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Fairfield County Airport Announces 50th Anniversary Celebration

The Fairfield County Airport Authority is excited to announce the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Fairfield County Airport will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2019, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The celebration will honor veterans and servicemen and women for Armed Forces Day.

This free event is open to the public and will feature a historic B-25 bomber, vintage airplanes, and search and air rescue vehicles. The Young Eagles program, led by volunteer pilots, will offer free plane rides for children between the ages of eight-and-17 years old. If you're interested in paying for a more unique flying experience, Sundowner Aviation will offer discovery flights, and there will be opportunities to ride in an historic biplane or a helicopter.

"Although the airport is 50 years old, I still think it's a hidden gem in the county," said Glenn Burns, president of the Fairfield County Airport Authority. "This gives us an opportunity to showcase the airport to people in our community and give them a chance to see airplanes up close. It's great for kids. I'm hoping many people take advantage of the flights that are offered so they can view our beautiful county from the sky."

The event will highlight the US military with multiple vehicles on display as well as a replica of the Korean War Memorial that will be provided by Freedom's Never Free, a local organization honoring our veterans. Representatives from the Tuskegee Airmen will also attend the event and discuss their participation in the "Tuskegee Experience", the Army Air Corps' World War II program to train African Americans to fly and maintain combat aircraft. Colonel Tom Moe of Fairfield County will give the keynote address. Colonel Moe, who was a Silver Star recipient in the US Air Force, was a Vietnam POW.

The Historical Aircraft Squadron (HAS) will also have its military aircraft and vehicles on display. HAS is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to the restoration, display and operation of former military aircraft and related equipment. Its hangar/museum is located at the Fairfield County Airport.

"I'm really excited for the Anniversary Celebration," said Kip Kelsey, member of HAS and one of the event planners. "We haven't had an air show or a major event at the airport since 2008. This will be a spectacular family-friendly event for all of those that miss the air show. It will also give people a chance to see the HAS museum and what's sitting right in their backyard."

Other attractions will include Emergency Service Vehicles, a special breakfast and lunch, food trucks, and classic cars. For more information, please visit FairfieldCountyAirport.com or email Rick Szabrak at Rick.Szabrak@FairfieldCountyOhio.gov.

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