



Memorial Gardens

The Memorial Gardens are a quiet testament to the cherished memorials of the veterans. Stone walls and granite monuments with the names of those who valiantly served their country line the winding paths around a dramatic reflecting pool, each having been designed and funded by Eighth veterans and their families.

Rising to the north, the Chapel of Fallen Eagles - designed to replicate a 16th century Old English village church - presides over the Memorial Gardens, its carillon echoing a stream of familiar hymns and melodies to visitors and passers-by.



The Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum preserves for all Americans the stories of courage, character and patriotism displayed by the men and women of the Eighth Air Force from World War II to the present.

The Museum treasures and teaches these values for all generations.

The Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum's vision is to sustain our cultural heritage, support lifelong character education, and to be a center of community engagement.

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In 1983 Major General Lewis E. Lyle, USAF, a B-17 bomber pilot and veteran of over 70 combat missions during World War II, and other veterans began planning a museum to honor the men and women who helped defeat Nazi aggression by serving in or supporting the greatest air armada the world had ever seen – the Eighth Air Force. On May 14, 1996, the vision became a reality with the dedication of the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum.

Covering an area of nearly 90,000 square feet and situated on 13 acres in Pooler, Georgia, minutes from historic downtown Savannah where the Eighth Air Force was founded in 1942, the Museum tells the compelling story of the ordinary people whose lives were transformed by extraordinary commitment, sacrifice, and patriotism. Vintage aircraft, theater presentations, and hundreds of artifacts are just some of the tools used in telling the powerful story of the Eighth.

The Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum plays an integral role within the educational community. Over 15,000 students participate in annual field trips which include a variety of activities from guided tours through the extensive exhibits to hands-on workshops demonstrating the science of flight, life on the home front, and a general introduction to the world of aviation. Officially recognized in 2003 by the State of Georgia as a Center for Character Education, the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum has accepted the challenge of sharing the positive character traits demonstrated by the men and women of the Eighth Air Force.



Upon arrival visitors step into the awesome expanse of the Lewis E. Lyle Rotunda, with its soaring ceiling and imposing bronze statues of Eighth Air Force legends.



Each exhibit is a compelling and powerful example of sacrifice, courage and patriotism. Among the exhibits are: *Prelude to War*, *Battle of Britain*, *From Savannah to the UK*, the *Honoring the Eighth Gallery*, *Second Air Division*, *Prisoner of War*, *Escape and Evasion*, *Tuskegee Airmen*, *Fly Girls*, *Roll of Honor*, *Hall of Valor*, and the *Jet Age Gallery*. The Colonial Group Inc., Art Gallery displays aviation art from the world's leading artists.



From Savannah to the UK Exhibit



Fly Girls Exhibit



Mission Experience Exhibit



One of the most popular exhibits is the Museum's very own World War II B-17 Flying Fortress. This B-17 is undergoing a complete restoration and is on display inside the Museum's *Combat Gallery*. The *Combat Gallery* houses original aircraft, engines, and scale models, as well as various interactive exhibits. The Museum is restoring its Flying Fortress in honor of the B-17 "City of Savannah".



On December 3, 1944 it was the 5000th airplane to have been processed through Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Georgia during World War II.

The Roger A. Freeman Eighth Air Force Research Center is dedicated to promoting research on Eighth Air Force history and to expanding its priceless collection that includes over 9,000 books significant to the history of the Eighth Air Force as well as original manuscripts, photographs, oral history interviews and personal accounts, artifacts and works of art. The research center is compiling a Veterans Database with the help of Eighth Air Force veterans and their families.

Visitors can remember their journey through the Mighty Eighth by exploring the art, books and mementos available from the extensive selection in the Museum Store. Lunchtime is always an enjoyable experience in the Café.

