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# 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NEIGHBOR DAY OPEN HOUSE AT HISTORIC FELTS FIELD SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 4, 2016

(Spokane, WA) – Felts Field Airport located at 6095 Easter Rutter Avenue, Spokane, Washington will be hosting the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual "Neighbor Day Open House" from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Saturday, June 4, 2016. The event is free and open to the public. Antique, vintage, homebuilt "kit," commercial and contemporary planes based at Felts Field will be on static display. In addition, approximately 20 community organizations will have exhibits in the center hangar bay of Western Aviation's new Flight Center. Also, several food trucks have committed to participating, which is a new addition to Neighbor Day.

This year, Neighbor Day will feature a B-25 Mitchell and P-51 Mustang from Everett's Paine Field-based Historic Flight Foundation (HFF). The two warbirds are scheduled to land between 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M., weather dependent, Thursday, June 2, 2016. HFF will also bring noted aviation historian David Lednicer to present during Neighbor Day at 10:30 A.M. and 1:30 P.M., "The History of Northwest Airlines," an airline with deep connections to Felts Field. The presentations will be offered free of charge in the Honor Point Military & Aerospace Museum facility in Western Aviation's flight center hangar complex.

Close-in viewing of the P-51 and ground tours of the B-25 will be available at no charge. The B-25 will be available for rides for a fee. For B-25 flight reservations, please visit: <a href="https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/HistoricFlightFoundation/Reg-NeighborDay2016.html">https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/HistoricFlightFoundation/Reg-NeighborDay2016.html</a> or call 425-348-3200.

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Neighbor Day is made possible through the coordination with a variety of volunteers including Western Aviation, Honor Point Military and Aerospace Museum, the Spokane Airport Tenants Association, the Spokane Chapter of the Washington Pilots Association, and the Spokane Chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association. For additional information regarding Neighbor Day and directions to Felts Field, please call 1-800-493-7515.

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### **About Felts Field**

Felts Field is a 400-acre general reliever airport that had 50,729 aviation operations in 2015 and is home to over 176 aircraft, 90 tenants, 200 sub-tenants, and 11 commercial operators. The airport has a Fix Based Operator and avionic services available. The Airport has two paved runways and a turf landing strip, as well as, the ability to accommodate water landings on the adjacent Spokane River. Felts Field is owned by the City of Spokane and Spokane County and is operated by the Spokane Airport Board.

## **About Honor Point Military & Aerospace Museum**

Honor Point Military & Aerospace Museum's mission is to honor veterans of all services, and the civilian aviation and aerospace industries, by ensuring that everyone in the Inland Northwest has access to a family-friendly environment that celebrates the vibrant aviation and military history that helped shaped the region and our country.

### About the B-25

Historic Flight Foundation's B-25D "Grumpy" is one of the oldest flying B-25s in the world and most closely resembles the variant of the bomber flown off aircraft carriers by Jimmy Doolittle and his crews. Named after the father of strategic airpower, 'Billy' Mitchell, the B-25 proved its worth in every theater of WWII. Enjoy the sound of synchronized Wright Cyclone engines as you view scenery from the glass nose or top turret.

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## **About Historic Flight Foundation**

Historic Flight Foundation was established in 2003 with the intention to collect, restore, and share significant historic aircraft from the period between the solo Atlantic crossing of Charles Lindbergh and the first test flight of the Boeing 707. Twelve aircraft from the period 1927-1957 are maintained in airworthy condition. Throughout the year, HFF offers seminars, pilot training, STEM programs for both public and private schools, air show and movie appearances, memorial flights, aircraft repair and restoration, and a wide variety of volunteer opportunities.