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## PIMA AIR & SPACE MUSEUM HOST LAST NIGHT WINGS PROGRAM OF THE SUMMER

**Tucson, August 24, 2016** –The Pima Air & Space will send-off the final "Night Wings" of the year this Saturday, August 27, 2016, from 5-9pm.

At this Saturdays "Night Wings", Pima Air & Space Museum has partnered with the following organizations to send off the last "Night Wings" of the year. Palo Verde High School Robotics Team, Lunar and Planetary Labs at the University of Arizona, UND Aerospace Foundation from University of North Dakota, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Civil Air Patrol Squadron 105 Composite, International Association for Astronomical Artists, Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 81, Physics Factory, Tucson Air National Guard, the World View Enterprises, and the Davis-Monthan A-10 pilots will be present to host activities.

"We are so excited to partner with so many fabulous organizations," said Scott Marchand, Executive Director of the Pima Air & Space Museum. "It really is a great opportunity for the local community to come out and learn about all the wonderful aviation and aerospace activities that are taking place in our community."

In addition, to the participating organizations, the Museums Seek, Do & Win stations will be available for guest to partake in. These hands-on S.T.E.M. based activity stations will be placed throughout the museums hangars/grounds.

Discounted evening admission of \$10 starts at 4:00pm, with kids 12 and under FREE. One tram tour of the 150 outdoor aircraft will be offered at 6pm for an additional \$4 per person. The outdoor display grounds will be open for self-exploration until dusk and *The Flight Grill* will be serving up great food—burgers, salads, pizza and ice cream, until 8pm.

## The Pima Air & Space Museum

Celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Pima Air & Space Museum is one of the largest aviation museums in the world, and the largest non-government funded aviation museum in the United States. The museum maintains a collection of more than 300 aircraft and spacecraft from around the globe—including many rare and one-of-a-

kind—and more than 125,000 artifacts. Exhibits at the museum include some of the world's greatest aviation heritage, including military, commercial and civil aviation. Among them are the SR-71 Blackbird—the world's fastest plane, a B-29 Superfortress—the highest flying and fastest WWII bomber, and a rare World War II German V-1 "buzz bomb." The museum has five large hangars totaling more than 177,000 square feet of indoor exhibit space. Pima Air & Space maintains its own aircraft restoration center, and also offers exclusive tours of the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group (AMARG), also known as the "Bone Yard" (across from the museum at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base).

The Pima Air & Space Museum is located at 6000 E. Valencia Road, Tucson, Exit 267 off Interstate 10. The museum is open daily except Thanksgiving and Christmas, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with last admission at 4 p.m. Admission is \$15.50 (\$12.25 for Pima County Residents) for adults, \$12.75 for seniors 65 and older and active military, \$9.00 for youth 5-12, and free for children under 4. For general museum information, please call 520-574-0462 or visit www.pimaair.org.

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