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"Maid in the Shade" B-25J

Press Release

For Immediate Release:

Historic WWII Bomber B-25J "Maid in the Shade" Flyby at USAFA Graduation Parade

Dates: 27 May, 2015

Location: Colorado Springs, CO

Our organization, the Commemorative Air Force is a flying museum staffed by volunteers, sending our aircraft on tour every summer to reconnect the public with our history and show our veterans we haven't forgotten their sacrifices. "Maid in the Shade" will be at Colorado Springs, CO 27 May to fly over the USAFA Graduation Parade.

Special thanks go to the USAF Academy Class of 1975, the sponsor class for the Class of 2015. The Class of '75 sponsored this B-25 flyover to honor the Doolittle Raiders, especially the two remaining Raiders, Lt. Col. Cole and SSgt Thatcher, and to congratulate the Class of 2015 upon their graduation. Welcome to the proud Blue Line.

The B-25 Mitchell was made famous by the Doolittle Raiders on April 18, 1942. Sixteen B-25s took off the deck of the *USS Hornet* and bombed Tokyo just four months after Pearl Harbor. This massive morale boost for the US helped set the stage for the victories to come. The B-25 served in both theaters of war in many roles from bomber to transport. After the war it continued service best known for its role as a fire bomber.

The CAF was founded to acquire, restore and preserve in flying condition a complete collection of combat aircraft which were flown by all military services of the United States, and aircraft of other nations, for the education and enjoyment of present and future generations of Americans. More than just a collection of airworthy warplanes from the past, the CAF's fleet of historic aircraft, known as the CAF Ghost Squadron, recreate, remind and reinforce the lessons from the defining moments in the American military aviation history.

I'm Sharon Peterson, the PR Rep for the CAF Airbase Arizona B-25J Summer Tour. If there's anything else I can do to be of assistance, I'm just an email or phone call away!

Thanks so much for your time and spreading the word that "Maid in the Shade" is coming!

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