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Press Release

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Wings of Remembrance 2007 to honor veterans

The skies over the Newton City/County Airport will be filled with vintage warbird aircraft Saturday, June 2 as Wings of Remembrance 2007 takes flight. Join us as we remember the sacrifices of those who have defended us and honor the courage of those who defend us today.

Wings of Remembrance premiered in 2004 as an event commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Normandy invasion of World War II. In the years since, people from throughout Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma have traveled to Newton on the first weekend in June for the opportunity to view various military, rare civilian and warbird aircraft.



Wings of Remembrance 2007 will continue the tradition of educational, inspirational fun for all ages. Activities for this year include:

7:30 a.m.: Pancake breakfast served by Boy Scout Troop 123

9 a.m.: Parade in downtown Newton honoring veterans and active duty personnel

10 a.m.: Memorial ceremony

1 p.m.: Re-enactment of historic World War II battle

All-day events:

- Young Eagle flights by Chapter 88 of the Experimental Aircraft Association, free of charge for youths age 8 to 17
- Flights available in vintage warbird aircraft
- Fly-bys of current military aircraft
- Restored military vehicles on display by the Mid-Kansas Military Vehicle Preservation Association

Vintage warbird aircraft invited to participate include the Fairchild PT-19, PT-23 and PT-26 Cornell, Ryan PT-22; North American AT-6 Texan; Cessna UC-78 Bamboo Bomber and Beechcraft C-45 Expediter; Piper L-4 Grasshopper; Navion L-17, Cessna L-19/O-1 Birdog and Cessna O-2 Skymaster.

What: Wings of Remembrance 2007

When: 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 2

Where: Newton City/County Airport, 810 N. Oliver, Newton

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Admission to Wings of Remembrance 2007 is free, but donations are appreciated. The event is presented by the nonprofit corporation Wings of Remembrance Inc. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to The Military Order of the Purple Heart Service Foundation, which provides funding for welfare, rehabilitation and educational programs for veterans and their families.

Complete schedule
(Events are subject to change.)

- 7:30 a.m.** Gates open to the public
Troop 123 pancake breakfast fundraiser begins
- 9 a.m.** Military Vehicle Preservation Association/veterans parade begins at County Courthouse
- 10 a.m.** Opening ceremony
- 11 a.m.** EAA Chapter 88 hamburger and hot dog lunch fundraiser begins
Warbird airplane ride sales begin
Young Eagle rides begin
Airport fire truck demonstration/no-smoking skit
- 11:05 a.m.** Q&A session with T.W. Anderson, manager of Newton City/County Airport
- 11:30 a.m.** WWII re-enactors introduction and explanation
- Noon** Q&A session with Commemorative Air Force and Experimental Aircraft Association
- 12:30 p.m.** Rescue dog demonstration
- 1 p.m.** Historic WWII combat re-enactment
- 2 p.m.** Q&A session with exhibitors
- 3 p.m.** Military Vehicle Preservation Association pass and review
- 3:30 p.m.** Closing ceremony
- 5 p.m.** Gates close

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