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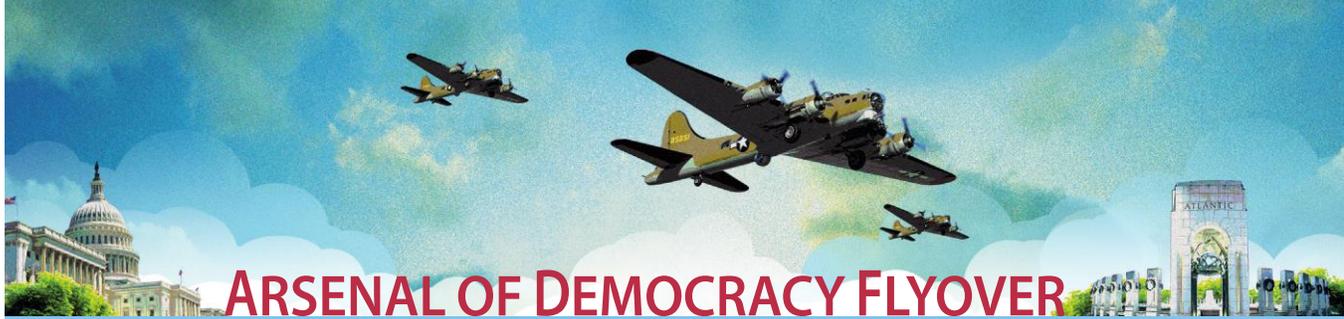
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“ They have given their sons to the military services. They have stoked the furnaces and hurried the factory wheels.
They have made the planes and welded the tanks, riveted the ships and rolled the shells.”

– President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, August 19, 1942

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**Arsenal of Democracy Flyover to Bring History, Excitement
to Washington, DC This Week**

Washington, DC, May 5, 2015—Just days from now, the skies of the nation’s capital will be filled with 56 World War II vintage military aircraft to help celebrate and commemorate the 70th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day on Friday, May 8. The Arsenal of Democracy: World War II Victory Capitol Flyover will feature 15 historically sequenced formations representing the war’s major battles and ending with a Missing Man formation. The event will honor the heroes who fought in the War and those on the home front who produced the tanks, ships, and aircraft that enabled the United States and its Allies to achieve victory.

The first plane should be visible along the National Mall around 12:10 p.m. With roughly 90 seconds between formations, the Flyover will conclude by 1 p.m. Reagan National Airport will be closed to commercial traffic from 12 noon to 1 p.m. to accommodate the Flyover.

The Flyover, and the commemorative wreath-laying ceremony held at the National World War II Memorial beforehand, will be streamed live at <http://www.usvets.tv/Events/ArsenalofDemocracy2015.aspx> beginning at 10:30 a.m. The live webcast will feature narration that includes key facts about the airplanes and their role in the battles. Details on the webcast satellite feed can be found at the end of this release.

Users can download high- or low-resolution video and audio, or an audio-only feed from the site. Audio-only is highly recommended for those watching the Flyover live from virtually anywhere in Washington, DC. Organizers of the event are making the webcast available to provide better access and additional value to this historic event.

Airplanes featured in the Flyover include the P-38 Lightning, the FG-1D Corsair, the P-51 Mustang, the B-25 Mitchell, and the only flying B-29 Superfortress, FIFI. Profiles of the airplanes and “spotter cards,” which will allow observers to track the aircraft in the Flyover, are featured in the May issue of *Air & Space* magazine, on newsstands now.

Guests at the National World War II Memorial ceremony, which will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., are scheduled to include hundreds of World War II veterans, former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, and high-ranking representatives from many of the Allied nations.

While the World War II Memorial ceremony will take place rain or shine, the airplanes in the Flyover must have a minimum 2,000-foot ceiling and 5-mile visibility for the event to take place. They will fly at an altitude of 1,000 feet. During the events, the use of UAS or quadcopter devices is strictly prohibited within the Washington, DC area. The rain date for the Flyover is Saturday, May 9.

The Flyover has been months in the planning, and event organizers have worked closely with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the Transportation Security Administration, the National Park Service, the U.S. Capitol Police, and the U.S. Secret Service. On March 18, the Flyover completed a successful practice flight with a single plane. Also in March, the FAA granted the necessary approvals for the Flyover to take place, noting “the educational and historic value of this single signature event in commemorating this significant milestone in history.”

On Saturday, May 9, many of the planes featured in the Flyover will be on display at the National Air and Space Museum’s Steven F. Udvar-Hazy in Chantilly, Virginia. During a Fly-In to Victory Family Day, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., visitors can talk with the pilots and enjoy educational and World War II-era activities that include hearing a performance by the United States Air Force Band Airmen of Note, planting a Victory Garden, and learning to swing dance.

The Flyover Executive Committee includes Stephan C. Brown, President and CEO of the Commemorative Air Force (CAF); Pete Bunce, President and CEO of the General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA); John Cudahy, President of the International Council of Air Shows (ICAS); Paul Rinaldi, President of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA); and Doug Rozendaal of the Texas Flying Legends Museum.

Former President George H.W. Bush, former Senator Bob Dole, and former Congressman John Dingell are the Honorary Co-Chairs of the Flyover. The Honorary Congressional Committee Co-Chairs are Senator James Inhofe and Congressman Sam Graves. More than two dozen members of Congress, including Speaker John Boehner and Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn, are on the Congressional Committee.

Sponsors for the Flyover have generously made this event possible. Exclusive Formation sponsors are Honeywell Aerospace and Northrop Grumman. GE Aviation and Triumph Group, Inc. are Formation Wingmen sponsors. *Air & Space* magazine/Smithsonian is the Media Partner. ATP (in honor of 14th Air Force Captain William L. Daniels), the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, *The Hill*, Jet Aviation, the National Air Traffic Controllers Association, the National Business Aviation Association and Signature Flight Support are Gold Sponsors.

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For more information, please visit the Arsenal of Democracy Flyover Web site at ww2flyover.org.

For media outlets that would like to make use of the webcast satellite feed, the specific access information can be found below.

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