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EAA Aviation Museum events bring festive air to 2025 holiday season

EAA AVIATION CENTER, OSHKOSH, Wisconsin — (November 6, 2025) — The EAA Aviation Museum brings excitement and joy to the holiday season in northeast Wisconsin with several events scheduled between Thanksgiving and the new year.

The museum will welcome everyone on December 6 for its traditional [Christmas in the Air](#) open house. The annual event features performances from local music, choral, and dance groups. Santa Claus will arrive by helicopter (weather permitting) at noon followed by a tree lighting ceremony and photos. Children can also write letters to Santa that he will take with him on his flight back to the North Pole. Christmas in the Air is presented by Festival Foods.

EAA's annual [Wright Brothers Memorial Banquet](#) on December 12 honors the spirit and achievements of Wilbur and Orville Wright. This year's banquet will feature two guest speakers. Rebecca Crosby Hutchinson, daughter of 100th Bomb Group navigator Harry Crosby, one of the main characters depicted in *Masters of the Air*, sharing the story of her father's experiences. Joining her will be Michael Faley, Executive Vice President of the 100th Bomb Group Foundation and technical advisor on the mini-series. Faley will share more insight into the group and how its story was brought to the big screen. More information on the banquet and how to purchase tickets is available at EAA.org/WrightBrothers.

Beginning on November 28, EAA hosts the [Oshkosh Celebration of Lights](#) for the third consecutive year on the EAA grounds. Visitors can take in the holiday spirit as they drive through the light displays. More than one million lights make up the entire Celebration of Lights. The event will be open daily from 5:30 to 9 p.m. through December 31. Santa will be available for visits from November 28 to December 23 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. More information about the Oshkosh Celebration of Lights can be found at Oshkoshcol.org.

New for 2025, the Oshkosh Celebration of Lights' free community nights will also include free admission to the EAA Aviation Museum, allowing visitors to enjoy both attractions in one day. The free community nights are scheduled for November 30, December 7, 14, 21, and 28.

The Oshkosh Celebration of Lights path will also be part of the route for the [23rd Race for the Light 5K Run/Walk](#) presented by and benefiting Oshkosh Area United Way, on December 6 at 4:30 p.m. The route begins at the EAA Education Center and takes runners through the Celebration of Lights display. [Online registration](#) is \$35 and includes a T-shirt and a set of jingle bells.

About EAA Aviation Museum

The EAA Aviation Museum is located just off Interstate 41 at the Highway 44 exit in Oshkosh. The museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. EAA members receive free museum admission year-round. For more information, call the EAA Aviation Museum at (920) 426-4818 or visit www.EAA.org/museum.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: High-resolution images of past holiday events, and the Wright Brothers Banquet Speakers, are available at EAA's media resources website: [Holiday Events 2025](#)

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Goodwill NCW Proud to Serve Those Who've Served

WISCONSIN – On November 11, Americans will honor the men and women who have served our country. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, in 2024, more than 17 million men and women in the United States are veterans. As military veterans return to civilian life, the need for coordinated job services for this population is critical to support their re-integration.

"We owe our veterans a huge debt", Kayla Countney, Manager of Mission Relations at Goodwill NCW said. "We stand in awe of the courage and commitment of our armed forces and are honored to help so many veterans find employment when returning to civilian life."

In 2024, Goodwill NCW supported veterans in building new skills for non-military jobs, increasing their median hourly wage by \$10.50 and eliminating the employment barriers they often face. One such veteran is Richard Flirt, recent winner of Goodwill NCW's Veteran of the Year.

After leaving the military, Richard developed issues with PTSD and was having difficulty finding work that fit his talents and goals. Through Career EXCELeRate™ (a program of Goodwill NCW, in partnership with Rawhide and Fox Valley Technical College), Richard discovered a new path: truck driving. He enrolled in the program, earned his CDL at no cost, and passed his required tests in just 10 days. He completed the program at the top of his class and, shortly after, secured a job with Legacy Trucking. Now Richard has achieved a level of financial stability that has allowed him to buy a new truck, a new boat, renovate his

house, and travel. "I never had someone else invest in me, besides the military, as much as Goodwill," Richard says. "I'm forever grateful."

In appreciation for their service, Goodwill NCW stores offer a 10% military discount every Wednesday to active members of the military, veterans, police, firefighters and EMS. Join Goodwill NCW this Veterans Day in recognizing the service and sacrifice of the more than 17 million Americans who have served our country as part of our armed services by helping them find meaningful work.

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