

Yankee Air Museum

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**Yankee Air Museum Vows to Retake Rosie World Record and Celebrate the Willow Run Bomber Plant, Seeks Participants to Help**

July ##, 2017—The Yankee Air Museum is recruiting members of the public to reclaim the Guinness World Record for Largest Gathering of Rosie the Riveters on Saturday, October 14, 2017. The museum is hosting the event to bring attention to the campaign to renovate the Willow Run factory, home of the original Rosie the Riveter during WWII. Women of all ages are encouraged to attend in order to break the record of 2,229 participants set in California in August 2016.

“Rosie the Riveter is such an empowering figure,” said Kevin Walsh, Executive Director of Yankee Air Museum. “We must finish renovating the bomber plant to preserve and amplify her message. Reclaiming the Guinness World Record gives us a chance to do that together, as a community, with one voice!”

Walsh said that Representative Debbie Dingell, 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District and Supervisor Brenda Stumbo of Ypsilanti Township immediately stepped up to reprise their roles as Co-Chairpersons of the Museum’s Rosie the Riveter World Record event. The Museum is engaged in a spirited rivalry to hang on to the title with the Rosie the Riveter WWII Homefront National Historical Park in Richmond, California.

“This friendly competition between California and Michigan strengthens the bond between the two states. But let us be clear: we will take the record back,” said Representative Dingell. “I look forward to working with the great team we will reassemble with women and girls throughout southeast Michigan. This project provides an opportunity for the community to gather, have fun, bring generations of women together to celebrate our history, both locally and nationally and partake in some very good-natured rivalry.”

“In the months ahead, we will be organizing efforts for the next run at a new World Record,” chimed Brenda Stumbo. “We’ll be back, and our record, like our heritage, will be stronger and more meaningful than ever.”

Participants must register for the activity and can do so ahead of time here:

[www.savethebomberplant.org/worldrecord](http://www.savethebomberplant.org/worldrecord). Costume requirements consist of dark blue work clothes, red socks, dark shoes with closed toes, and the quintessential red and white polkadot bandanna. Costume kits are available for purchase at the registration page, as well as information on where to purchase individual items around Metro Detroit.

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**About Yankee Air Museum:** Established in 1981 the Yankee Air Museum is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization. The Museum works to positively to excite kids and stimulate interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) to help meet the challenges facing America. The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Sundays from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Yankee Air Museum proudly presents the THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN air show each year and in 2017 the U.S. Navy Blue Angels return on Labor Day weekend, September 2-4. Visit [www.yankeeamuseum.org](http://www.yankeeamuseum.org) to discover more about us, our exciting events and how we are working to preserve local history with the [www.SavetheBomberPlant.org](http://www.SavetheBomberPlant.org) campaign. For more information, call 734-483-4030.