

Walk the First Ever Airmail Flight

On February 18, you can retrace the path of the first airmail flight from Petaluma to Santa Rosa.

Highlights of the walk will include visits to Denman Creamery, Penngrove Power and Implement Museum, Railroad Speeders, Cotati Historical Society, Windsor Historical Society, Pacific Coast Air Museum, Sonoma County Museum, Petaluma Airport and Petaluma Historical Library and Museum. Participants may forego all or part of the walk — and non-walkers can join the group at the end of the walk about 1 at 3367 Petaluma Hill Road to jump on the bus and visit the museums.

Love To Sing? Join Wings Of Glory

Have you relocated to Petaluma recently and are interested in getting to know your community better -- or make new friends? Maybe you are just seeking to try something new in your life or find an activity for you or your family. Well, there's nothing more fun or nurturing to your soul than singing in a community choir.

Wings of Glory Community Gospel Choir has been in existence for over a decade. It is a diverse group of singers from many walks of life and religious backgrounds -- people of many ages who just love to sing and also socialize outside of their choral events.

An audition is not required. Many members had not sung for years, and some don't know how to read music. Those that have a broader musical background help the rest out.

Through the joyful dedication and expertise of director Patricia Graham, this choir is amazing itself and

A \$20 fee applies to both walkers and non-walkers and must be paid in advance. The fee includes T-shirt, healthy brunch, bus ride and a heck of a lot of fun! Reserve your spot by mailing your \$20 check to the Sonoma County Historical Society, c/o Jeff Tobes, 605 Speers Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95409. Make checks payable to the Sonoma County Historical Society.

On February 18, walkers should meet at 6 AM in the parking lot next to the Petaluma Library, 100 Fairgrounds Drive. The walk will begin, rain or shine, at 6:30 AM. The event will end about 7:10 PM in the parking lot at the Petaluma Library.

For more information, email JeffTobes@hotmail.com or call 707.888.1670.

its audiences these days. The choir sings for church venues, community events, various holidays, parades, and at local clubs -- including Aquas Café and the Moose Lodge. They have traveled to Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Sonoma, Napa, Benicia, Oakland, and San Francisco -- and are often asked to return!

Currently, a few pianists and drummers accompany the choir during practice and at concerts. Do you or anybody you know play saxophone or bass? Wings of Glory would love to have them join in. So meet a fun group of people who enjoy each other and love learning the joy of song.

Wings of Glory practices every Monday night at 7 PM at Elim Lutheran Church, at the corner of Stanley and Baker in Petaluma. For more information, see wingsofglory.org or call 707.763.4196.



COMMUNITY

Aviation History Experts to Speak at Petaluma Museum Show

The Petaluma Museum has announced its roster of distinguished speakers in conjunction with their February through April exhibit, "Flight."

James Morehead (WWII P40 Fighter Pilot) will speak at 1 PM on February 5. An Ace pilot and recipient of two Distinguished Service Crosses, Mr. Morehead was one of the first American fighter pilots to fly in the Pacific during the dark early days of World War II.

Art Cader (World War II B24 Liberator Bomber Pilot) will speak Saturday, February 12, at 3 PM. The B-24 Liberator was an American heavy bomber, designed by Consolidated Aircraft Company of San Diego. Its mass production was brought into full force by 1943 with the aid of the Ford Motor Company through its newly constructed Willow Run facility, where peak production had reached one B-24 per hour and 650 per month in 1944. Other factories soon followed. The B-24 ended World War II as the most produced Allied heavy bomber in history, and the most produced American military aircraft at over 18,000 units, thanks in large measure to Henry Ford and the harnessing of American industry. It still holds the distinction as the most-produced American military aircraft. The B-24 was used by several Allied air forces and navies and by every branch of the American armed forces

during the war, attaining a distinguished war record with its operations in the Western European, Pacific, Mediterranean, and China-Burma-India Theaters.

Jeane Slone (Author of "She Flew Bombers") will speak on Saturday, February 26, at 3 PM. Jeane Slone has published the historical fiction, "She Flew Bombers." Stone is the daughter of parents who served in the Army during WWII. Ms. Slone has flown in a 1918 World War I Curtiss Jenny (one of ten presently airborne). The Arts Council of Sonoma County sponsored her novel and provided a grant to gather six former WWII Women Air Force Service Pilots to speak at the Santa Rosa Vets Building about their experiences ferrying planes. There was standing room only. Jeane Slone is a member of Healdsburg Literary Guild, Military Writer's Society of America, and Pacific Coast Air Museum.

Roberto de Haro (Author of "Assassins' Raid: Killing Admiral Yamamoto") will speak on Saturday, March 12, at 3 PM. De Haro's is a novel of daring and danger that follows American Army pilots as they streak over shark-infested waters in the South Pacific to rendezvous with the Japanese bomber carrying the sought-after Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto. Admiral Yamamoto was responsible for the attack on Pearl Harbor that fateful December in 1941. While the raid was kept secret for most of the

war, a startling controversy developed over who really shot down Yamamoto's plane. "Assassins' Raid" tells the story of the daring raid by American Army pilots in World War II to intercept and shoot down Admiral Yamamoto's plane in April of 1943. It was a remarkable effort and resulted in the death of the Japanese admiral.

Tom King, PhD (Senior Archaeologist, The International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery TIGHAR) will speak on Saturday, April 2 at 4 PM.

TIGHAR (pronounced "tiger") is the acronym for The International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery, a non-profit foundation dedicated to promoting responsible aviation archaeology and historic preservation. TIGHAR's activities include: Compiling and verifying reports of rare and historic aircraft surviving in remote areas; Conducting investigations and recovery expeditions in co-operation with museums and collections worldwide; and Serving as a voice for integrity, responsibility, and professionalism in the field of aviation historic preservation. King is also the author of "Amelia Earhart's Shoes" and "Thirteen Bones" His efforts were seen on the Discovery channel program -- "Finding Amelia", the search for Amelia Earhart." Mr. King has conducted numerous recovery efforts leading to intriguing theories on the whereabouts of Mrs. Earhart.

Valentine Special at Mr. Snow's

While on your search for that perfect gift, remember to stop by Mr. Snow's Brownies and complete a free entry form for a special Val-

entine's Day Raffle Drawing. The grand prizes include a Home Spa Gift Basket (value \$85). Mr. Snow's Brownies is located at 600 Petaluma Boulevard South, at the corner of H Street. The hours are

Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 5:30 PM, and on Sunday, February 13, and Monday, February 14. The drawing will take place on Sunday, February 13.