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Heritage Flight Museum Re-Opens in New Location!

[Bellingham, WA] - Bellingham's Heritage Flight Museum opens the doors at its new facility at 4165 Mitchell Way, Bellingham Airport on Saturday, 17 January 2009. Doors will open to the public at noon, with a formal program scheduled to start at 1:00pm. Events include a welcoming address, guest speaker, Color Guard presentation, and more! "We are really excited about our new place, and the tremendous possibilities it opens up for us... like being open more than once a month!" said Director of Programs, Kate Simmons.

Founded in 1996 by Maj. General William Anders (Apollo 8 astronaut), the Heritage Flight Museum is a non-profit, 501(C)(3) organization dedicated to the preservation and flying of historic military aircraft. The Museum settled at Bellingham International in 2001, and has been developing their displays and their community programs since then. In addition to volunteer opportunities for individuals and youth groups such as the Civil Air Patrol, Museum Staff have served as Culminating Project Community Advisors for graduating seniors from Bellingham and Squalicum High Schools, and as supervisors for History majors on internship from Western Washington University.

Visitors are welcome to get an up-close look at the collection of memorabilia and artifacts, and a selection of flying World War II, Korean and Vietnam era including a P-51 Mustang, Douglas Skyraider, North American T-6, Boeing Stearman, L-13 Grasshopper, Link trainer and others. School and other youth groups interested in touring the collection are welcome to contact the Museum at 360.733.4422.

For more information about the Heritage Flight Museum, and opening day events, visit www.heritageflight.org.

Photo Information: A trio of T-6's fly in formation over Whatcom County. Photo by Lyle Jansma.