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## MEDIA ALERT-FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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# "Operation Thanks From Above, Southern Tier" Set for Take Off, Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>

ROCHESTER, NY — June 2, 2020

#### WHAT:

The <u>National Warplane Museum</u> (NWM) will be conducting a flyover mission in the Southern Tier of New York on **Saturday, June 6th**. The NWM's very own Douglas C-47, affectionately named "Whiskey-7" will take to the skies, accompanied by one other aircraft, a P-51 Mustang named "Mad Max."

#### WHY:

These flights will salute the local medical personnel and essential workers who have served and continue to serve the Southern Tier of New York region during the coronavirus pandemic.

#### WHEN & WHERE:

**Saturday, June 6, 2020.** The flyover includes more than 50 flyover sites in all the major areas of the Southern Tier region. **Please see the attached documents with the final list of flyover locations and map.** The morning flight will begin approximately 10:00a.m. and will depart from the National Warplane Museum in Geneseo, NY. In the event of weather delays, please stay tuned to our <u>Facebook event page</u>.

### PHOTO AND INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES:

**Friday, June 5**—Pilots and the aircraft will be performing training flights around the National Warplane Museum, 3489 Big Tree Lane Geneseo, New York 14454. Aircraft will be available to the media for photo opportunities and members of the flight team will be available for interviews. The social media and web team will release more information about how to access the location of the plane during the length of the flyover.

**Saturday, June 6**—Photographers and members of the media are invited to capture the flyover using the included map as well as tracking the exact location of the aircraft via their phones. Please stay tuned to the <u>Facebook event page</u> as well as the <u>website</u> for the latest details. **Binghamton, New York Photo Op**—Members of the media are invited to see the aircraft up close and capture photos/videos as well as brief interviews with the pilots during the crew's stop to refuel in Binghamton, New York around 12:15p.m. They will be on the ground for exactly one hour, departing at 1:15p.m. Please arrive at <u>First Air</u> prior to the landing. If further instructions are needed, please call their main office number: 607-644-1062.

Residents in the designated areas will be able to see the flyover from the safety of their homes. If residents do plan to travel to a designated spot for viewing, we ask that they adhere to all social distancing guidelines and also wear a face covering.

**About The National Warplane Museum** 1941 Historical Aircraft Group DBA National Warplane Museum is a Non-Profit 501(c) (3) chartered by the New York State Board of Regents.