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## **NAVY TAILHOOK LEGACY FLIGHT FOUNDATION DEBUTS**

**Cleveland, Ohio** – The Navy Tailhook Legacy Flight Foundation (NTLFF), a civilian nonprofit organization and a funding source for the U.S. Navy Tailhook Legacy Flight Demonstration, today announced its participation in the 2016 North American air show season.

Recent budget constraints have impacted the Navy's ability to support training and flying Tailhook Legacy Flights. The Foundation will serve as the backbone of the program's civilian side to ensure Navy Tailhook Legacy Flights can continue without Department of Defense augments.

NTLFF (pronounced "Nat-liff") provides funding, resources and leadership to facilitate vintage naval tailhook aircraft and their crews flying formation demonstration flights with current active duty naval tailhook aircraft.

These demonstrations are sanctioned by the Commander, Naval Air Forces (CNAF) and may be performed in conjunction with Navy Tactical Demonstration (TACDEMO) Team aircraft.

In addition to supporting the Navy warbird community, NTLFF will promote the history of naval aviation and the traditions that have carried it through the years. Through the use of electronic media, the organization will provide access to information on the various events, aircrew, personnel and aircraft that are part of naval aviation and will feature information about the aircraft and pilots who perform the Navy Tailhook Legacy Flight. Finally, there is a requirement for NTLFF promote public awareness of the foundation's goals, public education on Navy Tailhook Legacy Flight, promotion of general naval aviation history and career opportunities in naval aviation.

Donations made to the Foundation will finance warbird aircraft flights to and from events and will also enable the warbird crews to train alongside the active duty aviators with whom they will be flying these demonstrations. Flying vintage aircraft is a resource-consuming endeavor, which requires considerable funding to enable aircraft to transit to/from aerial events. Many vintage aircraft are maintained and operated by nonprofit organizations or private individuals at significant cost to the sponsor(s). NTLFF will provide air show booking services, liaison services and provide monetary support for flying warbird aircraft to/from events.

### **About The Navy Tailhook Legacy Flight Foundation**

The mission of the Navy Tailhook Legacy Flight Foundation is to keep the history and tradition of Naval Aviation alive. To accomplish this goal, the Foundation will support warbird aircraft maintenance, fuel and oil costs in support of CNAF approved flight crews flying in formation with active duty Naval Aviation aircraft in the 'Navy Tailhook Legacy Flight' demonstration. The goal of these flights is to memorialize the rich history of those who have gone before us, promote the tradition and legacy of Naval Aviation and support the efforts of the United States Navy in attracting quality applicants to serve in Naval Aviation.



The Foundation's founding directors are Mr. Bernard Conaway, President/Director of Operations; Dr. Richard "Doc" Sugden, Warbird Logistics Director; and CAPT (Ret) Mark "Mutha" Hubbard, USN, Chief Air Show Liaison.

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