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WWII Airplanes Fly Again

City of Manassas, VA . . . On May 2, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. the Manassas Airshow is bringing in Breitling Jet Team, the largest professional civilian flight jet team. This team demonstrates aerobatics with precision, speed, mastery and style. Also performing are the 3rd Dimension Parachute Team, the American Helicopters Demonstration Team, Andrew McKenna P-51 and T-6 Aerobatics, the Flying Circus Stearman Flight, Scott Francis MXS Aerobatics, Jack Knutson Extra 300 Aerobatics, Matt Chapman CAP 580 Aerobatics, Randy Devere CJ-6 Aerobatics and there will be an RC Modeler Jet Demonstration.

On Friday May 8, 2015, the 70th anniversary of V-E Day commemorating the end of the war in Europe, World War II bombers and fighters will fly together in historic group formations directly over Washington, DC. The planes will originate from Manassas Regional Airport and Culpeper Regional Airport.

The first planes are expected to arrive over the nation's capital beginning at noon. If bad weather forces a postponement, the flyover will take place on May 9. Early arrivals, including the B-17 *Texas Raider*, a four-engine bomber, will be on display at the Manassas Airshow on May 2 and offer rides and tours May 3, 5 and 6. Admission to the airshow is free to the public.

The other three big bombers participating in the flyover will be open for cockpit tours at the Manassas Regional Airport from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 9 - 13. The daily admission fee of \$15 for adults 18 and over and \$5 for students from 6 through 17 (children 5 and under are free) includes the opportunity to go aboard and walk through all three bombers on the ground, including *Fifi*, the only B-29 still flying; *Diamond Lil*, the oldest remaining B-24; and *Aluminum Overcast*, a B-17G built in 1945.

Also on display at the Manassas Regional Airport are smaller planes participating in the flyover, like *Gunfighter*, a P-51 fighter plane; the only flying SB2C Hell Diver, a

Navy dive bomber; and the twin-engine *Bucket of Bolts* C-45 Expeditor, a multi-engine trainer used for light cargo and as a VIP transport aircraft during the war.

For more information on any of these events, visit www.manassascity.org/airportevents.

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