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Media Preview Day

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The National Warplane Museum joins forces with the Mount Morris Career and Technical Education Center to bring a high-visibility fundraiser to Geneseo

MOUNT MORRIS, NEW YORK, May 13, 2021—When young talent and a good cause combine, great things can happen. Students from the Metal Trades Program at the Mount Morris Career and Technical Education (CTE) Center have teamed up with the National Warplane Museum to bring an incredibly unique and highly visible fundraiser to Geneseo, New York.

Students have been working tirelessly since last school year to create stunning sculptures that will be auctioned off to raise money for the National Warplane Museum, located in Geneseo, New York. Some of the sculptures were created last school year by students who graduated in 2020. Welding for Warplanes: The Resurrection is the name of this year's Metal Trades Project. The funds raised at this auction are earmarked for the engine repair of the C-47 WW II Warbird W7 Airplane called Whiskey 7.

The auction will take place online from June 1-12 at <https://airauctioneer.com/welding-for-warbirds-the-resurrection>. This link will be live on June 1, 2021 You may also scan this QR code with your smartphone camera to automatically link to the event:



The sculptures will be displayed at the various locations in the Geneseo area from June 1 through June 12

“On behalf of the National Warplane Museum, and the event committee, we are honored to be a part of this endeavor. This has been a very rewarding project. Working with Olie Olson and his students has been a very enlightening experience for all of us,” said Jodi Beyer, event committee member.

The sculptures are aircraft themed, many have been crafted to include vintage aircraft parts, and some stand several feet high. Examples include a replica Whiskey 7, and a military tank. Some sculptures have been painted by area veterans.

“The students are excited about the cause and the sculptures really reflect their talents. I’m very proud of the work they’ve done over the course of this school year. Some of these sculptures were created by students who graduated last year,” said Olie Olson, Metal Trades Instructor.

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The National Warplane Museum, located in Geneseo, New York, is dedicated to the preservation of WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam era aircraft, equipment, and the stories of the men and women who served our country at home and abroad. The Mount Morris Career and Technical Education Center is a Genesee Valley BOCES program. GV BOCES operates as a Board of Cooperative Educational Services offering shared programs and services to 22 component school districts located in Genesee, Wyoming, Livingston and Steuben counties in New York state. The Metal Trades Program is one of the 16 vocational programs offered at this center. This is the tenth year of this project which has raised almost \$300, 000 to benefit non-profits, and charities based in the Genesee Valley region.