

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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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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Honorable Judge S. Arthur Spiegel in front of the beautiful 1949 Piper Clipper PA-16 which he recently donated to the Tri-State Warbird Museum.

(photo by John Fleck Photography)

The Honorable Judge Art Spiegel has recently donated his beloved 1949 PA-16 Piper Clipper to the Tri-State Warbird Museum. This beautiful 4 place taildragger airplane was designed and built by the Piper Aircraft Company to be marketed to veteran pilots of World War II returning home to civilian life and needing an airplane big enough to fly with their families. Only 800 Clippers were built in one year of production. It was 1963 that Art met this airplane, when he was busy with his own family and law practice and when the "learn to fly bug" bit him. The plane had about 1300 hours since new and the salesman at Blue Ash Airport decided it was the perfect one for him. Art agreed and so began a wonderful 46 year friendship and journey between Art and his plane. Art wrote a book to tell this tale called "My Significant



Other—93 Hotel" - a very charming book chronicling those 46 years and many adventures. He obviously reveres flying, as pilots do, and holds deep affection for this machine that would give so much back to allow the splendor of flying with such ease. Donating to the Museum was another way he wanted to honor his friend N5693H and the Tri-State Warbird Museum...we understand the love, and we really thank him. →

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.

## Doolittle Raider Reunion at the National Museum of the Air Force in Dayton, Ohio



(c) Photo by John Fleck

The Tri-State Warbird Museum's B-25 "Axis Nightmare" will be proudly going to the 2010 68th Doolittle Tokyo Raiders Reunion scheduled for April 16-18 at the National Museum of the United States Air Force in Dayton, Ohio.

The event is titled "A Tribute of Mitchell B-25's to the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders". Approximately 16 bombers are scheduled to appear for the event, more assembled at the same time for public viewing than at any time since World War II.

The North American built B-25 Mitchell was a very effective medium bomber of World War II. General (then Lt. Col.) Jimmy Doolittle used the B-25 for the famous Doolit-

tle Tokyo Raid on Japan in April 1942. Our own Honored Veteran and Cincinnati Tom Griffin was one of these courageous Doolittle Raiders volunteers, the navigator on the #9 of 16 B-25's. The planes were launched from the deck of the USS Hornet after steaming to striking distance of Japan. Several planes were able to drop bombs on the shocked Japanese island, thereby changing the morale and direction of the strength and ability of the allied forces.

The mission held much danger and many of the airplanes and men did not return. Those who did return had harrowing stories, proving again how these beloved veterans are all heroes and that we must never forget the sacrifices they made for our freedoms.



Tri-State Warbird Museum  
6th Annual Gala to be held  
Friday evening May 21, 2010!  
This is our annual fundraiser  
and recognizing of our  
Honored Veterans.  
  
Be there!



## The P-40!...come and see the progress...



The wings are on...and they fit!! The wings get installed temporarily to give us a chance to get all the fairings and cowling pieces properly fitted. Engine systems are being installed: new coolant radiators, wiring, plumbing, air filters and controls. Fuselage wiring is being installed. Original WWII radio equipment is mounted in the fuselage and cockpit. The canopies are nearly finished– we're looking for a 2 1/2" thick bullet proof windshield-anybody got one? A full armament system will be installed including six .50 cal Browning machine guns, ammo boxes, feed chutes- the whole nine yards. The propeller has been overhauled and is on it's way. Landing gear parts are being collected for eventual assembly and installation. New tires have been fitted to the wheels and the brakes have been overhauled. The tail feathers and aft fuselage are complete including the tail wheel and tail gear doors...it's gonna be a beauty!

### 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!



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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!



## The perfect gift Father's Day gift...

**engraved bricks in the  
Tri-State Warbird  
Museum Walk of  
Veterans...**



### BRICK ORDER FORM

The Tri-State Warbird Museum

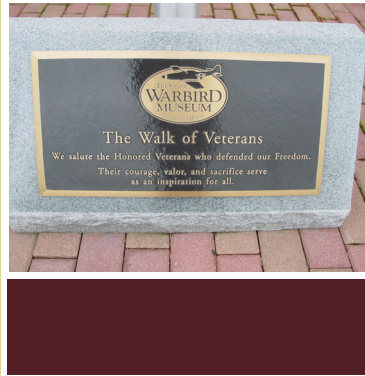
## Walk of Veterans...

*A meaningful way to honor someone special.*



### BRICK PRICING

One Brick: \$149 each  
Two Bricks: \$140 each  
Three or more: \$125 each  
*Membership discount: \$10 off price of each brick*



### BRICK INSCRIPTION INFORMATION

Please use CAPITAL LETTERS ONLY.

One character or space per box. Maximum 3 lines; 15 characters per line.  
NAMES & COMMEMORATIONS ONLY, PLEASE.

**BRICK #1**  Please check if a gift  Please send a letter to the recipient:

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Number of bricks ordered \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount due \_\_\_\_\_

Your brick(s) will be a lasting memory on  
the Walk of Veterans at the Tri-State Warbird  
Museum. Thank you for your contribution.  
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