and Frontiers of Flight Museum Welcome The Collings Foundation's Wings of Freedom Tour March 22-26

DALLAS – The Frontiers of Flight Museum, in partnership with the Dallas Love Centennial, will welcome the non-profit Collings Foundation's Wings of Freedom Tour beginning Wednesday, March 22 through Sunday, March 26 to the Museum located at 6911 Lemmon Ave. The tour will include four vintage World War II aircraft, offering an exciting, once-in-a-lifetime living history exhibit and flying experience. The Wings of Freedom Tour is part of the yearlong commemoration of the Airport's 100th anniversary.

Aviation enthusiasts of all ages will be "flying high" when they see the vintage **Boeing B-17 "Flying Fortress" Nine-O-Nine Heavy Bomber**, the **Consolidated B-24J "Liberator" Witchcraft**, and the **B-25J "Mitchell" Tondelayo**. The B-17 is one of only 10 in flying condition in the United States, and the B-24J is the sole remaining example of its type flying in the world.

The Tour this year also welcomes the newest addition to the Foundation's stable of fighter aircraft, the **TF-51D "Mustang" Toulouse Nuts**, which earned the Grand Champion award for restoration at the 2016 Oshkosh AirVenture. Visitors can take a training flight in the dual-control *Toulouse Nuts* with a Certified Flight Instructor, and no flight experience is required. This is a unique opportunity for budding pilots to get some "stick time" in one of the world's greatest fighter aircraft!

Each of these aircraft have unique ties to North Texas when Love Field was a hub for aircraft repairs and modifications, and served as the largest Air Transport Command base in the United States. The B-24 models were built in Fort Worth during World War II, and the TF-51D models were built in Grand Prairie.

The Wings of Freedom Tour will be landing at the Frontiers of Flight Museum on March 22. Admission to the Museum is \$12 for adults and \$7 for children under 12, and includes tours through the inside of the bomber aircraft. Adventurous fans can also take a 25-to-30-minute flight aboard the B-17, B-24J, or B-25 for \$400-450 per person. TF-51D flights are \$2,200 for a half hour and \$3,200 for a full hour.

Attendees can call 214-350-3600, email info@flightmuseum.com, or visit www.flightmuseum.com for more information. Flight experiences can be booked by calling The Collings Foundation at 1-800-568-8924.

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About Love Field Centennial

Dallas Love Field is commemorating its 100 years of service with a yearlong celebration filled with activities, exhibits and events starting in fall 2016. Dallas Love Field invites the community, tenants, customers, the media, partners and staff to join in all the excitement of reminiscing on the past and looking forward to continuing evolution of the beloved airport. To learn more about the ongoing Centennial events, visit www.LoveFieldCentennial.com.

About The Frontiers of Flight Museum

The Frontiers of Flight Museum serves a special role as the keeper of Dallas Love Field's aviation history. The Museum, which is a Smithsonian Institute, is home to more than 35,000 artifacts, offers an acclaimed STEM education program, and is a Blue Star Museum. The Museum is open for exploration Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

About The Collings Foundation

The Collings Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit educational foundation devoted to organizing "living history" events that allow people to learn more about their heritage and history through direct participation. The organization has been hosting the nationwide Wings of Freedom Tour for 28 years, and visits an average of 110 cities in over 35 states annually. Since its start, millions of people have seen the B-17, B-24, B-25 and P-51 display at locations everywhere, and considered as one of the most unique interactive traveling historical displays of its kind.

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