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Join in the Fun With Hands-On History

Paint-A-Plane event at the National Naval Aviation Museum, Saturday, Sept. 19

Pensacola, Fla.—Aug. 24, 2009—Let your creativity come alive as you soak your fingers in the colors of the rainbow for the **“Hands-On History”** paint-a-plane event from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19 behind the National Naval Aviation Museum. Museum visitors of all ages are invited to join in the fun by leaving a painted handprint on a T-38 *Talon* airplane. Handprints of all sizes and colors will decorate this “Top Gun”-type of aircraft.

The T-38 *Talon* is a twin-engine, high-altitude, supersonic jet trainer used in a variety of roles because of its design, economy of operations, ease of maintenance, high performance and exceptional safety record. It was the world's first supersonic trainer and to date, is also the most produced. It remains in service as of 2009 in air forces throughout the world including the United States Air Force (USAF), which remains its largest user.

The National Naval Aviation Museum features FREE admission and a full slate of events throughout the year. For a complete list of Museum events, exhibits and attractions, visit NavalAviationMuseum.org or call the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation at (850) 453-2389 or (800) 327-5002.

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About the National Naval Aviation Museum

The National Naval Aviation Museum features nearly 300,000 square feet of displays and is one of the world's largest aviation museums. Located aboard Pensacola Naval Air Station, the facility boasts more than 150 beautifully restored aircraft representing Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard aviation and is Florida's most-visited museum. Among the countless things to touch, see and experience are thrilling Top Gun Air Combat flight simulators, a variety of special exhibits as well as the drama and power of amazing IMAX® films. The Cubi Bar Café offers a unique dining experience, and the Flight Deck Store is the perfect place to find a memento of the spirit of Naval aviation. Museum admission is free. The National Naval Aviation Museum is open daily from 9 a.m.–5 p.m., except Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. For more information, visit NavalAviationMuseum.org.

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