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# Investing in the Future

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**HERE AT THE MUSEUM OF FLIGHT**, we like to plan ahead. Our team is always thinking about the next big exhibit to unveil, the next school year's educational opportunities or what the aerospace community will look like in five years. By planning ahead, we can ensure that our programs continue to grow and engage our visitors into the foreseeable future. The Museum's Frequent Flyers program allows donors to set up an automatic monthly gift that we can plan around, like adding more Aerospace Camp Experience sessions for students during their spring break or doubling our Western Aerospace Scholars enrollment to serve both high school sophomores and juniors.

Ron Limes, a trustee on the Museum's Board of Directors and chair of the Michael P. Anderson Memorial Aerospace Program, spoke at the October A.M. Flight Breakfast about how sustainable funding benefits everyone who walks through our doors: "Our mission is to expose underserved children to STEM activities with an aviation emphasis. And these activities come at a cost. But all the programs here at the Museum never pass that cost on to the students and their families. Often that's the barrier between desire and achievement, and we aim to break down that barrier."

The Museum's educational impact has been steadily growing for the past several years, both in Washington and around the world, and we don't plan on slowing down anytime soon. "What better investment than in the future of our region and our nation?" asked Ron Limes during the A.M. Flight Breakfast. "It excites me to think how many dreams we can launch and support, and your giving can and will make a difference in the life of a young man or young woman."

The Museum strives to provide as many opportunities as possible to future engineers, pilots and computer programmers, and being able to depend on funding year after year plays a big part of it. The Frequent Flyer giving program is a convenient way to support the Museum and our plans to exponentially grow our education programs.

You choose a monthly donation amount that fits your budget. Once the automatic donation is set up, you can be confident that your monthly support will add to making a big difference at The Museum of Flight! Plus, Frequent Flyers get benefits like a subscription to our *Aloft* member magazine, invitations to exclusive events and recognition for their generosity.

When we think of frequent flyers at the airport, we imagine someone who is efficient, prepared and has mastered the art of flying. At the Museum, Frequent Flyers are donors who have mastered the art of philanthropy. We invite you to join them and be part of the future of aerospace. Investing in the Museum will help us prepare the diverse STEM workforce of the future to explore the world around them, continue to preserve and restore iconic aircraft, and make sharing the stories and wonder of aerospace easier than ever before.

To learn more about the Frequent Flyer program, visit [museumofflight.org/Giving/Frequent-Flyer](http://museumofflight.org/Giving/Frequent-Flyer).



## ARTIFACT IN FILM

**Artifact:** B-17F Flying Fortress

**Film:** *Memphis Belle* (1989), *The Thousand Plane Raid* (1969), *Tora! Tora! Tora!* (1970)

**Role:** Played the role of C-Cup in *Memphis Belle*, used to portray other planes in the films, and numerous interior scenes as well.

**On Display:** Aviation Pavilion

**Details:** The Museum's B-17F was built in 1943 and was also featured in an episode of *Mysteries at the Museum*. It is nicknamed the *Boeing Bee*.



Ron Limes speaks at the annual A.M. Flight Breakfast that was held in October. /JACQIE CALLAHAN