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National Warplane Museum Announces “Operation Thanks From Above” Led by Douglas C-47

**Flyover events will take place May 16th honoring coronavirus first responders,
healthcare and essential workers in the Western New York Region**

ROCHESTER, NY — May 5, 2020 —The National Warplane Museum (NWM) President, Austin Wadsworth announced last week that they will be conducting a series of flyovers in Western New York on the weekend of May 16th to honor first responders, healthcare and essential workers. The missions included in “Operation Thanks From Above” are being designed to overfly key hospitals, Veterans Affairs locations, city centers, parks and other notable venues in the Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse areas.

The NWM’s very own Douglas C-47, affectionately named Whiskey 7 will lead the mission, accompanied by other aircraft. The Douglas C-47 is a WWII veteran and was the lead aircraft in the second wave of the D-Day invasion on June 6th, 1944 over Ste. Mere Eglise, Normandy. The values associated with this aircraft are bravery, sacrifice, honor and hope so it is only fitting that it will lead the way in reminding our local heroes how appreciated they are.

Since the start of the coronavirus, each worker, family, and organization has had to make drastic, unusual, and spontaneous changes to the way that life and business are conducted. On the front line, we are fortunate to have individuals who are there to ensure that safety, care, and supplies are available to everyone, every day. These heroes accept risk and they expect fatigue.

“This mission is one of many that are taking place across the country and we are honored to be a part of showing our gratitude and support for those on the front lines,” says Todd Cameron who is a key member of the team organizing the mission and the Director of Flight Operations at the NWM.

Residents in the designated areas will be able to see the flyover from the safety of their homes. If residents do plan to travel to a designated spot for viewing, we ask that they adhere to all social distancing guidelines and also wear a face covering. More details about the mission will be released the week of the flyover including a map detailing locations and times.

About The National Warplane Museum

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