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**WWII B-29 SUPERFORTRESS “*FIFI*”  
and B-24 LIBERATOR “*DIAMOND LIL*” coming to  
TRI-CITIES REGIONAL AIRPORT IN NORTHEAST TENNESSEE**

**WHAT:** The Boeing B-29 Superfortress, *FIFI*, and the Consolidated B-24 Liberator, *DIAMOND LIL*, will land at Tri-Cities Airport serving the communities of Bristol, Kingsport, and Johnson City. The pair of bombers will be joined by a C-45 Expeditor and PT-13 Stearman. The Commemorative Air Force (CAF) *AirPower History Tour* brings the sights, sounds, and stories of World War II aviation to airports across North America each year. Visitors to the ramp will be able to view all aircraft up close, purchase rides, and tour the B-29 and B-24 cockpits when the aircraft are not flying.

**WHERE:** The aircraft will be located at the Tri-City Aviation FBO ramp at Tri-Cities Airport, 350 Aviation Drive, Blountville, TN 37617.

**WHEN:** The B-29 and B-24 will arrive Monday, May 27 at noon. Additional aircraft are scheduled to arrive on Monday as well. The event is open to the public beginning Wednesday, May 29 through Sunday, June 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Supporting aircraft will be offering rides all five days. The B-29 flies on Saturday and Sunday at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The B-24 flies on Saturday and Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Cockpit tours of the B-24 and B-29 will be available beginning at 9:00 a.m., except on Saturday and Sunday when they will begin at noon.

**EVENT INFORMATION:** Access to the ramp is \$15 for adults and \$8 for youth age 10 through 18. Children under age 10 are admitted free. Aircraft rides range from \$85 to \$1,695 depending on aircraft type and seat position selected. Rides may be booked in advance at [www.airpowertour.org](http://www.airpowertour.org)

**ABOUT THE CAF B-29 SUPERFORTRESS *FIFI***

*FIFI* was acquired by the CAF in 1974 when a member found her at the U.S. Navy Proving Ground at China Lake, California. The airplane was rescued and restored by a group of CAF volunteers and has flown for over 45 years traveling coast to coast each year attracting large crowds at every tour stop. The Boeing B-29 Superfortress, first flown in 1942, began active service in the US Army Air Corp in 1944 and is best known as the aircraft whose missions over Japan helped bring an end to World War II. 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 1960. Learn more about *FIFI* and her tour schedule at [www.airpowertour.org](http://www.airpowertour.org)

**ABOUT THE CAF B-24LIBERATOR *DIAMOND LIL***

*DIAMOND LIL* was the 26<sup>th</sup> production B-24 built. The CAF has been operating *LIL* for more than 50 years, since 1968, visiting local airports throughout the United States as the one of the feature aircraft in the CAF AirPower History Tour. In the fall of 2018, *LIL* returned to the skies after a three-year restoration. Today, *DIAMOND LIL* is one of two airworthy B-24s. The Consolidated B-24 Liberator, first flown in 1939, began active service in 1941 and was the most produced American aircraft of World War II, with 18,482 built. The Liberator was used in every theater of the war and for a variety of missions from long-range bombing and submarine patrol, to transporting high priority cargo and VIPs. Learn more about *DIAMOND LIL* and her tour schedule at [www.airpowertour.org](http://www.airpowertour.org)

**ABOUT THE COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE**

Through more than six decades of collecting, and flying World War II aircraft, the CAF has become the world's largest flying museum. Their fleet of over 170 World War II airplanes are assigned to unit locations across the U.S. and supported by 12,000 volunteer members. Nearly all the aircraft are kept in flying condition, enabling people to experience firsthand the sight and sound of vintage military aircraft in flight. The CAF is dedicated to honoring American military aviation through flight, exhibition, education, and remembrance.

To learn more about the Commemorative Air Force, please visit [www.commemorativeairforce.org](http://www.commemorativeairforce.org).

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