

News Release:

Veteran events coming to Akron



Akron, Ohio (May 23, 2023), Once again, a family-oriented air show is returning to Akron-Fulton Airport this summer. The Props and Pistons Festival, **August 19-20**, offers an affordable and fun experience for the entire family. You will see flying demonstrations, aircraft on display, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) activities, and even a car show.

The Props and Pistons Festival gives visitors a chance to get up-close and personal through airplane tours, warbird, biplane and helicopter rides. The dozens of displays range from WWII warbirds to current military, commercial, and specialty aircraft. At this show you can see a massive Air Force transport plane, the C-17 Globemaster, parked next to something as simple as a Piper Cub. There will also be FREE Flight Simulators, a FREE Kids' Zone, live music, and food trucks.

We will be honoring veterans from the past by performing our 2nd annual "Flight of the Flags" ceremony. During this somber ceremony, pre-registered families will bring their loved one's burial flags for one last flight. The student honor guard from Green High School JROTC will load the flags into a WWII TBM Avenger (same type that George Bush was shot down in WWII), for one last flight while members of the Honor Guard conduct a 21gun salute, a flag folding demonstration, and a description of the meaning of each part of a military funeral. The aircraft will circle over the airport during a moment of silence. After landing, each flag will be reunited with their family and the pilot will personally presents them with a certificate. We are hoping to fly 40 flags each day!!!

On Sunday Aug 20th, a special tribute to our military will be celebrated with a local veteran's motorcycle ride and remembrance ceremony where we honor all veterans and reissue lost medals requested from local congressional offices. All proceeds from the ride benefits the SAM Center (Serving Area Military) located in Massillon. www.servingareamilitary.com

Honor your Veteran's this Memorial Day by presenting them with tickets to the Props and Pistons Festival. Use the discount code "**MD23**" now until Memorial Day to receive **23% off your purchase**.

The Props and Pistons Festival is designed to be an entertaining and educational event. "What we'd really love to see come out of this festival, too, is the inspiration of the next generation of pilots, mechanics, engineers, scientists and military members," said Mike Bowser (USAF ret.) of Inspire Aviation and the Festival Vice-Chairman, "This is a safe, yet exciting event where the public can enjoy what aviation has to offer everyone."

FREE parking and shuttle busses are available at the marked parking lots near Derby Downs.

For more detailed information on the Festival please visit the following websites:
www.flyohio.org or [Facebook.com/flyohio](https://www.facebook.com/flyohio)

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