

**Press Release****Contact:**

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**For Immediate Release:****Stafford Air & Space Museum to Host Free NASA Workshop for Educators**

The Stafford Air & Space Museum and NASA will give area educators the chance to learn more about aeronautics, aviation history, and the next venture to the Moon in a special free workshop on September 24.

NASA Aerospace Education Specialist, Mike McGlone will present a free workshop with a special Oklahoma historical twist entitled, “Wiley Post to Astronaut General Stafford and Beyond” aimed at current and future teachers.

The morning workshop will cover basic aeronautics with fun hands-on and minds-on activities in science, mathematics, social studies and language arts for grades 3-12 using the NASA publication, “The Courage to Soar” as well as other NASA aeronautics resources.

The afternoon session will cover the NASA endeavor to return to the Moon. The workshop, “Back to the Moon: The Constellation Program,” will explain more of the details and will involve another hands-on activity called “Field Trip to the Moon.”

NASA Aerospace Education Specialist, Mike McGlone, from Houston’s Johnson Space Center, is responsible for conducting workshops for teachers and administrators in schools and universities within an eight state region.

According to Stafford Air & Space Museum director, Chuck Dougherty, “It’s a privilege to have the Stafford Air & Space Museum chosen again to host this free NASA workshop for area educators. Programs like these are meant to rekindle a greater interest in mathematics and science by giving teachers new ideas for the classroom. I hope our area teachers will take advantage of this limited-space offer and sign up early.”

The workshops and materials used in the workshop are free, and current or future educators or administrators of any level are welcome. The workshops will be presented in two sessions on Wednesday, September 24 in the Stafford Air & Space Museum Apollo Room. The 8:30am – 11:30am session will feature the basic aeronautics workshop. The afternoon session, 12:30pm – 3:30pm, will focus on “Back to the Moon.” Attendees may sign up to attend one or both sessions. Register by calling the Stafford Air & Space Museum at 580-772-5871, or sign up in person at the museum, located at 3000 Logan Road, Weatherford, OK. Visit [www.staffordmuseum.com](http://www.staffordmuseum.com) for more information.

The Stafford Air & Space Museum is named in honor of Lt. General Thomas P. Stafford, who was born and raised in Weatherford, Oklahoma and graduated with honors from the United States Naval Academy. He piloted Gemini VI, and commanded Gemini IX, Apollo 10, and the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project Mission. Stafford was the eighth recipient of the Congressional Space Medal of Honor.

The Stafford Air & Space Museum boasts one of the few Titan II rockets displayed full scale. Also on display from the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum is the flight pressure suit General Stafford wore on Apollo 10, a mission that included the first flight of the lunar module near the moon. There are displays featuring numerous space-flown artifacts as well as several full-size aircraft, including a Russian MiG21R and a USAF F-16 Fighting Falcon. Full-size replicas on display include the Wright Flyer, *Spirit of St. Louis*, Apollo Command Module, and Gemini space craft.

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