

AIRBUS presents
23rd Annual Cradle of Aviation Museum

Air & Space Gala

From Orbit to Runway: The Future of Flight in Motion

Honoring Leaders
Shaping Exploration,
Innovation, and Aviation.



Capt. William M. Shepherd
NASA Astronaut, Navy SEAL



Robin Hayes
Chairman & CEO
Airbus in North America



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Chief Executive Officer at
JFK Millennium Partners

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2026

Air & Space Gala

July 2026

Dear Museum Supporter:

The 23rd Annual Air & Space Gala will be held on **Thursday, November 12, 2026.**

The Gala provides much-needed support for the expansion of the museum's historical preservation efforts and its many educational programs. These programs include our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) programs at the middle and high school level, our STEM partnerships with elementary schools throughout the area, and our workforce development efforts with the aerospace industry. The Gala serves as an opportunity to honor the historical events and the accomplishments of leaders in the aerospace community.

From Orbit to Runway: The Future of Flight in Motion

This year, we are honoring leaders shaping exploration, innovation, and global aviation. We are fortunate to have a uniquely qualified list of guests to help us mark the occasion. Our honored guests will include:

- Astronaut William Shepherd, Commander of Expedition 1; the first crew to live and work aboard the International Space Station.
- Robin Hayes, Chairman and CEO of Airbus in North America.
- Steve Thody, Chief Executive Officer of JFK Millennium Partners, the Vantage company managing JFK International Airport's Terminal 7 and redeveloping the new Terminal 6.

Through your support, you can play a significant role in helping the Cradle remain a leading educational center for STEM on Long Island, and inspire the next generation of engineers, scientists, pilots, and astronauts.

Please join our efforts by reserving tickets, becoming a sponsor, placing an ad in our tribute journal, or donating an auction item.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.cradleofaviation.org/gala or by calling reservations at 516-572-4066, Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. For reservations and sponsorship information, please contact 516-572-4066 or email gala@cradleofaviation.org.

We hope you will join us at the 2026 Air & Space Gala!



Andrew Parton, President
Cradle of Aviation Museum

Air & Space Gala

Date: Thursday, November 12, 2026, 6:00 PM
Cradle of Aviation Museum, Garden City, New York

TICKET RESERVATION FORM

Date ____/____/____

Dress: Business Attire

I would like to purchase:

Individual Ticket no. of reservations____ @\$400 \$_____

Table(s) of 10 no. of reservations____ @\$4,000 \$_____

Other Voluntary Contribution: _____ \$_____

Grand Total: \$_____

____ I will not attend, please accept my contribution of \$_____

____ Payment by check enclosed \$_____ **Make Checks Payable to: Cradle of Aviation Museum**

____ Payment by credit card \$_____ *Please circle one:* MC VISA AMEX

Name_____ (as it appears on the card) Sec. Code _____

Card Number: ____/____/____/____ Exp. Date: ____/____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Telephone - day: _____ evening: _____

Guests:

1. _____

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Reservations can be made online at <https://www.cradleofaviation.org/gala>, by telephone at 516-572-4066, via Fax at 516-572-4065, or by return mail to: Cradle of Aviation Museum, Charles Lindbergh Blvd., Garden City, NY 11530.

Cancellations will not be accepted after 5 PM on Friday, November 6.

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Thursday, November 12, 2026

Sponsorship/Journal Opportunities

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Benefits are listed on next page

- ☐ **PRESENTING SPONSOR** - \$25,000
- ☐ **APOLLO SPONSOR** - \$15,000
- ☐ **GEMINI SPONSOR** - \$10,000
- ☐ **MERCURY SPONSOR** - \$6,000
- ☐ **VIP RECEPTION SPONSOR** - \$12,500
- ☐ **JOURNAL SPONSOR** - \$8,000
- ☐ **ENTERTAINMENT SPONSOR** - \$7,500
- ☐ **FAVOR SPONSOR** - \$7,500
- ☐ **AUCTION SPONSOR** - \$3,000

COMBINATION PACKAGES

- ☐ Table + Gold Page \$5,500
- ☐ Table + Silver Page \$5,000
- ☐ Table + Bronze \$4,500

JOURNAL ADS ONLY

- ☐ Platinum Page \$5,000
- ☐ Gold Page \$2,500
- ☐ Silver Page \$1,500
- ☐ Bronze Page \$1,000
- ☐ Black & White Full Page (7Wx10H) \$850
- ☐ Black & White Half Page (7Wx5H) \$500
- ☐ Black & White Quarter Page (3.5W x 5H) \$250

Mechanical Requirements
Full Page – 7" W x 10" H (no bleed)
Half Page – 7" W x 5" H
Quarter Page – 3.5" W x 5" H

All ads should be submitted in
grayscale (B/W).

Name _____
Organization _____
Address _____
City, State and Zip Code _____
Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____
Signature _____ Date _____

Please complete this form and return it to the Cradle of Aviation Museum, Attn: Gala Reservations, Charles Lindbergh Blvd., (1 Davis Ave) Garden City, NY 11530. To ensure that your ad will be included in our journal, **WE MUST RECEIVE YOUR AD (together with payment) BY October 23.** Please note: Ads received after the 23rd, may not be included in the journal. Email high-res PDF or JPG artwork to: leonhard@cradleofaviation.org. Copies of the journal will be distributed to all guests at the Gala.

☐ I have enclosed a check - **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CRADLE OF AVIATION MUSEUM**

☐ I would like to pay by credit card *Please circle one:* MC VISA American Express

Name _____ (as it appears on the card)

Card Number: ____/____/____/____ Exp. Date: ____/____ Code _____

ADVERTISING MATERIALS DEADLINE: October 23, 2026

For Further Information: Reservations – 516-572-4066 or email: gala@cradleofaviation.org

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SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS

All sponsors receive recognition from the podium and acknowledgment in Gala communications.

Presenting Partner - \$25,000

Three prominently placed tables of 10, Back Page Ad in Tribute Journal, 20 Tickets to VIP Reception

Apollo Sponsor - \$15,000

Two Prominently Placed Tables of 10, One Gold Page Ad in Tribute Journal 15 Tickets to VIP Reception

Gemini Sponsor - \$10,000

One Prominently Placed Table of 10, One Silver Page Ad in Tribute Journal, 10 Tickets to VIP Reception

Mercury Sponsor - \$6000

One Prominently Placed Table of 10, One Bronze Page Ad in Tribute Journal, 8 Tickets to VIP Reception

VIP Reception Sponsor - \$12,500

One Prominently Placed Table of 10, One Silver Page Ad in Tribute Journal, 12 Tickets to VIP Reception

Journal Sponsor - \$8000

One Prominently Placed Table of ten Inside Front Cover Ad in Tribute Journal, 12 Tickets to VIP Reception

Entertainment Sponsor - \$7500

One Prominently Placed Table of 10, One Bronze Ad in Tribute Journal, 10 Tickets to VIP Reception

Favor Sponsor - \$7500

One Prominently Placed Table of 10, One Bronze Ad in Tribute Journal, 10 Tickets to VIP Reception

Silent Auction Sponsor - \$3000

6 Tickets to the Gala, One Full Page Ad in Tribute Journal, 2 Tickets to VIP Reception

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AUCTION DONATION FORM

Company Name (as it should appear in program):

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

Donor/Contact Person: _____

Email: _____

Donation: _____

Description: _____

Restrictions: _____

Retail Value (if any): _____

Signature of Donor: _____ **Date:** _____

☐ Item enclosed with this form

☐ Item **SHOULD** be delivered to the Cradle of Aviation by November 6, 2026

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Cradle of Aviation Museum

Attn: Gala

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Phone: (516) 572-4066 Fax: (516) 572-4065

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