



The Collings Foundation – Wings of Freedom Tour

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The Wings of Freedom Tour Featuring:

- WWII Vintage Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress
- Consolidated B-24 Liberator
- North American P-51 Mustang



**At the Fort Collins - Loveland Municipal Airport
July 8 – 10, 2011**

**PLUS: USO Style Hangar Dinner and Dance
On Friday Night July 8th 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm**



FREE CHILD ADMISSION FOR EVERY PAID ADULT ADMISSION!

The Collings Foundation's Wings of Freedom Tour Brings
Extremely Rare Bomber and Fighter Aircraft
For Local Living History Display as Part of 110-city Nationwide Tour

WHAT: Participating in the Collings Foundation's WINGS OF FREEDOM TOUR, the Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress "Nine O Nine" WWII Heavy Bomber, Consolidated B-24 Liberator "Witchcraft" WWII Heavy Bomber and P-51 Mustang, will fly into **Fort Collins-Loveland Municipal Airport** in **Loveland, Colorado**, for a visit from July 8th to July 10th. Local citizens will have the opportunity to visit, explore, and learn more about these unique and rare treasures of aviation history. The B-17 is one of only 9 in flying condition in the United States, *the B-24J and Dual Control P-51C Mustang are the sole remaining examples of their type flying in the World*. Visitors are invited to **explore the aircraft inside and out** - \$12 donation for adults and \$6 donation for children under 12 is requested for access to up-close viewing and tours through the inside of the aircraft. (*Free child admission for every paid adult admission thanks to a very generous donation from a local benefactor*). Visitors may also experience the **once-in-a-lifetime opportunity** to actually **take a 30-minute flight** aboard these rare aircraft. **Flight experiences are a tax-deductible donation**. Flights on either the B-17 or B-24 are \$425 per person. P-51 flights (Dual Control) are \$2,200 for a half hour and \$3,200 for a full hour. For reservations and information on flight experiences **call 800-568-8924**.

WHERE: The WINGS OF FREEDOM TOUR will be on display at **Fort Collins-Loveland Municipal Airport** in **Loveland, Colorado**, located at **Fort Collins/Loveland Jet Center**, 4824 Earhart Road.

WHEN: The WINGS OF FREEDOM TOUR will arrive at Fort Collins-Loveland Municipal Airport around 11:00 AM on July 8th and will be on display at the airport until the aircraft depart on July 11th at 9:00 am. The 30-minute flight experiences are normally scheduled before and after the following ground tour times:

Hours of ground tours and display are: Friday, July 8: 11:00 AM through 5:00 PM
Saturday, July 9: 10:00 AM through 5:00 PM
Sunday, July 10: 10:00 AM through 5:00 PM

40's USO-Style Hangar Dinner & Dance

Friday evening, July 8th from 5:00 - 10:00 pm – Those who choose to step back a few years can attend a 40's style USO Hangar Dance and Dinner. This WONDERFUL event will include 40's-style **music provided by the Joe Peterson Dance Orchestra**, dinner, and a very unique story telling event during dinner where some Northern Colorado local WWII Veterans' stories will be told. This event is FAMILY friendly and attendees are encouraged to show up in 40's style military or civilian clothes!!! **Pre-Purchased tickets are required** and are on a first come, first serve basis.

Cost is \$50 for adults and \$30 for children under 12. Please visit www.40sFlyIn.com for ticketing information.

Event will be held at Fort Collins-Loveland Municipal Airport at the Fort Collins/Loveland Jet Center Hangar at 4824 Earhart Road, Loveland, Colorado. **BOOK EARLY AS THESE TICKETS ARE LIMITED AND WILL GO FAST!**

WHO: The Collings Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit educational foundation devoted to organizing “living history” events that allows people to learn more about their heritage and history through direct participation. The Nationwide WINGS OF FREEDOM TOUR is in its 21st year and visits an average of 110 cities in over 35 states annually. Since its start, tens of millions of people have seen the B-17& B-24 display at locations everywhere. The WINGS OF FREEDOM tour is one of the most extraordinary and unique interactive traveling historical displays of its kind.

WHY: The WINGS OF FREEDOM TOUR travels the nation a flying tribute to the flight crews who flew them, the ground crews who maintained them, the workers who built them, the soldiers, sailors and airmen they helped protect; and the citizens and families that share the freedom that they helped preserve. The B-17 and B-24 were the backbone of the American effort during the war from 1942 to 1945 and were famous for their ability to sustain damage and still accomplish the mission. Despite the risks of anti-aircraft fire, attacking enemy fighters and the harrowing environment of sub-zero temperatures, many B-17s and B-24s safely brought their crews home. The P-51 Mustang was affectionately known as the bombers “Little Friend” – saving countless crews from attacking axis fighters. After the war, many aircraft were scrapped for their raw aluminum to rebuild a nation in post-war prosperity and therefore very few were spared. The rarity of the B-17, B-24 & P-51 - and their importance to telling the story of WWII is why the Collings Foundation continues to fly and display the aircraft nationwide. At each location we encourage local veterans and their families to visit and share their experiences and stories with the public. For aviation enthusiasts, the tour provides opportunity for the museum to come to the visitor and not the other way around! Visitors can find out more by visiting our website at www.collingsfoundation.org .

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