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JOIN US FOR AVIATION DAY - DONATE A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM -

FORT MYERS, Fla. (Nov. 9, 2009) – Aviation Day 2009 will be held Saturday, Nov. 14 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Page Field with free admission and parking. Aviation Day is hosted by the Lee County Port Authority and is held annually to increase community awareness of our airports – Southwest Florida International Airport and Page Field General Aviation Airport. Aviation Day is held on the ramp on the north side of Page Field off North Airport Road, east of U.S. 41 and south of Colonial Blvd.

One of the featured aircraft is a Vought F4U Corsair, sponsored by Paragon Flight Training. This distinctively designed fighter plane was built during World War II and made famous by the “Black Sheep Squadron.” The other featured aircraft will be a North American B-25J Mitchell, sponsored by Chris-Tel Construction. This World War II medium bomber was made noteworthy by General James Doolittle and the pilots who flew the daring raid on Japan in 1942. Pilot training on this aircraft type was conducted at Page Field during World War II. We encourage veterans who flew these aircraft to join us for Aviation Day.

In addition, this year’s free children’s activities that include a giant slide and bounce houses, are sponsored by AECOM. Other attractions will include general aviation aircraft, helicopters, experimental planes and antique aircraft exhibits, plane and helicopter rides, character appearances, face painting, airport police and fire department demonstrations, food and beverages and more. New this year will be JJ & Company, a 17-piece big band, with three performances in the afternoon.

We are asking those coming to Aviation Day 2009 to help our local community by bringing a non-perishable food item. All donations will benefit The Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida.

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Southwest Florida International Airport served more than 7.6 million passengers in 2008 and ranks among the top 50 airports in the U.S. for passenger traffic. Page Field General Aviation Airport offers top-quality service to corporate, commercial and private aviators and accommodated nearly 71,000 aircraft operations in 2008. No ad valorem (property) taxes are used for airport operation or construction. For more information, visit www.flylcpa.com.