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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: Republic P-47D Thunderbolt, Bonnie, parked on the ramp under an angry sky in Minot. Photo Courtesy of Brent Clark.

2024 Sweepstakes

The 2024 sweepstakes has been underway since the middle of March and we are happy to report that as of this writing we have about 700 paid entries left before the grand prize drawing in August.

The grand prize drawing will be held on August 17, 2024 at the Dakota Territory Air Museum in conjunction with our Celebration of National Aviation Day event. You need not be present on the day of the drawing to win!!

Jacket Winners as of July 10, 2024:

Week 1: Mylo Wolding, New Town, North Dakota

Week 2: Gavin Nugent, APO, AE

Week 3: Scott White, Chicago, Illinois

Week 4: Randy Olson, Cody, Wyoming

Week 5: Carl Massie, Kemp, Texas and Jacob Kylo, Minot, North Dakota

Week 6: Daniel Skare, Goddard, Kansas

Week 7: Cleve Robinson, Paso Robles, California

Week 8: Larry Dawley, Burlington, Wisconsin

Week 9: Aaron Murray, Moorhead, Minnesota and Larry Melgaard, Bottineau, North Dakota

Week 10: Warren Smith, Halliday, North Dakota

Week 11: Tim Hagan, Maitland, Florida

Week 12: James Hoban, Greenwood, Indiana

Week 13: Bruce Christianson, Minot, North Dakota



Grand Prize: This
1947 Aeronca
Champ OR
\$25,000 cash,
winner's choice!

Volunteer Day Hosted on June 1

The outdoor static display aircraft were in need of a good scrub down. It had been the better part of ten years since they were last cleaned! The call for volunteers went out and thankfully, we had a great group of people respond and come out to help us accomplish this not-so-small cleaning job.

Approximately a dozen volunteers came out from 10am until about 3pm managing to clean all five of the outdoor aircraft.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the job!

If you're interested in volunteering at the DTAM, give us a call at 701-852-8500 or shoot us an email at airmuseum@minot.com!



Museum Happenings

Public Event Schedule for 2024

June 15, 2024, 12-2pm: Honor Your Flag: Celebrate Flag Day at the museum

July 17, 2024, 5-8pm: Wings and Wheels

August 17, 2024, time TBD: Celebration of National Aviation Day

September 18, 2024, 6-8pm: Trivia Night at the Museum

September 28-29, 2024: 18th Fighter Squadron Reunion (public is invited to attend)

October 19, 2024, 7-11pm: Night at the Museum Hangar Dance

Photos: All 3 photos of campers from 2024's PACE Camp. Photos courtesy of Samantha Blessum and Katy Larcombe

ACE, PACE, and Space Camps

PACE Camp was held June 10-14 at the museum. This year, the museum welcomed 15 campers for the week-long camp.

Remaining Camp Schedule:

ACE Camp: July 15, 2024, 9am-12pm

Space Camp: August 6, 2024, 9am-12pm

Space Camp: September 14, 2024, 9am-12pm



P-51B Shillelagh (Shillelaugh) Joins the Herd

About Shillelagh

Shillelagh is P-51B-10-NA, serial number 42-106602, that flew an incredible 95 WWII missions with the 353rd Fighter Squadron, 354th Fighter Group in the European Theater of Operations (ETO). Nicknamed after an Irish club, Shillelagh embarked on a dizzying array of missions that included dive bombing, escort missions to Berlin, beach patrols over Normandy, scrambles, fighter sweeps, assaults, and patrols.

History

Shillelagh was named by Lt. Col. David O'Hara and flown by 19 pilots of the 354th Fighter Group during its 95 combat missions during WWII.

August 16, 1944

Shillelagh, piloted by WWII Triple Ace Major Ken Dahlberg, scrambled from American Landing Strip #31 (4 miles south of Gael, France) and fought an epic melee above the Rambouillet Forest. The 24 P-51 Mustangs of 354th would battle 80 German aircraft. Dahlberg would shoot down three, then take a round to the aircraft oil system and safely bail out in the clouds. The aerial battle would pale in comparison to the events and evasion that would save Ken Dahlberg, forge a lifelong friendship across the Atlantic, and allow him to become a triple ace, found Miracle Ear, and give philanthropically.*

The P-51B, Shillelagh is slated to be completed by Summer 2026 and will be joining the Bruce Eames Collection housed here at the DTAM!



*All photos and information are courtesy of Aircorps Aviation. For more information regarding the restoration of Shillelagh, please visit their website, www.aircorpsaviation.com/project/p-51b-shillelagh



18th Fighter Squadron FAMILY REUNION

SEPTEMBER 28TH-29TH, 2024

MINOT, ND

hosted by the

Dakota Territory
Air Museum



The DTAM invites you to join us for the 18th Fighter Squadron Reunion September 28-29, 2024! Once we have a finalized schedule for those days, we will publicly post it!

If you know anyone who served in the 18th or 11th Fighter Squadrons during World War II or are family of members who served in either squadron, please spread the word about this as we would love to have them in attendance!

The museum's P-40E Warhawk is an 18th FS survivor and is planned to fly that weekend as part of the reunion!

Chance to Fly in a B-25 Mitchell!

CAF Minnesota Wing's B-25 Miss Mitchell will be at the DTAM September 28-29, 2024! They are now pre-selling seats on their website, www.cafmn.org!





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