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IWM Duxford announces reopening of transformed American Air Museum and 2016 air show dates

Reopening of the transformed American Air Museum at IWM Duxford

***SAVE THE DATE* Press opening event on Wednesday 16 March 2016**



March 2016 will see the reopening of IWM Duxford's *American Air Museum*, after five years of transformation and redevelopment.

The transformed *American Air Museum* will tell the story of Anglo-American co-operation in twentieth and twenty-first century conflict, as seen through the eyes of the people intrinsically linked with the aircraft and objects on display. From Private to President, the *American Air Museum* will feature the personal stories of many people whose lives have been shaped by their experiences of conflict.

Historic aircraft from the 1930s to the present day have been conserved and are dramatically displayed in the transformed *American Air Museum*. New technology has been used to create a continuously evolving and interactive record of the *American Air Museum's* Roll of Honour, as a fitting tribute to the men and women who lost their lives fighting for world freedom from the East of England.

The *American Air Museum* was originally built at IWM Duxford in the late 1990s to present the best collection of American military aircraft on public display outside North America. It also stands as a memorial to the approximately 30,000 US airmen and women who were killed while serving from Great Britain during the Second World War. The heritage presented in the *American Air Museum* has a relevance to everybody living in Britain and particularly for people in the East of England.

Further detail about the press opening of the *American Air Museum* will be released in December 2015. Press wishing to register early interest in launch information, press day attendance and features should email eblaine@iwm.org.uk

IWM Duxford announces 2016 air show season dates

IWM Duxford's air show dates for 2016:

- May IWM Duxford Air Show **Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 May 2016**
- Flying Legends Air Show **Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 July 2016**
- September IWM Duxford Air Show – **Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 September 2016**

Air Show tickets will be on sale later this year and visitors can sign up to IWM's enews at iwm.org.uk/enews to be the first to hear more about IWM air shows and to enjoy exclusive offers.

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Notes to Editors

IWM Duxford

IWM Duxford is Britain's best-preserved Second World War airfield, with a fascinating history that dates back to the First World War. Its story reflects the landmark achievements made in aviation history. IWM Duxford is Europe's premier aviation museum, where historic buildings intersperse with state-of-the-art exhibition halls, including AirSpace and the American Air Museum. Historic aircraft can regularly be seen taking to the skies from Duxford's wartime airfield. Through the rich displays of aircraft and the powerful stories of the men and women involved, we tell the story of the impact of aviation on the nature of war, on people's lives and on the social and economic history of the region. With one of the finest collections of tanks, military vehicles and artillery in the UK, we also show the impact of technological development on war and conflict.

Open Daily:

Summer 2015: 15 March to 24 October 2015 10am to 6pm. Last entry at 5pm.

Winter 2015/16: 25 October 2015 to 11 March 2016 10am to 4pm. Last entry at 3pm.

IWM

IWM (Imperial War Museums) tells the story of people who have lived, fought and died in conflicts involving Britain and the Commonwealth since the First World War.

Our unique Collections, made up of the everyday and the exceptional, reveal stories of people, places, ideas and events. Using these, we tell vivid personal stories and create powerful physical experiences across our five museums that reflect the realities of war as both a destructive and creative force. We challenge people to look at conflict from different perspectives, enriching their understanding of the causes, course and consequences of war and its impact on people's lives.

IWM London

IWM London – IWM’s flagship branch – tells the stories of those whose lives have been shaped by war through the depth, breadth and impact of our Galleries, displays and events. Visit our brand new First World War Galleries featuring over 1,300 objects from IWM’s collections, explore what life was like at home during the Second World War in *A Family in Wartime*; delve into the world of espionage in *Secret War*; visit our award-winning *Holocaust Exhibition*; discover stories of bravery in *The Lord Ashcroft Gallery: Extraordinary Heroes*; see work by some of Britain’s most significant 20th Century artists in our art galleries or take in our latest major temporary exhibitions. Our family learning sessions and events encourage debate and challenge people’s perceptions of war.

Open daily from 10am – 6pm (except 24 - 26 December)

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Our other branches are [IWM North](#), housed in an iconic award-winning building designed by Daniel Libeskind; [IWM Duxford](#), a world-renowned aviation museum and Britain's best preserved wartime airfield; [Churchill War Rooms](#), housed in Churchill’s secret headquarters below Whitehall; and the Second World War cruiser [HMS Belfast](#).

First World War Centenary

2014 - 2018 marks the centenary of the First World War, a landmark anniversary for Britain and the world. IWM will mark the centenary by leading a vibrant, four year programme of cultural activities across the country, including the opening of brand new First World War Galleries at IWM London in 2014. For more information visit www.1914.org

