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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 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, with generous contributions from Jeff Farstad, Brian Sturm, the Flickinger-Gokey Foundation, and the Trevor Flint Memorial Scholarship, 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](http://www.dakotaterritoryairmuseum.com)

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# Learn and Build Model Sessions Over the Winter



Over these long, winter months the museum once again offered the Learn and Build Model Sessions. This is the third winter we've done these! We had so much fun with all these groups of kids and their parents/guardians. The first session featured the P-51 Mustang, the second session featured the P-40 Warhawk and the third session featured the Supermarine Spitfire.



These classes feature a behind-the-ropes tour of the featured airplane where participants learn the characteristics and history of the airplane. After the tour portion, we get into building our model kits.

These classes allow for a fun, hands-on approach to history.

Photos: Nicky Merkel





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## Annual Member Meeting

**SAVE THE DATE**

It's that time of year! Please, join us on  
April 24, 2026!

Social Begins: 6pm

Food: 630pm

Meeting Called to Order: 7pm

We hope to see you there!

# New Exhibits for 2026

Museum director, Jenna Grindberg, has been busy over this long winter! Besides active cataloging projects, she has been busy creating brand new exhibits for people to enjoy in the 2026 season featuring artifacts and stories that have not been displayed before.

One of the new exhibits features a collaboration with Dr. Cord Scott, Minot-native and MSU graduate, and current professor of history at University of Maryland Global Campus in Okinawa, Japan. He is the author of several books, including *Comics and Conflict: Patriotism and Propaganda from World War II Through Operation Iraqi Freedom*.

Kindly sharing his knowledge and resources, two new displays focusing on art, particularly cartoons, will be ready for viewing in Summer 2026.

One display focuses on World War II and the other will focus on the Korean War. We hope to see you in the museum this summer to check it out!

In addition to these two exhibits, there are new weapons, uniforms, and more on display in the main showroom. Aircraft wise, we are very much looking forward to welcoming P-51B Mustang, “Shillelaugh”, to the growing collection of World War II aircraft. We anticipate completion of the “Shillelaugh” project in early Summer 2026.

2026 is sure to be a great year for a lot of reasons! We hope to see you at the museum this summer!



Photo: New exhibit featuring cartoons and their use in World War II.



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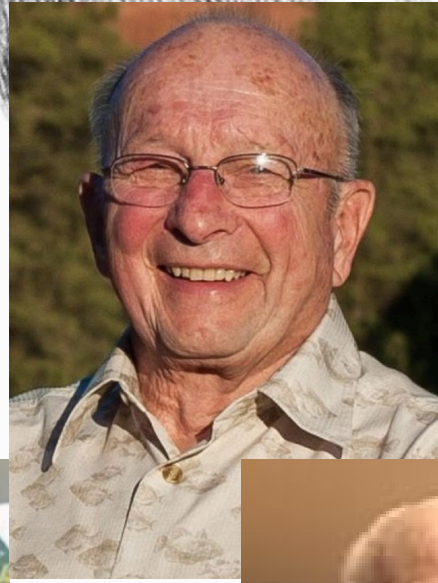


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**30th Annual Dakota Territory Air Museum Sweepstakes**

# In Memoriam



**Long-time museum volunteer, Dave Smith, passed away December 16, 2025.**

**Former museum board member and charter member, James Keller, passed away January 9, 2026**

**Long-time museum volunteer and supporter, Edward Burkhardt, passed away January 30, 2026**

**Former museum board member and charter member, Herman 'Bud' Tyhus passed away February 23, 2026**

**They are all sorely missed, our thoughts are with their families. Blue skies and tailwinds Dave, Jim, Ed, and Bud.**



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