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About the Museum

When it was founded in 1986, the museum became a place of honoring our past heroes. The men, women and machines that shaped the history are all exhibited here.

The founders of the air museum wanted it to be a place where one could appreciate the blood, sweat and tears put forth in the past. Not only that, but to see how rich with aviation North Dakota truly is.

Displaying vintage aircraft, war memorabilia, dedications to fallen soldiers, or even restoration projects, the Dakota Territory Air Museum has something to please all. Not only that, but the air museum has hosted many local school tours.

In recent years, partnering with the Farstad Foundation, the museum has been able to present scholarships to help those interested in aviation expand their horizon.

To figure out how YOU can help the Dakota Territory Air Museum continue to expand, either stop in or visit our website:

www.dakotaterritoryairmuseum.com

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Cover Photo: P-40E Warhawk

2022 Summer Events Have Fantastic Turnout!

The Forgotten War: Korea

June 25, 2022

On June 25, the museum commemorated American involvement in the Korea War. Approximately 150 guests were in attendance including 20 Korean War Veterans. The patriotic program included emcee Lowell Cormier, guest speaker Maj. Trygve Hammer, and presentations by the local DAV, VFW, and American Legion.



Wings and Wheels

July 20, 2022

On July 20, the museum partnered with the Dakota Cruisers Car Club for Wings and Wheels! This year we also welcomed the International Cessna 180/185 Club to the event. Over 130 vintage and antique cars and motorcycles along with about 40 Cessna 180/185's were on display. Approximately 1,000 guests attended this year's Wings and Wheels event!



Welcoming Home Our Vietnam Veterans

August 13, 2022

On August 13, the museum commemorated American involvement in Vietnam. Approximately 200 guests were in attendance including approximately 75 Vietnam Veterans. The patriotic program included emcee Lt. Col. (Ret.) Jose Castaneda, guest speaker Maj. Trygve Hammer, the Minot AFB Honor Guard, and presentations by the local DAV, VFW, and American Legion.



Final Public Events for 2022:

Women, Wine, and Wings: September 14, 2022

Night at the Museum Hangar Dance and Silent Auction: October 22, 2022

For more information on these events, you can visit our website, www.dakotaterritoryairmuseum.com, call the museum at 701-852-8500, or email us at airmuseum@minot.com



P-47D Thunderbolt Restoration Update



The July/August restoration update comes to us from Chuck Cravens at Aircorps Aviation. The work for July/August focused on the completion of the cowling, installing the cockpit enclosure, skinning the underside of the fuselage, and installing duct covers.

Did you know that when the restoration is complete on this Thunderbolt that it will be the only flying example of a Republic-built P-47 razorback?

For more in-depth information you can check out the full articles regarding the restoration of this aircraft on our website, www.dakotaterritoryairmuseum.com, or on the Aircorps Aviation website, www.aircorpsaviation.com.



26th Annual Sweepstakes Winner Announced

The 26th Annual Dakota Territory Air Museum Sweepstakes Grand Prize Drawing was held August 13, 2022 in conjunction with the Welcoming Home Our Vietnam Veterans event. Ticket sales for this year's sweepstakes began in mid-March. We sold out of tickets four days before the grand prize drawing! Thank you to all who supported the museum through the sweepstakes which is the museum's largest fundraiser.

Grand Prize Winner:
Jeffrey Holowienko

Jacket Winners:

Terry Milford
Kurt Schmelz
Daniel Brett
Ronald Komin
Bill Pratt
Mark Gulbrandson
Conrad Lapp
Kenneth Taylor
Allen Lewis
Howard R. Smoot
Ted Johnson
McKenzie Tompkins
Daniel J. Moose
Morley Hamilton
Allen Olson
Jerald Gartman
Colin Griffiths
Alan Laudani
Irvin Wroblewski
Edward Haugen
Kevin Conlon
Nathan Green
Cynthia Turnbull
Devin Rich
David Fosland

Congratulations to all of our winners for
2022!



Above: The grand prize airplane, a 1945 J-3 Piper Cub.

Below: Grand Prize Winner Jeffrey Holowienko receives the bill of sale for the Cub from chairman of the museum sweepstakes, Duane Haugstad.



Erickson Aircraft Collection's ME-109 Visits The DTAM



For a few weeks in June and July, the DTAM welcomed the Erickson Aircraft Collection's ME-109. The aircraft is based out of Madras, Oregon but was in North Dakota for the Grand Forks Air Show in June. This 109 is restored as German ace Hermann Graf's tulip-nosed "Red Fighters" of JG 50 (Fighter Group 50) based out of Weisbaden-Erbenheim, Germany in late 1943. Graf served on both the Eastern and Western Fronts during World War II becoming the first pilot in aviation history to claim 200 aerial victories. He flew about 830 combat missions during the war, claiming a total of 212 aerial victories, most of which were on the Eastern Front.



Recent Acquisitions

In early July, the DTAM accepted delivery of a UH-1H Huey Helicopter. The Huey is an aircraft the museum has been trying to acquire for some time. DTAM acquired this one from HeliTex Properties, Ltd. of Cleburne, Texas. It was transported here via truck and lifted off the truck by Borsheim Crane Services. It is now on display in the Flying Legends Hangar as an interactive exhibit that museum patrons can actually go inside of and sit in the pilot or co-pilot seats, the two gunner seats, or passenger seats. We would like to extend our gratitude to Darrel Kerzmann, Larry Linrud, Warren Pietsch, Tim Lett, Brian Sturm, Don Larson, Dave Smith, and Arvid Pomeroy for assisting in unloading and getting the Huey ready for display.



Top Photo:
Borsheim Crane Service lifts the Huey.

Middle Photo:
Volunteers Darrel Kerzmann, Tim Lett, Arvid Pomeroy and Board Members Brian Sturm and Don Larson are preparing the rotors to be attached to the Huey.



Left Photo: Re-enactors Graham Maline, Jon Struggill, and Cary Sturgill in front of the completed Huey at the Welcoming Home Our Vietnam Veterans event in August.



Earlier this year, the DTAM acquired this 1941 Interstate Cadet. It made its way to the DTAM just a couple of weeks ago and is now viewable in the Oswin Elker Memorial Wing. This beautiful aircraft will be the 2023 Sweepstakes Grand Prize!

