

# WWII Warbird Expo at Waltrip Williamsburg Executive Airport

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**Williamsburg, VA, April 21, 2026** — To celebrate America250 and usher in its 11th Scholarship Class, the Williamsburg Aviation Scholarship Program (WASP) will host the Capital Wing of the Commemorative Air Force and a collection of historic World War II aircraft for the first annual **Warbird Expo** at Waltrip Williamsburg Executive Airport on Saturday and Sunday, May 9–10.

This two-day event brings aviation history to life with a rare opportunity to see — and even fly in — authentic WWII-era aircraft. Ride opportunities will be available in a Boeing PT-17 Stearman biplane, a Stinson OY-1 Sentinel, and a Fairchild UC-61 Forwarder, each with its own unique operational history. Also on display will be the rarely seen Japanese Fuji LM-1, available for static tours and select media flights.

The Warbird Expo is free and open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day, with complimentary onsite parking. In addition to the aircraft, guests can enjoy a display from the Colonial Virginia Model T Club and a raffle featuring a brand-new 2026 Model T LEGO® kit. Food options include flight line dining at Charly's Airport Restaurant (11-3), along with a WASP-hosted pancake breakfast and hot-dog lunch available both days.

“For many, a warbird ride is a true bucket-list experience,” said Pete Ballard of the Capital Wing. “This event offers the rare chance to step back in time and experience these aircraft as they were meant to be flown. Each airplane tells a story — from training the next generation of pilots to supporting critical missions during the war — and there’s nothing quite like experiencing that firsthand.”

Warbird rides may be reserved through the Capital Wing website, with limited availability for purchase onsite during the event. Visit: <https://www.capitalwingcaf.org/warbird-rides> and any unsold flights will be available for sale at the airport.

**About Williamsburg Aviation Scholarship Program:** The program provides scholarships, mentorship, and flight training to local high school students pursuing a future in aviation. Earning their 501(c)3 status in 2014, the Williamsburg Aviation Scholarship Program has since awarded 97 scholarships valued at \$11,000.00 ea. and graduated 10 classes of Tidewater Area high-school junior & senior student pilots.

**About Waltrip Williamsburg Executive Airport:** Founded in 1970, the 55 year old Privately-Owned, Publicly-Used general aviation airport strives above all to keep aviation accessible to *everyone*. Their goal is to be the first choice and most valued general aviation airport of its

kind in the country while delivering safe and friendly services to all types of aircraft, their tenants, and the broader Historic Triangle community-at-large.

**About the Commemorative Air Force:** The Commemorative Air Force was founded to acquire, restore and preserve in flying condition, a complete collection of combat aircraft which were flown by all military services of the United States, and selected aircraft of other nations, for the education and enjoyment of present and future generations of Americans to perpetuate in the memory, and in the hearts of all Americans, the spirit in which these great planes were flown in the defense of our nation.

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Media flights in the Japanese Fuji LM-1 may be available on Saturday, May 9 to promote the event. Contact Tom Hinrichsen of the Capital Wing to request a media ride.

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**Photos attached:**

Boeing PT-17 Stearman



Stinson OY-1



Fairchild UC-61 Forwarder



Fuji LM-1 (media-only rides & static tours)



Colonial Va. Model-T Club at the airport 9/20/25



Colonial Va. Model-T Club gathering



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