Our annual Biplanes and Triplanes World War One Air Show will be held October 7-8 taking guests back to the days of The Great War for a weekend of flying, colorful World War One aircraft, family entertainment, kids games, hayride and NEW this year…an Oktoberfest Beer Garden.

The Biplanes and Triplanes show is all about immersing yourself in the days of The Great War. Between the beautifully painted World War One aircraft dancing through the sky, the military reenactor encampments, and the entertainers, patrons feel like they’ve taken a step back in time.

Put this Air Show on your calendar for this year, and visit http://www.vbairshow.com/#ticket-sales for tickets. Mark this as a DON’T MISS event!
Joggin’ for Frogmen 5K Race Preview

On Saturday, October 21st, the runway turns into a race course for hundreds of area runners for the 2nd year of the Military Aviation Museum hosting the Joggin’ for Frogmen 5K run. Inspired by US Navy SEALs (Frogmen), the Navy SEAL Foundation’s Joggin’ for Frogmen Race Series brings communities and families together to jog in honor of the Naval Special Warfare community and their families.

All participants age 7 and older will run in the 5k. Following the 5k is a “Tadpole Trot” for kids ages 6 and under. All registered 5k and Tadpole Trot participants will receive a Joggin’ for Frogmen race shirt at packet pickups. 5k participants will wear a 5k bib and will receive a 5k finisher’s medal when crossing the finish line. Tadpole Trotters need to register for the Tadpole Trot, but can do the 5k with their parents at no extra cost. All Tadpole Trotters will wear a Tadpole Trot bib and will receive a Tadpole Trot medal upon completion of the race. Please note that while Tadpole Trotters can run in the 5k, they will not receive a 5k medal unless they have on a 5k bib, which requires additionally registering and paying for the 5k.

For more information and to register, please go to: https://www.raceit.com/Register/?event=39331

NAS Norfolk’s Chambers Field Centennial Calls on the Military Aviation Museum to Fly their History!

Vintage warbirds, many from the museum, took to the skies during a recent July Saturday at Naval Station Norfolk in Norfolk, VA to showcase the rich history of naval aviation and provide a window into the past of this historic airfield. Museum aircraft participating in the 100th anniversary of Chambers Field included the Grumman Wildcat, the Douglas Skyraider, the FG-1 Corsair, the P-40 Kittyhawk, the PT-17 Stearman and the PBY Catalina. Our volunteers Red Dots handled the launching and recovery of the aircraft both at home and at NAS Norfolk. Additionally, other museum volunteers and gift shop staff manned our static display booth to answer questions and sell our t-shirts and merchandise.

The air show provided a truly unique opportunity for the public to see flying historic aircraft that have operated at Chambers Field over the last 100 years and to learn that many of these aircraft are just a few miles down the road working to keep these memories alive for future generations to enjoy.
Three Special Guests Join Coalition Wounded Warrior Veterans in Tandem Jump

Each year the City of Virginia Beach hosts the Patriotic Festival. Part of that celebration involves special activities honoring our wounded veterans. One aspect of this included a tandem parachute jump into the beachfront to help open the ceremonies. Due to the museum’s location, we were honored to help by providing a launch point for Suffolk Skydive to stage and pick up a select group of wounded veterans selected by the Coalition Wounded Warrior program to tandem jump.

Three very special guest jumpers were asked to participate in this year’s opening jump the evening of Friday, June 2nd. They were Danish Ambassador Lars Gert Lose, Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe and Virginia Beach Mayor Will Sessoms. In company with several wounded warriors, everyone arrived at the museum for their safety briefing. Finally, the time came to load up and takeoff for the drop zone. At last report, all arrived at the beach with huge smiles on their faces.

Mid-Atlantic Dawn Patrol Preview

This October 3rd through the 8th, the Military Aviation Museum is pleased to host the 2017 Mid-Atlantic Dawn Patrol (M.A.D. Patrol).

In concert with their full-scale brethren flying during the Military Aviation Museum’s Biplanes & Triplanes Air Show on 7-8 October 2017, a large number of R/C models will take to the air as builders and enthusiasts convene near the museum’s World War I hangar to display and demonstrate their work as part of Tidewater Radio Control’s 6th annual Mid-Atlantic Dawn Patrol event.

Starting in 2011, the Dawn Patrol has held their five day event each year during the first week of October. According to Scott Vickery, who founded the Mid-Atlantic Dawn Patrol event along with Glenn Torrance, model builders and R/C pilots from around the country and around the world travel to attend. Most of the WWI radio control planes are of one-third scale, with wing-spans of over ten feet. The ½ scale models range from twelve to over 20-foot wing-spans!

This year’s Dawn Patrol will again run in tandem with the museum’s Biplanes & Triplanes Air Show. In contrast with the limited flight maneuvers conducted by the Museum’s veteran warbirds, the R/C planes and their skilled pilots are able to demonstrate the full potential of these ancient designs. Engaging in aerial dogfights, we have some very exciting close-calls during the half-time shows on Saturday and Sunday.

Hosted by Tidewater R/C, the local chapter of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), the Dawn Patrol draws support from Glenn Torrance Models, Aeroscale, Balsa USA, SKS Videos, Arizona Models and Proctor Ent.

- For Mid-Atlantic Dawn Patrol Information: http://www.flytrc.com/madpatrol.htm
- To register for Mid-Atlantic Dawn Patrol: https://flytrc.wufoo.com/forms/k1qsnttv180dfkh/
- For additional Military Aviation Museum or Biplanes & Triplanes Air Show Information: http://www.militaryaviationmuseum.org

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1. Suffolk Skydrive stages a tandem jump for a select group of wounded veterans; 2. Ambassador Lars Gert Lose receives his safety briefing; 3. Former Museum Director Mike Potter and Mayor Sessoms walk through the museum prior to the jump; 4. Governor Terry McAuliffe waves upon boarding the aircraft.
Warbirds Over the Beach 2017 Photo Recap

Warbirds Over the Beach was a blast this year! It was great to see all the birds shake off the dust and spread their wings in the spring air! Here is just a small sample of what you may have missed... so mark your calendars for next year’s show, May 18-20, 2018.
Warbirds Aviation Summer Camp 2017 in Review

By Mitchell Welch, Events Coordinator

1. Cadets learn how a Glider is assembled for flight; 2. Plane Captains move the Waco; 3. Virtual Fighter Pilots learn their craft

Warbirds Aviation Summer Camp and the hottest days of July seem to go hand in hand at the museum! But despite all of that, the staff and cadets persevered and accomplished one of the most successful camps in recent memory. With 24 cadets attending this year’s camp, everyone took the opportunity to have fun and learn a whole lot about aviation!

Gliders, rockets firefighting, tow tractors, virtual reality dogfights, and of course warbirds...whew, what a week for the kids! The staff had a great time too! A couple of special shout outs to our friends at Sentara for the visit by our local Nightingale medivac helicopter and to the King Air from Andrews AFB who occasionally train at our airfield for stopping by and sharing their aviation expertise with the cadets. Thanks too, to the Tidewater Soaring Society for their support of the camp’s Glider Day where they brought in six gliders and tow aircraft to demonstrate soaring to the kids. Don’t forget our own volunteer, Dave Von Rump for bringing his Cessna Cardinal in to represent the general aviation community to the kids.

The family picnic and awards ceremony finished off the week in grand style right after the amazing flight demonstration put on by our P-40 Kittyhawk. Onward and upwards to next year’s camp!
The Military Aviation Museum is the proud recipient of a recent prospective Eagle Scout's project when Eric Choi, a Boy Scout from Troop 79, designed, planned and built a U.S. Flag Collection Box for flag retirement ceremonies. Eric Choi presented his Eagle Scout Project to the museum's Events Coordinator Mitchell Welch and Volunteer Scouting Coordinator Stan Bialis on Tuesday June 13, 2017. The Collection box was placed at the museum's front door so guests and friends off the museum can drop off their weathered and tattered US Flag for proper retirement. This was Eric's final step in his long path towards attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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First and second generation members of the 324th Fighter Group recently visited the Military Aviation Museum for a tour, lunch and memorial ceremony to commemorate their fallen comrades. Fourteen reunion guests first gathered at the Goxhill Tower for the memorial service. Two of the guests were WWII veterans of the fighter group. Stan Hart and Arthur Martone both served in the war and were very honored to represent the group for the service.

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Every year at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, tens of thousands of visitors welcome some of the most unique, rare and best preserved aircraft in the world. With over 590,000 visitors, AirVenture 2017 was no exception.

At past Oshkosh events, the Museum has flown in some of our prize warbirds and even won major awards. This year our mission was a bit different.

What Oshkosh also has is an abundance of some of America’s most generous aviation enthusiasts who enjoy supporting aviation museums that focus on restoring, preserving, and flying vintage warbirds.

As the museum’s first Director of Development, this year’s visit to Oshkosh became a mission to zero-in on some of the true legends and big supporters of aviation to encourage them to come and see our WWI and WWII warbirds and help us grow.

With the help of our Chief Pilot, Mike Spalding, we were able to meet up with and talk to some of the elite few who can help us “get-the-word-out” about our world-class aircraft collection and help support our mission to keep these warbirds flying for future generations.

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