



Selfridge Military Air Museum

Celebrating 50 Years of Volunteer-Powered History

For half a century, the Selfridge Military Air Museum (SMAM) has preserved the powerful legacy of Selfridge Field, one of America's oldest operating airfields, which was founded in 1917. Our all-volunteer team has transformed historic hangars into living classrooms and exhibits that honor generations of service and innovation in aviation.

This year, as we celebrate the Museum's 50th Anniversary and Selfridge Field's 108-year legacy, we are poised to grow and modernize to meet the needs of a new generation.

Our Impact

- Thousands of visitors annually, including veterans, families, and school groups
- Unique educational and historical experiences for students across Southeast Michigan that are aligned to STEM initiatives and inspire interest in aerospace careers
- Partner with veterans, military, and civic organizations to host special events that are widely attended
- 100% volunteer-operated for over 50 years

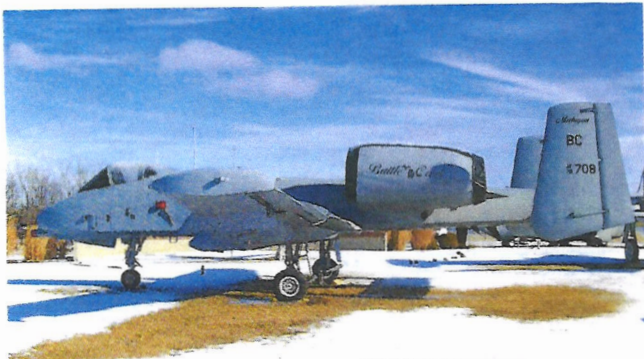
Why Now? We need investment in modern infrastructure to preserve this national treasure, better showcase Michigan's rich military aviation history, and enhance our position as a vital cultural institution that honors the past, while inspiring the future.

State Funding of \$2,600,000 is Requested for a new hangar facility to

- Provide a 13,000 SF museum building to increase display capabilities and protect certain historically significant aircraft that are currently out-of-doors and exposed to the elements
- expand classroom space that would also provide virtual content as well as interactive, hands-on workshops to engage young learners in STEM concepts
- provide modern, accessible restroom facilities that will permit the Museum to operate on a year-round basis, something it has been unable to do
- expand the giftshop space to meet current demand and help with the sustainability of the Museum

This investment will launch SMAM into its next 50 years as a premier educational and cultural destination. Your support will directly preserve military history, educate future generations, and uplift a community-driven institution powered by volunteers.

Let's take this next flight together! Thank you for your support.



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NORTHROP F-89C SCORPION

SELFRIDGE AIR MUSEUM



LINK AVIATION PILOT TRAINER



AIR MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

The Museum's Gift Shop has a variety of aviation mementos ranging from children's toy airplanes to jewelry, wearing apparel, and books/magazines.

VISITING HOURS

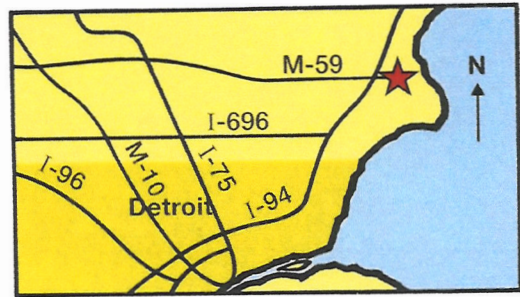
April through October
Saturday & Sunday
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Other times by appointment. Hours are subject to change.

Call (586) 239-6768 or (586) 239-5035
to arrange tour or confirm hours.

ADMISSION:

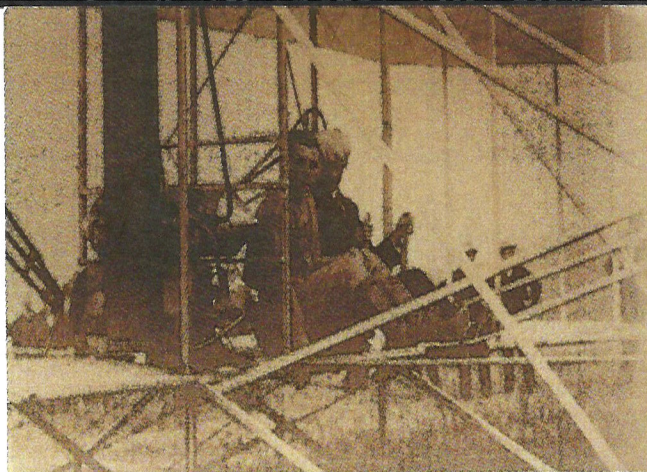
- \$10 for Guests 18 and Older
- \$8 for Seniors/Veterans/Retired Military & Spouses
- \$5 for Children ages 4-17
- FREE** for Children 3 and Under
and Active Duty Military in Uniform



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**SELFRIDGE
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HISTORY OF SELFRIDGE

Selfridge Air National Guard Base is one of the nation's oldest and most historic military installations. The Base was named after aviation pioneer, Lt. Thomas E. Selfridge, the first military officer to pilot an engine-driven aircraft and, while flying with Orville Wright, the first to meet his death in powered flight.

Activated as a military installation July 1, 1917, Selfridge trained pilots, aero mechanics, aerial photographers and gunnery personnel for World War I. The 1st Pursuit Group, made famous during World War I, was stationed at Selfridge. In the early 1920's, air shows and spectacular national air races (many won by Selfridge pilots) were held at Selfridge, which kept interest in

aviation alive after the 1st World War ended. Many names famous in aviation history are associated with Selfridge, including Charles Lindbergh who completed his training here.

Selfridge alumni such as Curtis LeMay, Carl "Tooyo" Spaatz, and Jimmy Doolittle played a vital role in achieving victory in World War II. They also were representative of over 145 generals who were assigned to Selfridge over the years, earning the Base the nickname "Home of the Generals."

Today, Selfridge is the nation's largest Air National Guard Base. All branches of the military, active and reserve units alike, are represented on the Base.



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