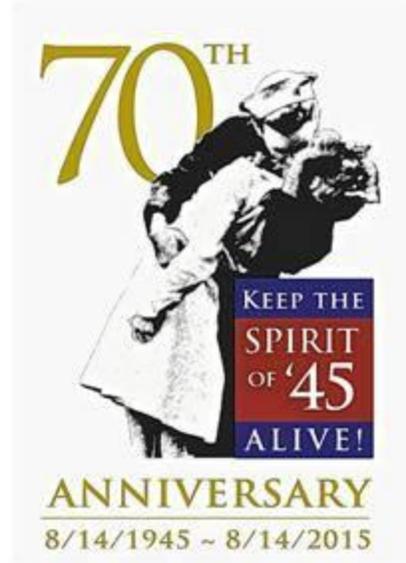


Help Keep the WWI Legacy Alive!

Before you read any further, please click [HERE](#) to view a one-minute, fantastic brief video with Scarlett Johansson, actress and granddaughter of WWII pilot, along with Jerry Yellin, WWII Veteran. Then, read on about how YOU can help with this exciting celebration of honor and respect to our WWII Veterans....

The Commemorative Air Force has signed up to be a part of the **70th anniversary of the end of World War II** participating in a **nationwide flyover of WWII aircraft in communities throughout America starting on Friday the 14th and going thru Sunday the 16th**. The goal of the mass flyover is to pay tribute to the pivotal role American airpower played during WWII and to remind the public of the importance of preserving the last remaining planes of the era so they can continue to educate and inspire future generations, to include our CAP cadets.



If you have access to an airplane, please consider scheduling on the website to fly on one or more of the days. “Getting the airplanes in the air” will help the “Spirit of 45” organization maximize publicity and remembrance around the nation. This is an opportunity to engage your community on a larger scale with a significant patriotic event.

This effort is much larger than just the flyovers and airplanes and includes organizations focused on every mission of all of the services and started in 2010. Congress voted unanimously in favor of observing a **National Spirit of '45 Day** on the **second Sunday of every August**, coinciding with the anniversary of August 11, 1945, the historic day when President Harry S. Truman announced that World War II was over. This was a significant shot in the arm for the folks who founded “Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive!” It is a nationwide, grassroots, nonprofit initiative to establish an annual day to honor the achievements of what is often referred to as America’s ‘greatest generation’ so that their example of courage, self-sacrifice, service and national unity will forever inspire future generations of Americans – especially our youth. Their Web Site is: <http://www.spiritof45.org/home0.aspx>

Many organizations have participated and sponsored events in the last few years and to help them do so, and to help you also, there is a planning guide which offers some ideas on staging events and you can download it here: <http://spiritof45.org/2013%20Event%20planning%20Toolkit.pdf>.

If you can, please don one or more of these things:

- Go to this web site and register your aircraft on the list to indicate your plans to have them in the air <http://sandiegoairandspace.org/flyover/> during the 14-16 August timeframe.
- Plan an event with your CAP airplanes and cadets and frame the celebration with a focus on education; as it is our mission to inform and/or remind our nation and its youth about the great sacrifices which have paid for our freedom in America and in many places around the world.

- If you plan a community event, let the Spirit of '45 organization know and get media coverage for your efforts and to share with the Spirit of '45 team. All you need to do is inform and/or coordinate in an informal way with the committee using email to media@cafhq.org. Or, contact Robert (Bob) Stenevik- Vice President Operations, Safety and Maintenance- (817)705-5817

Put the dates of 14-16 August on your calendar and be a part of this National tribute to the Victory and the men and women who won it!