

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 \$8

Discounts available for veterans and students

Annual and lifetime individual and family memberships are available



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side” via Route 32 east, right onto Old Route 74, right onto Armstrong, left onto Glenn and right onto Borman Drive...at the end of a set of streets named after heroic aviation and space pioneers. We welcomed many and saw many smiling faces.

Trained and ready docents are available to escort guests through a journey of aviation during World War II with creative displays, a beautiful building and beautifully restored amazing World War II aircraft. Our aircraft collection includes a P-51D Mustang “Cincinnati Miss”, a T-6D Texan “Tweety”, a TBM Avenger, a B-25 Mitchell bomber, and a next-to-be-restored FG-1D Corsair. We also are proud owners of an early 1940’s Link ANT-18 Instrument Trainer which was used to teach military cadet pilots to control an aircraft using only the instruments for reference.



Museum, hangar/airport side

We have been working “behind closed doors” building the museum, building the airplanes and building displays. We are now throwing open the doors and inviting everyone to come and see! The hours will be Saturdays from 10am until 3pm and Wednesdays from 4pm until 7pm. Response so far has been very positive—actually very excited—so we are anticipating the arrival of many and would like to welcome all.

The Tri-State Warbird Museum is a 501(c)(3) organization which is fully dependent on the support and generosity of its volunteers, visitors and contributors.

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Grand Opening Celebration Gala Friday May 20, 2005 for the Tri-State Warbird Museum



*Grand Opening Celebration
Invitation*

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Welcome to our Gala Grand Opening! The “Taking Flight” invitation-only Grand Opening Celebration began at 6:30pm Friday May 20th. Nearly 380 guests were greeted with a “Thank You!” sign and Museum Founder David O’Maley welcoming them into the newly opened Tri-State Warbird Museum.

The reception began with a flight-line review of our aircraft proudly on display on the ramp and the “princess of the party”, “Cincinnati Miss” the P-51D Mustang in the place of honor in the hangar corner under spotlights and visible through windows from the Museum entrance. Sharing the ramp was the yellow T-6 Texan “Tweety”, the big blue TBM Avenger torpedo bomber with her wings unfolded and the much admired but unrestored Corsair. Taking space up the taxiway was the big twin engine B-25 Mitchell bomber with her props off and her gun turret on top.

While looking over the airplanes guests were treated to a flight of three T-6 Texans flying overhead making several wonderful airshow formation passes.

Master of Ceremonies was Joe Campenella. The hangar was beautiful with blue and burgundy tables, beautiful flowers and a gourmet catered dinner. Following dinner was a talk by David O’Maley who explained how the Museum came to be. The keynote speaker was Tom Griffin who told his story about the famous “Doolittle Raiders” of World War II. Tom painted a fascinating picture with words as he talked about how it was to be the navigator on the #9 B-25 Mitchell during those early days of World War II. What a treat it was to listen.

We are excited to welcome, recognize and especially to thank everyone who has contributed so generously to the Tri-State Warbird Museum. Thank you, and come and see the Museum!

A classroom lecture facility and professional restoration shop are located within the Tri-State Warbird Museum. As part of its mission, officials plan to sponsor and participate in air shows in the Greater Cincinnati area and conduct demonstration flights, as appropriate, for group educational opportunities. Says David O’Maley, museum founder, “Through the museum’s exhibits and painstakingly restored and operational aircraft, we’ll be able to provide a unique ‘up close and personal’ opportunity to learn about aviation history as well as appreciate the incredible ingenuity, commitment, and sacrifice of the American people during World War II.”

Meet the Airplanes of the Tri-State Warbird Museum

Here is a “sneak peek” at the airplanes of the Tri-State Warbird Museum... there’s nothing that excites World War II aviation people more than World War II airplanes...”warbirds”. The Tri-State Warbird Museum has a wonderful collection of five very much-loved beauties. They will be introduced here, but look for in-depth articles about each airplane in future “Taking Flight” Newsletter issues. Better yet, come to the Museum and meet them in “person”. Our highly knowledgeable people can tell you all about them!



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Unrestored Corsair



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Tri-State Warbird Museum “Walk of Veterans”



Bricks engraved to honor Cincinnati's own World War II veterans Russ Witte and Tom Griffin



A wonderful way to honor or memorialize family members, friends or events is to have a brick engraved in the walkway leading to the front of the museum to become a part of the Tri-State Warbird Museum “Walk of Veterans”. The bricks can be purchased at the Museum. As the bricks become engraved with names, the walkway will become a reminder of those we honor and cherish.