

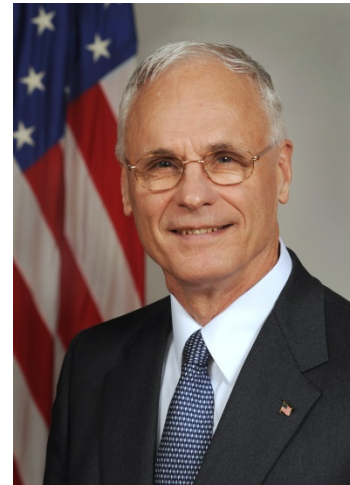
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Colonel Tom Moe to Discuss Return to Vietnam at Airport Anniversary

Colonel Tom Moe, who earned 24 medals during his service in the US Air Force, will be the keynote speaker at Fairfield County's 50th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, May 18, 2019. Colonel Moe recently traveled to Vietnam for the first time since he suffered five years there as a prisoner of war. Colonel Moe will speak during a noon program as the Airport honors servicemen and women as part of Armed Forces Day.



Colonel Moe, a Fairfield County resident, has spent 52 years serving the United States through both military and public duty. He most recently served as the Veteran Outreach Coordinator for Columbus' new National Veterans Memorial and Museum.

This will be only the second time Colonel Moe will speak about his return trip to Vietnam and the first time in Ohio. Colonel Moe said the presentation will cover how much more modernized Vietnam has become and the freedom of movement that didn't exist when he was there. He will also discuss the presence of the Christian religion which previously had been non-existent.

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. 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.

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

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