

World's only operational B-29 to lead an historic bomber formation over Jones Beach this Memorial Day Weekend as America salutes its Veterans.

B-29, B-17 and B-25 to launch from Airpower

A B-29 Superfortress, a B-17 Flying Fortress and a B-25 Mitchell bomber will launch from the American Airpower Museum at Republic Airport, Farmingdale, Long Island this Memorial Day weekend and fly in formation over the Bethpage Federal Credit Union Air Show at neighboring Jones Beach as a means of saluting American veterans and those who continue to protect our freedoms.

The B-29 was the largest bomber of World War II, and in size, range and payload, represented a quantum leap in technology over anything that preceded it. The only operational B-29 in the world, this aircraft is owned and operated by the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) and its flight will mark its first appearance over Jones Beach. The B-17 is owned by the Yankee Air Museum and it is one of the iconic weapons that helped win World War II. The B-25 is owned by the American Airpower Museum and is similar to those that avenged the attack on Pearl Harbor during the legendary Doolittle Raid on Tokyo.

Upon their arrival on Friday, May 27, both the B-29 and the B-17 will be offering flight experiences during their stay on Long Island, operating from the ramp of the American Airpower Museum at Republic Airport, and will also be open to the public for tours of their interiors. For B-29 flight experience information, contact CAF's web site, <http://www.rideb29.com/rides/ride-in-the-only-b-29.html> For flight experiences on the B-17, "Yankee Lady," contact the Yankee Air Museum through their email address, b17flights@yankeeairmuseum.org. Both aircraft are expected to depart the afternoon of June 1.

Organizers anticipate that this will mark the first time that as many as 300,000 New Yorkers will see a B-29, a B-17 and a B-25 fly in trail over Jones Beach, followed by other Warbirds that include a rare P-47 Thunderbolt from the American Airpower Museum and a P-51 Mustang from Warbirds Over Long Island. They will be joined by modern aircraft out of the American military's inventory including America's front line fighter, the F-22.

Among the corporate sponsors making this flight possible are Bethpage Federal Credit Union, Stop & Shop Supermarkets, Bristol Assisted Living, the Long Island Contractors' Association, Polimeni International and Cockpit USA.