

Aviation quilt exhibit opens July 1

Staff Reports

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AUBURN — The Retired Senior Volunteer Program of DeKalb, Noble, Steuben and LaGrange Counties, in partnership with the Hoosier Air Museum, will host "Thread Tails & Vapor Trails," a traveling quilt display celebrating 100 years of naval aviation.

The traveling exhibit celebrates the 30th anniversary of the RSVP quilt show and will be on display at the museum, 2822 C.R. 62, behind the DeKalb County Airport.

More than 80 quilts depicting historical and personal stories in naval aviation history will be on display at the museum from Friday, July 1, through Sunday, July 10, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person. Group discounts are available by calling 925-0917.

The quilts were made in a challenge form the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation at the Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, Fla.

Quilt makers produced 40-inch-square quilts commemorating events from a century of naval aviation history. The contemporary art form includes unique and realistic imagery and complex graphic designs. Quilts are made using various techniques of piecing, applique or a mixture of techniques.

Quilts were judged in a juried show in November and winners were announced at the Blue Angel Homecoming Event and Air Show in Pensacola.

The RSVP quilt show is the only location on the yearlong tour where all the quilts will be reunited in one display.

The collection is divided into displays of 18 quilts and is traveling to nearly 100 air shows, museums, Fleet Weeks, military and aircraft conventions and quilts shows. At the end of the tour, selected quilts will be auctioned to support the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation.

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