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Airplane enthusiasts and history buffs will want to come to the Walla Walla Regional Airport to see two famous aircraft of WWII. The B-17 Flying Fortress SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY and the B-25 Mitchell MAID IN THE SHADE from the Commemorative Air Force Arizona Wing Aviation Museum will be on display at the Walla Walla Regional Airport offering rides and tours Tuesday, June 21 through Sunday, June 26 from 9 AM to 6 PM.

WHAT: The restored WWII bombers will give the public an up-close and personal look of aviation history. The public is invited to tour these airplanes. There's even the opportunity to take a flight in the bombers and experience flying in these aircraft first-hand. A portion of the flight cost is tax deductible. Only a handful of these rare birds remain in the world today and even fewer provide the opportunity to experience flight just as the flight crews did during WWII.

B-17 Tours: \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children ages 5 through 12 and free for children under 5.

B-17 Flights: Available for \$425 per person. You can make a reservation on the B-17 by calling 602-448-9415 or by visiting the bomber.

B-25 Flights: Available for \$395 per person. You can make a reservation on the B-25 by calling 480-322-5503 or by visiting the bomber.

WHERE: The aircraft will be on display at the Walla Walla Regional Airport. Fairchild Avenue is the main entrance and entrance is free. Tours and rides on the aircraft has a fee.

WHEN: Tuesday, June 21 through Sunday, June 26 from 9 AM-6PM daily.

WHY: The WWII bombers are maintained and operated as a flying museum and memorial to all our veterans by the all-volunteer non-profit Commemorative Air Force, Arizona Wing Aviation Museum based in Mesa, AZ at Falcon Field Airport. The Arizona Wing members restored the B-17 flying today. There are roughly (8) B-17 Flying Fortresses still flying in the world. The B-17 Flying Fortress was famous for the daylight bombing raids over Germany during World War II and could sustain such battle damage that the aircraft lived up to its name of the Flying Fortress. The B-25 Mitchell Bomber is a veteran with 18 combat missions flying out of Corsica during WWII. The restoration to bring MAID IN THE SHADE back to flying condition took 28 years and was completed May 2009.

In addition to hosting the Commemorative Air Force Arizona Wing, the Walla Walla Regional Airport will be having other activities on Saturday, June 25 and Sunday, June 26.

-Wings and Wheels of Walla Walla 2011 is a joint event by the Mooney Aircraft Club and the Mercedes-Benz Club of America. The aircraft and vehicles will be on display from 9:30 – 11:00 AM on the aviation ramp.

-District 4 Auxiliary will have fire trucks on display from 10 AM – 2 PM on Saturday, June 25.

-1929 Travelair Biplane will be on display and will give rides for a fee on both Saturday, June 25 and Sunday, June 26.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE AT THE AIRPORT FOR A FUN EVENT!