



JIMMY DOOLITTLE MUSEUM

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Flying History Days at Nut Tree Airport Tour — Explore — Fly The Ultimate Living History Experience

In commemoration of Memorial Day and our deep regard for the American veteran, the [Jimmy Doolittle Museum](http://JimmyDoolittleMuseum.org) is proud to present **Flying History Days** at its new Nut Tree Airport location on May 29, 30 and 31 beginning at 9:00 A.M until approximately 4:00 P.M. This event is free and open to the public.

In addition to launching the Museum's Center for Patriotism campaign at the Nut Tree, **Flying History Days** will feature the reassembly of its **1912 Gonzales Tractor Biplane** and the Collings Foundation's **Wings of Freedom Tour**.



The Jimmy Doolittle Museum is the proud owner of one of the first successful aeroplanes flown in the San Francisco Bay Area. The "**Gonzales No. 1**" tractor biplane was built by twins Willy and Arthur Gonzales, with

help from their brother Eddy Gonzales, during the period from 1910 to 1912. Constructed primarily of pine and small amounts of spruce, it was built in the backyard of their home at 435-16th Avenue in San Francisco. In true bicycle shop fashion, all of the wing support wires are attached with bicycle spokes and spoke adjusters. The Gonzales brothers would often load the aeroplane onto a train and move it toward the central valley to practice flying it. The 1912 Gonzales tractor biplane was donated by Bob Gonzales of Concord, California. The reassembly of the Gonzales tractor biplane will be filmed for an educational documentary by Wayne Covington of Channel 26 in Vacaville.

The Collings Foundation Wings of Freedom Tour is honoring the Jimmy Doolittle Museum's Flying History Days with an experience in WWII history.

- Tour or TAKE TO THE SKIES YOURSELF in an ultimate flight experience aboard a B-24 Liberator bomber or
- Get some "stick time" in the world's only full Dual Control P-51C Mustang fighter
- 30 minute bomber flights are \$425 per person.
- P-51 flight training is \$2200 for a half hour and \$3200 for full hour.

The Collings Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit. The majority of your flight is a tax-deductible donation. For more information please contact: 800.568.8924 or www.cfdn.org.

For more information regarding the **Jimmy Doolittle Museum's Center for Patriotism campaign**, please visit www.DoolittleMuseum.org or call 707.317.1138.

I have concluded that we were put on earth for a purpose. That purpose is to make it, within our capabilities, a better place in which to live. —General James H. Doolittle