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A Celebration of Women's History

Evergreen Aviation Museum continues a celebration of American heritage

MCMINNVILLE, Ore. – In honor of Women's History month, the Evergreen Aviation Museum is recognizing the contribution women have had in the creation of this great nation and the freedom we all enjoy - a day dedicated to Women's History.

The public is invited to a feature presentation by noted lecturer, Ron Webber. Mr. Webber's 1 p.m. presentation is titled "African Americans in Defense of Their Nation." A story time hour for children will follow the presentation at 2 p.m. and will feature a story about the Tuskegee Airmen, African American's who defended their nation in WWII.

The celebration of Black history will continue the museum's celebration of the contribution minorities have had in the establishment of freedom in the United States. Prior to the celebration of Black History, the Evergreen Aviation Museum hosted a day in November dedicated to the contribution of the Aztec Eagles, the Mexican Expeditionary Air Force, and its national WWII heroes -the sacrifices and rewards their support entailed. The festivities will also continue in March when the museum celebrates Women's History, March 27 with featured speakers, displays and panel presentations.

"There are so many wonderful aspects of history to celebrate and we continue to enjoy honoring veterans of every war. We look forward to educating the public about the creation of our nation and the freedom we enjoy," said Kristin Russell, Director of Special Events.

Museum Activities scheduled for Mar. 27 include:

Ann Crook, Director of the Oregon Department of Aviation since Feb. 200

Eva Walters, A native Oregonian who began flying at the age of 14 and became a certified instructor at the age of 18.

Yvonne Des Lauriers, presentation titled “Legendary Pioneers: Kate Wright, Anne Lindbergh, and Bessie Coleman.”

Des Lauriers’ discussion is on little known, but influential women in the aviation business. She will also bring her G-suit, flight suit and helmet for children to try on.

2 p.m.

Children’s Story Time.

Story time will feature a children’s picture book on the Tuskegee Airmen.

For more information on the events or to attend, please contact the Evergreen Aviation Museum Events Department at 503-434-4023.

The Evergreen Aviation Museum is best known as the home of the world’s largest wooden airplane, the “Spruce Goose” and the SR-71 Blackbird. In addition, there are more than 50 historic aircraft and exhibits on display, along with aviation artwork, traveling displays, the Spruce Goose Café and the museum store. The Evergreen Aviation Museum’s summer hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and winter hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily except when it is closed for Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, and New Year’s Day. An extensive museum store and friendly café add to the Museum experience. The Museum is located at 500 NE Captain Michael King Smith Way, across the highway from the McMinnville Airport and about three miles southeast of McMinnville, Ore., on Highway 18. Regular visitor admission is required. Call (503) 434-4180 for more information, and visit www.sprucegoose.org.

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