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## Santa is back to see the kids at the Military Aviation Museum

Santa flies in on a vintage biplane to greet families on November 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> to bring smiles, take pictures and kick off the Holiday season.

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. (November 15<sup>,</sup> 2021) – The Military Aviation Museum is excited for the return of the annual Planes, Trains and Santa event on Thanksgiving Weekend. The event was cancelled in 2020, disrupting its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Santa flies in each day at 10AM in a vintage aircraft, weather permitting, because the reindeer have to rest up for the big night. Get your picture taken with Santa, see loads of vintage airplanes, explore the museum and marvel at the hangar overrun with trains.

The Tidewater Division of the National Model Railroad Association hosts a variety of train experiences, allowing kids (and adults!) of all ages to see and interact with amazing model train exhibits. Santa and the Marine Corps Reserves will be collecting donations for Toys for Tots. Attendees are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate and help make the holidays merry for everyone.

In a recent Zoom call with Santa, he said "I'm very excited to see all the children and families again at the museum. The elves and I have been building a new sleigh that's even more magical and I can't wait to fill it up with holiday joy for all the children I meet at Planes, Trains and Santa!"

All children 17 and under get in free all weekend. Regular museum admission prices apply for guests 18 and older and Museum Members get in free. Buy your tickets online at <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/e/planes-trains-and-</u><u>santa-2021-tickets-203249614067</u>, over the phone at 757-721-7767, or at the door. All guests with active museum memberships or pre-purchased tickets get priority access to sit with Santa. Portraits with Santa are taken by Museum Photographers and are printed on-site at a cost of \$5.00 per print.

If you have any questions, please call (757) 721-7767 or visit <u>https://militaryaviationmuseum.org/</u>. The Military Aviation Museum is located at 1341 Princess Anne Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23457.

About the Military Aviation Museum:

A 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit organization, the Military Aviation Museum is home to one of the world's largest collections of airworthy military aircraft from the first 50-years of flight. Truly a living museum, its aircraft are in restoration at facilities around the world. Besides the main Museum the Virginia Beach complex features additional exhibition spaces, including a mid-1930s Luftwaffe hangar, originally from Cottbus, Germany, which now serves to house the Museum's collection of WWII-vintage German aircraft. Additional structures include the WWI Hangar, and the original control tower from RAF Goxhill built in England in 1942. Visit www.militaryaviationmuseum.org for more information or call 757-721-7767.

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