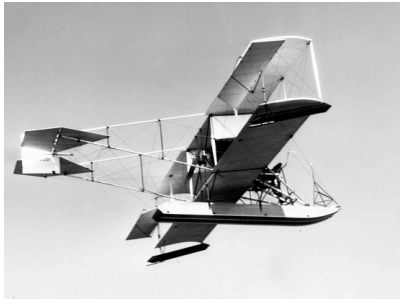


North Texas Aviation Centennial

Centennial of Naval Aviation

Come join us April 16th and 17th at the Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base for Air Power Expo 2011.

Bringing Aviation History To Life



Left: U.S. Naval Aviator No. 1, Lt. Theodore G. Ellyson who first flew the Curtiss A-1 Triad on July 1, 1911 - was the first official US Naval Aviation flight in history.



Right: The Newest US Navy and Marine Corps airplane, the F-35 "Lightning II"

A Community Celebration of 100 Years of Flight in North Texas - April 2011 Event

Blue Angels at the JRB

On November 14, 1910, Eugene Ely, a company pilot, took off in a Curtiss Pusher from a wooden platform built on the bow of the USS Birmingham in Hampton Roads VA. It was the first airplane to take-off from a U.S. naval vessel. On January 18, 1911, Ely flew the same aircraft and landed on a specially built platform on the USS Pennsylvania in San Francisco Bay CA. It was the first airplane landing on a U.S. naval vessel.

2011 has been designated the Centennial of Naval Aviation for the US Navy, the Marine Corps and the Coast Guard. To celebrate, Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base will host Air Power Expo 2011 on April 16 and 17. This year's headliners are



the Blue Angels flight demonstration team. For full details and list of events, see <http://airpowerexpo.com/>. FREE admission to the air show. Flying events begin at 11 AM both days.



For more information, call the Fort Worth Air and Space Museum Foundation at (817) 763-5914 or write ashelton@fwasm.org

First Fort Worth Bomber

On April 17th, 1942 the first of 3,000+ Consolidated Aircraft Company's B-24 Liberator bombers rolled out of Air Force Plant #4 in Fort Worth. To honor this event, the Commemorative Air Force's B-24A Liberator 'Ol 927', will appear at the Air Power Expo, if sufficient funds can be raised for gas. A recreation of the roll-out and first flight will take place on Sunday afternoon, April 17th. Come out to see this historic event or help us make it happen.



Visit us at the Air Show

The North Texas Aviation Centennial museums will be attending the Air Power Expo with an information booth. Stop by and learn something about the history of aviation in North Texas and visit with members of the Veterans Memorial Air Park, Fort Worth Air & Space Museum Foundation and B-36 Peacemaker Museum.