

## Long Island's aviation buffs perch at Republic's Airpower to catch the Memorial Day Weekend Airshow



While more than a quarter million people will descend on Jones Beach this Memorial Day weekend to watch the Bethpage Federal Credit Union Air Show and the Navy's Blue Angels precision demonstration team, many die hard aviation buffs will station themselves at the American Airpower Museum at Republic Airport, 1230 New Highway, Farmingdale, to get up close and personal with the current and historic aircraft scheduled to fly.

Long Islanders will be offered the chance to inspect this historic lineup that include vintage World War II bombers and patrol aircraft, Vietnam era helicopters, aerobatic biplanes, A-10 attack planes built on Long Island, a Navy Northrop Grumman Prowler, F-18 Hornets, among others, as the museum supports the air show blasting off for Jones Beach. The American Airpower Museum will host these aircraft between Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> through Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. A

gate donation will be requested of \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and veterans and \$5 for children.

This year the American Airpower Museum is unveiling their “armored division,” a quietly acquired series of World War II military vehicles that include two massive armored cars, a British scout car, a 40 mm anti aircraft gun and vintage airfield fire trucks. Recently one of their M8 Greyhounds was dedicated by Holocaust survivors who remember the vehicles being used to knock down the gates of their concentration camp.

President and founder of the American Airpower Museum, Jeff Clyman, stated, “This institution has been entrusted with the legacy of American servicemen and women, regardless of where they served, in what branch or in what capacity. There is no better place in which to place a squadron of operational World War II aircraft than at Republic Airport and it really becomes apparent on Memorial Day weekend when our squadron is joined by visiting aircraft for the purpose of saluting the courage of our armed forces. We are proud to be part of this tradition.”

### **Flight experiences available**

Flight experiences will be available all Memorial Day weekend on a legendary Flying Fortress B-17 World War II bomber owned by the Yankee Air Museum as well as a classic Waco biplane, T-6 Texan and C-47 Airborne paratrooper plane. Flight experience fees are posted at the museum. All aircraft will be available for unprecedented photography as they depart overhead for their Jones Beach appearance.