



## COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE

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### **World's Only Flying B-29 Superfortress Coming to Brown Field**

*CAF AirPower History Tour* also features P-51 Mustang and other historic military aircraft.

(Addison, Texas –March 6, 2013) The Commemorative Air Force's (CAF) famous Boeing B-29 Superfortress bomber, *FIFI* -- **the only remaining flying example of the aircraft in the world** – will visit San Diego March 11 through 13. The B-29 will fly into Brown Field on Monday, March 11 accompanied by a P-51 Mustang, *Man O' War*. The tour stop is part of the *CAF AirPower History Tour* featuring an ever-changing combination of CAF historic warbirds at each of its stops.

The Boeing B-29 Superfortress was first flown in 1942 and began active service in 1944. It is perhaps best known as the aircraft whose missions over Japan helped bring about the end of World War II. It was designed as a replacement for the older B-17s and B-24s, with longer range and greater bomb loads. The B-29 was also used in the Korean War in the early 1950s and was a staple of the U.S. Air Force until the late 1950s.

In addition to the P-51 Mustang, the B-29 will also be accompanied by a C-45 Expeditor, *Bucket of Bolts*; and a T-6 Texan. The airplanes will be on the ramp at San Diego Jet Center, 1424 Continental Street, in San Diego, Monday through Wednesday.

Events are open to the public and will allow attendees to get up close to these famous military aircraft. Gates are open from 2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Monday and 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. thereafter. Admission, \$10 for adults and \$20 for families with children under 18, includes cockpit tours of the B-29 when the aircraft is not in motion. There are opportunities for attendees to purchase a ride in all of the visiting airplanes. Visit the tour website at [www.AirPowerTour.org](http://www.AirPowerTour.org) or call (432) 413-4100 for more information about the tour schedule and to make ride reservations. The cost for airplane rides in these four airplanes ranges from \$65 to \$1595. There is a discount if you purchase your seats on line.

The mission of the Commemorative Air Force is to honor the men and women who built, maintained and flew in these airplanes during World War II. The organization believes that mission is best accomplished by maintaining the airplanes in flying condition; taking the airplanes to the people allowing them to experience the sight and sound of the aircraft in flight.

**About the CAF's B-29 Superfortress, *FIFI*:**

*FIFI* was acquired by the CAF in the early 1970s when a group of CAF members found her at the U.S. Navy Proving Ground at China Lake, California where she was being used as a missile target. The airplane was rescued and restored and flew for over thirty years until 2006 when the chief pilot made the decision to ground her pending a complete power plant re-fit. What followed was an extensive four year restoration that included replacing all four engines with new custom built hybrid engines. *FIFI* returned to the sky in 2010 and since that time has traveled coast to coast attracting large crowds at every tour stop. Learn more about *FIFI* and her tour schedule at [www.AirPowerTour.org](http://www.AirPowerTour.org).

**About the *AirPower History Tour*:**

The B-29/B-24 Squadron of the Commemorative Air Force brings together the aircraft, pilots and crews from over 70 CAF units across the country to create the *AirPower Squadron* – an ever changing assortment of military aircraft touring together to bring the sights, smells and sounds of World War II aviation history to audiences across the United States.

The *AirPower Squadron* always includes at least one of the two rarest World War II bombers in the world – *FIFI*, the only flying Boeing B-29 Superfortress and *Diamond Lil*, an equally rare B-24 Liberator. Aircraft accompanying the B-29 or B-24 will include other World War II aircraft such as the P-51 Mustang, B-17 Flying Fortress, B-25 Mitchell along with an assortment of fighters, trainers and liaison aircraft.

**About the Commemorative Air Force:**

Collecting, restoring and flying vintage historical aircraft for more than half a century, the Commemorative Air Force ranks as one of the largest private air forces in the world. The CAF is dedicated to Honoring American Military Aviation through flight, exhibition and remembrance. A non-profit educational association, the CAF has more than 8,000 members and a fleet of 153 airplanes distributed throughout the country to 70 units located in 27 states for care and operation. For more information, visit [www.commemorativeairforce.org](http://www.commemorativeairforce.org).