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**AIRSHOW 2013 – “LIGHTNING STRIKES” Brought to you by Planes of Fame/County of San Bernardino
May 4-5, 2013**

December 17, 2012 - Chino, CA. – The 2013 Air Show will celebrate the Lockheed P-38 Lightning and the pilots that flew them. Warbirds will once again fill the skies over Chino Airport during the Planes of Fame/County of San Bernardino Air Show over the weekend of May 4-5, 2013. On May 3, the public and museum members are invited to an Airshow Preview Event consisting of aircraft arrivals and practice flights. Get all the details for these events from our website at www.planesoffame.org.

Development on the P-38 Lightning began in 1937, in response to a USAF request for a high performance fighter with plenty of firepower. Lockheed's Hal Hibbard and Kelly Johnson designed a twin-boom aircraft with tricycle landing gear and turbo-superchargers for increased performance at high altitudes. The P-38 was also the first U.S. fighter to incorporate a tricycle landing gear.

P-38 Lightnings were used as escort fighters, bombers, pathfinders, night fighters, and photo reconnaissance aircraft. P-38s were flown in every theatre of WW2. Their long range allowed them to escort heavy bombers over Europe and to cover the large distances between islands in the Pacific. Richard Bong, America's highest-scoring ace in WW2, achieved all 40 of his victories flying P-38s. And it was a flight of P-38s that, in April 1943, shot down Admiral Yamamoto, the man who planned the attack on Pearl Harbor. Only about a half dozen of flyable P-38s remain today.

Many other warbirds, historic aircraft, modern military aircraft and aerobatic planes will make the 2013 Planes of Fame/County of San Bernardino Air Show the Southern California and World Aviation event of the year. Adding excitement to the program of warbird flybys and air combat re-enactments will be high performance aerobatic displays. A tribute to all veterans will be performed by the U.S. Air Force Heritage Flight display Team! Other aircraft, military vehicles, and aviation-related items will be on static display for up-close viewing. There will even be opportunities for the public to experience Planes of Fame Air Museum member orientation flights in genuine warbirds. Numerous food and beverage vendors will delight the palette and a host of memorabilia vendors will be on hand to make the overall experience even more enjoyable for our Air Show visitors.

About Planes of Fame Air Museum

The Planes of Fame Air Museum, founded in 1957 by Edward Maloney, is where aviation history lives. It is the oldest independently operated aviation museum in the United States. The museum collection spans the history of manned flight from the Chanute Hang Glider of 1896 to the space age Apollo Capsule. The mission of Planes of Fame Air Museum is to **preserve** aviation history, **inspire** interest in aviation, **educate** the public, and **honor** aviation pioneers

and veterans. The Museum sponsors regular events in the form of inspirational experiences, educational presentations, flight demonstrations, and air shows in fulfillment of this mission. **Photos** available upon request. Visit the Planes of Fame Air Museum website www.planesoffame.org and our [Facebook](#) page.

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