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“ They have given their sons to the military services. They have stoked the furnaces and hurried the factory wheels. They have made the planes and welded the tanks, riveted the ships and rolled the shells.”

— President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, August 19, 1942

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Arsenal of Democracy Flyover Organizers Outline Event Plans

Washington, DC, March 31, 2015—On May 8, the 70th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day, the skies over the National Mall will be filled with one of the most spectacular and diverse arrays of World War II aircraft to be flown at any one time. Organizers of the Arsenal of Democracy: World War II Victory Capitol Flyover outlined plans for the celebration in the nation’s capital at a press conference today in the World War II Gallery of the National Air and Space Museum in Washington.

The events include a commemorative wreath-laying ceremony at the National World War II Memorial, and the Arsenal of Democracy Flyover, featuring dozens of World War II vintage military aircraft in historically sequenced formations representing the war’s major battles, on May 8; and Fly-In to Victory, a collection of World War II aircraft participating in the Flyover, on display at the National Air and Space Museum’s Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center on May 9.

The Arsenal of Democracy Flyover completed a successful practice flight with a single plane on March 18, and has received the necessary approvals from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), which said the public interest will be served by “the educational and historic value of this single signature event in commemorating this significant milestone in history.” Flyover organizers have worked closely with the FAA, the Transportation Security Administration, the National Park Service, the U.S. Capitol Police, and the U.S. Secret Service on the event.

Aircraft in the Flyover—which include the P-39 Airacobra, P-38 Lightning, P-51 Mustang, P-47 Thunderbolt, FG-1D Corsair, B-25 Mitchell, B-17 Flying Fortress, and the B-29 Superfortress—are featured in a special May 2015 issue of *Air &*

Space magazine, which hits newsstands today. The magazine includes “spotter cards,” which will allow observers to track the aircraft in the Flyover.

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“We are extremely grateful to the generosity of our sponsors for helping to make this unprecedented event possible so that we can honor American heroes who served so bravely in the war and those at home who worked tirelessly to manufacture the ships, tanks, and aircraft that made it possible for the United States and its Allies to achieve victory 70 years ago,” said the Arsenal of Democracy Flyover Executive Committee, composed of Commemorative Air Force President and CEO Stephan C. Brown, General Aviation Manufacturers Association President and CEO Pete Bunce, International Council of Air Shows President John Cudahy, National Air Traffic Controllers Association President Paul Rinaldi, and Doug Rozendaal of the Texas Flying Legends Museum.

Photos of the aircraft featured in the Flyover are available for download on the Arsenal of Democracy Flyover Web site at www.ww2flyover.org.

Members of the media are highly encouraged to register to cover the Flyover. On May 7, a limited number of rides in World War II aircraft will be available for the media at Culpeper Regional Airport and Manassas Regional Airport, both in Virginia. Additionally, the media will be able to interview pilots participating in the Flyover, World War II veterans, and event organizers. Only those media registered prior to May 1 will be eligible for the ride-alongs, and a full schedule will be sent to registered media closer to the events. Media registration is available on the Flyover’s Web site at www.ww2flyover.org/contact-us/media-press-information.