

The Tri-State Warbird Museum...a historic aviation museum dedicated to remembering those who fought for our freedom, and honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

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## The Tri-State Warbird Museum Education Program

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### Hours:

Wednesday 4pm-7pm

Saturday 10am-3pm

Admission \$12

Discounts available for veterans and students

Annual and lifetime individual and family memberships are available

Donations are needed and are most appreciated - Thank you!

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The Tri-State Warbird Museum Education Program is in full swing with school groups welcome from Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. The Museum school field trip educational outings are hosted for grades 7 through 12 and fit into the American history segment of the middle and high school curriculum. Our staff has developed an educational and enjoyable experience which introduces and broadens the awareness of American aviation in the unique time period of World War II. Education Director Rick Raabe is a lifetime history educator and introduces the timeline and American experience in the multi media library equipped with displays, books, artifacts, models and a large screen and projector. An educational movie is watched and World War II veteran Don Fairbanks tells his story as a B-24 Carpetbagger when he was dropping supplies and aiding the French resistance movement. Veteran Bruce Richardson relates his experiences as a gunner on the B-17 bomber *The Reluctant Dragon* as a member of the 100th Bomb Group. The school group is then escorted through the hangar where they can see each airplane and have their questions answered by knowledgeable and entertaining volunteer docents: Don Davis, Larry Workman, Charlie Nau, Jim Lucas, John Moon and Phillip Rountree.

The Museum currently houses five restored and flying aircraft: Stearman, T-6 Texan, P-51 Mustang, TBM Avenger, and the B-25 Mitchell bomber, as well as 3 amazing aircraft under restoration: Curtiss P-40, Focke Wulf Fw-190, and a FG-1D Corsair. In addition to the aircraft there are exhibits and displays to further educate about the American aviation experience during World War II.

This impressive aircraft collection, people, exhibits and displays provide a unique up close and personal experience and opportunity to learn about aviation history including appreciation of the sacrifice, commitment and integrity of the American people during World War II...not to be missed!



As a 501(c)3 organization the Tri-State Warbird Museum is supported primarily through membership dues and the contributions of individuals and businesses that share in the desire to preserve our country's rich aviation legacy.



**Ken Glass** is one of the treasured Tri-State Warbird Museum Honored Veterans. We love to learn about our beloved veterans and so here is a bit about Ken...Captain Ken Glass, retired US Naval Reserve, began his career in the Navy on June 4, 1942 in Minnesota and retired from the US Naval Reserve as a Captain in Michigan in 1972...30 years flying Naval Aviation...Dr. Ken Glass (Doctor of Education) also gave 25 years to Miami University where he was an administrator and professor of education. Husband Ken Glass married Rose Pytroczko Glass in 1950 and had 5 sons: Kenneth, Richard, Robert, Philip and Paul, all graduates of Miami University. In 1985 Ken and Rose were named Parents of the Year by the students at Miami University. In 1993 Ken was named Hornet Man of the Year and was the Honored Guest at the 45th annual USS Hornet Reunion. In 1995 Ken was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. Ken Glass is also the co-author (with Harold L. Buell) of the book *The Hornets and Their Heroic Men*. That is a snapshot of this distinguished, devoted and charming man, but hopefully you will be able to meet him at the museum and ask him yourself how it was to fly all those Navy planes.

Ken had an outstanding service career flying for the US Navy and as he tells it, "flew everything the Navy had with a prop on it". The Navy planned for Ken to begin flying their jets as well but the runway where he was stationed proved to be too short. After earning his wings and commission as an Ensign on January 1, 1943 he joined Air Group Two and subsequently served aboard the USS Hornet CV12 as a pilot with torpedo Squadron Two in 1944 flying 35 combat missions in the TBF Avenger. In his amazing career Ken earned five bat-

## Introducing Ken Glass ...



Associated Press photo.  
**C. R. MAN IN FAMED NAVY GROUP**—Lt. (j.g.) Kenneth M. Glass (right) of Cedar Rapids, member of the navy's famed Air Group Two, chats with his crewman on returning to his carrier after a raid in the Bonins, where he mauled a Jap destroyer with direct rocket hits. They stand beside the carrier's scoreboard. At left is Aviation Machinist's Mate (1/c) Jean F. Feenstra, Souderton, Pa., and Aviation Radioman (2/c) Stanley T. Kowal, Middletown, Conn. Lt. Glass, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Glass, 133 Thirty-second street NE, is a Dundee high school graduate, who attended Upper Iowa university before entering service. He is expected home on leave soon. A brother, Bruce, is a physical director at Lambert field, St. Louis.



## ...Ken Glass...continued...

tle stars, a Presidential Unit Citation, seven Air Medals and a Distinguished Flying Cross. After his carrier duty Ken concluded his active duty as the Executive Officer of VT100 Barbers Point, Hawaii. After active duty service concluded in June, 1946 Ken continued as an active Naval Reserve pilot flying out of Grosse Ile, Michigan where he was the Executive Officer of an F4U Corsair squadron, the Commanding Officer of VA731, a Naval Reserve Douglas Skyraider squadron, and an Air Wing Staff Commander. In 1952 his Skyraider squadron was awarded the annual prestigious Noel Davis trophy, denoting it as the most proficient attack squadron in the US Naval Command.

Ken tells some great wartime flying stories including an aborted mission as he took off from the deck and was unable to stay airborne, wound up ditching in the water and being rescued by a submarine. The submarine was already full and so hanging onto the periscope and being towed to another ship was the only option of rescue.

The Tri-State Warbird Museum volunteers led by Ben Vaughn have built a beautiful display honoring Ken Glass and the crew of the USS Hornet. Look closely and you will see the Avengers lined up on deck with their folded wings as well as an Avenger just taking off over the water.

Come to the Museum, meet Ken Glass and see the Avenger and display!



LT. [J.G.] K. Glass on a combat flight of the Hornet in the Western Pacific War Zone, 1944.



CAPT KEN GLASS, USNR, RET.  
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HORNET - 1944



AIRCRAFT CARRIERS - TASK FORCE 38  
1944  
HORNET CV-12 FOLLOWED BY ARKINGTON



Photos and stories courtesy of Ken Glass

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Admission \$12

Discounted admission for veterans and students \$7

Admission for World War II veterans is complimentary

Group tours are a great way to spend some time learning about World War II aviation history

**Memberships:**

Annual individual and family

Lifetime individual and family

Bricks can be engraved into the Walk of Veterans—a great way to honor someone

Donations are needed and are most appreciated - Thank you!

**Directions to the Tri-State Warbird Museum:**

We are located on the east side of Cincinnati, just minutes off of Interstate 275 and State Route 32, at the end of a set of streets named after heroic aviation and space pioneers Neil Armstrong, John Glenn and Frank Borman...

...take Interstate 275 to State Route 32 East (exit 63B)

...follow Route 32 for 3 miles to the third traffic light

...turn right onto Old State Route 74 (also named Cincinnati-Batavia Pike), and follow for 1.1 miles

...turn right onto Armstrong Blvd

...turn next left onto Glenn Parkway

...turn next right onto Borman Drive

...the Tri-State Museum is located at the end of Borman Drive, next to the Clermont County Airport.

...look for the signs...see you soon!

**Tri-State Warbird Museum Capital Campaign update**

The second phase of our campaign has raised almost \$1million toward our goal of \$6 million. Our top funding priority is the construction of a second exhibition hangar. With the addition of the amazing aircraft projects the Focke-Wulf FW-190 and the Curtiss Wright P-40M we are out of display space in the original hangar. If you are interested in helping support the campaign, or if you would like additional information please call the museum at 513-735-4500.



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