



# PLANES OF FAME AIR MUSEUM

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Planes of Fame's North American B-25 'Photo Fanny' will fly at the Air Show May 5th and 6th.

## 2012 AIR SHOW PRESENTS '1942 ~ TURNING OF THE TIDE'

The 2012 County of San Bernardino Planes of Fame Air Show looks back 70 years with the theme: 1942- Turning the Tide, when the war that raged in Europe, North Africa and the Pacific changed through several events. The air show, held annually at Chino Airport, is scheduled for May 5 and 6, 2012.

The events of 1942 included the VIII Bomber Command, later named the Eighth Air Force, which was sent to England in early 1942 as the United States Armed Forces joined the war against the Axis Powers. The Doolittle Raid over Japan in April 1942 came just four months after the Japanese bombing at Pearl Harbor. The Battle of the Coral Sea was fought in the waters southwest of the Solomon Islands and east of New Guinea on May 7-8, 1942, and was the first between opposing aircraft carrier forces and the first check in the offense the Japanese had launched at Pearl Harbor.

These events, and other key campaigns in 1942, provide the backdrop for the

2012 air show that will feature aircraft flown in each of these theatres, along with flight demonstrations featuring other unique historic aircraft. A veterans' panel will be assembled to talk about their experiences in these theatres. Ground war

can be purchased online or through the Museum's gift shop. General admission adult tickets are \$20 and children's (5-11 years old) tickets are \$5. Online ticket holders will bypass ticket booth lines and instead be met by volunteers who will hand them wristbands before they board the trams to the show. Bleacher seating will be available on a first come basis for those who pay an extra \$10 per person, and preferred parking will be available at \$10 per car.



Gates for both Saturday and Sunday will open at 8 a.m. with the flight demonstrations planned between 10:45 a.m. and 3 p.m.

demonstrations will be conducted as well.

Current Planes of Fame Air Museum members receive one day free admission to the show and will be asked to download their tickets before the show from the Planes of Fame web site. Members can also obtain tickets from gift shop in advance of the show. For non-members, advance tickets

Air show sponsorships are available with sponsors at the \$1,000 or greater levels having access to the VIP Chalet, along with special parking and other amenities.

Information about sponsorships as well as general admission ticket purchases is available on the museum's web site, [www.planesoffame.org](http://www.planesoffame.org)

## PoF VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY



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## President's Message



Planes of Fame Air Museum President Steve Hinton with Bearcat.

As we continue into 2102 I pause to reflect on 2007 when we celebrated our 50th Anniversary honoring Ed Maloney's vision for saving one of every kind of aircraft and to keep them flying... Thank you Ed. We have added 'Where Warbirds Fly' to our logo to recognize that we are a flying museum and to keep Ed's vision alive for the benefit of future generations of aviation enthusiasts.

In 2007 we completed 5-years of construction and 5-years later Planes of Fame Air Museum is bigger and better than ever with our new exhibits adding to our visitors experience and our Hands On Learning Center contributing to our dedication to education. Our commitment to preserving historic aircraft remains as strong as ever with our Yokosuka D4YJudy, Boeing B-17, Bell P-59, L-17 Navion, North American O-47 and Hispano HA-1112 restoration projects progressing.

This year we plan to be breaking ground for our Korean War Memorial to be built on a ¼ acre corner of the museum to honor the sacrifices made by our veterans, the Korean people and UN forces to keep the Korean people free lest we forget.

I'm excited about this year's Planes of Fame Air Show. It will feature the: 'Horsemen'

flying a three-ship demonstration flight in two P-51 Mustangs and a P-38 Lightning, Brian Sanders flying the Sea Fury, the Silver Wings duo of Margaret Stivers and Hartley Foldstad, the U.S. Air Force Heritage Flight display Team flying the F-4 Phantom alongside two P-51 Mustangs, Sean D Tucker's exciting aerobatics, Rob Harrison "The Tumbling Bear" and much more.

My wife Karen Hinton continues to make our annual 'Taste of Flight Gala' an event not to be missed. Last year's 'Taste of Flight' with Louis Zamperini was a fantastic success... Join us this year for 'Taste of Flight' on October 27, 2012.

Our volunteers remain the heart and soul of our organization. Without their dedicated and selfless support we could not hope to continue to remain true to Ed Maloney's vision and our mission to preserve aviation history, inspire interest in aviation, educate the public, and honor aviation pioneers and veterans. We would not be able to continue without the support of our members, volunteers and our committed supporters... thank you!

Next time you visit the museum talk with our volunteers and better yet become a Planes of Fame Air Museum volunteer and help us continue to support Ed Maloney's Vision!

**Keep 'em flying!**

Steve Hinton  
President



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On February 25th 2012 the Museum honored those in the Volunteer Program who help make Planes of Fame the world-renowned preservers of aviation history it is today. In the memorable words of Lt. Col. Jimmy Doolittle, "There is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer."

1) PoF Founder Ed Maloney happily serving the deserving Volunteers, 2) Bob Reed (far left) and Jerry Wilkins (far right) present the 'Bob Reed Award' to Tom Dozier for his excellent work in producing the 2011 Air Show DVD, 3) PoF Chairman of the Board Tom Nightingale helping Volunteers at the Appreciation Luncheon, 4) Ed Maloney presents Ron Hackworth with the 'Founders Award' for outstanding technical leadership, 5) PoF President Steve Hinton presents John and Carol Ann Watkins with the 'President's Award' for leadership of the detailing team and tireless loyalty to the Museum, 6) PoF General Manager Brian Boyer (far right) presents the Motor Pool with the 'Special Performance Award' for their dedicated work, from left to right; Paul DeLaurell, Scott Blystone, Kirsten Volmer, Tom Read, Robert Beaver.



## PLANES OF FAME FOUNDER ED MALONEY'S AXIS AIR FORCE

By: Mike O'Leary

Today, aviation enthusiasts worldwide recognize Ed Maloney as the savior of many Golden Age aircraft along with famous American warplanes such as the P-51, F6F, F4U, and B-17. However, few realize that Ed had a passion to preserve the aircraft of the Axis powers. "After World War Two, southern California was awash in ex-military aircraft," stated Ed in a recent interview. "Back then we had many more airfields and these fields housed hundreds if not thousands of ex-WWII planes — from the lightest trainers to aircraft such as the P-38 Lightning and even a few former enemy warplanes.

"During the war, I remember visiting a captured Messerschmitt Bf 109 that was being toured around the country in order to sell War Bonds." Perhaps it was that visit that led Ed on a life-long search for these foreign warriors. "I had sort of a grapevine going," said Ed, "and other aviation enthusiasts would tell me about aircraft they had spotted. Our Mitsubishi J8M1 Shusui was such an example. A search led me to find the fuselage in a yard in downtown Los Angeles while the

wings turned up in Glendale. You have to remember that to the majority of the population, these aircraft were junk."



Planes of Fame Founder Ed Maloney, in front of the Museum's original Japanese Imperial Navy A6M5 Japanese Zero fighter.

The military and various aviation companies had tested some of the captured machines and then just discarded them. Some were immediately scrapped, some lingered in base junk yards. "That's how I found our Zeros. The Navy had used them for testing. Unfortunately, one already had its wings cutoff but the

other was virtually complete. The Navy was going to scrap the planes, but I managed to get them just a few days before they were going to the smelter."

At that time, Ed was operating The Air Museum at its first location on Route 66 in Claremont, California. The Zeros were moved to that location and became an instant attraction for drivers. "There was a technical school at Grand Central Air Terminal in Glendale," said Ed. "They had a fabulous collection — a P-51A, P-47G, and Me 262. I kept my eye on those planes and grabbed them when the school closed. The Me 262 was the first to be preserved in a civil museum."

And so it went until Ed became the proud owner of the largest Axis "air force" in the United States. His interest in these rare and exotic machines continues to this day and visitors to the Planes of Fame Air Museum can observe first hand the ongoing restoration of a Japanese Judy. Watch for the full story on Ed's Axis Air Force in a coming issue of 'Warbirds International'.



Ed received the Henderson Award from the Society of Air Racing Historians for his preservation of aviation history.



With Ed's passion and in-depth knowledge of all things aviation, his presentations are always engaging.



Ed Maloney at the new PoF hangar dedication honoring his name and well deserved aviation legacy.



## GIFT SHOP OFFERS RANGE OF MEMORIES

The Planes of Fame's Gift Shop is a memorable stop for Museum visitors. Located at the main entrance, the Gift Shop has a variety of unique aviation theme items that will please and delight any aviation enthusiast.

Can't make it to Chino? The PoF online store showcases over 433 items, is easy to use, and purchases can shipped anywhere in the U.S.

Deborah J. Manning, Director of Retail & Visitor Services, says that the most popular online sales are toys, followed by books and t-shirts. The toys and other items are updated regularly to "have a nice variety and keep options fresh," Deborah says.

Membership purchases, renewals and donations can also be made online as well as tickets for special events held throughout the year.

Fans of the annual Air Show will be able to purchase the official 2012 Planes of Fame Air Show t-shirt online at the Gift Shop for only \$20 (+ S/H). Also available is the 2011 Air Show DVD which is currently one of our most popular items. Fighter planes from every era are the stars of the show which features the 100th Anniversary of The U.S. Naval Aviation. More than 40 flying aircraft were featured. The two-disc set is only \$25 and includes 56 minutes of Air Show coverage plus an additional 26

minutes of bonus features and "behind the scenes" footage.

In addition to unique items and great specials, the Gift Shop often presents on-site Author book signings during the once-a-month Living History Flying Events. Many of these treasured books are available at these signing events prior to public release.

Also, the Planes of Fame sister Museum at Valle-Williams, Arizona, has a fully stocked Gift Shop. Be sure to visit when in the area!

Visit online: <http://shop.planesoffame.org>

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