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FreeStar Financial Expands Partnership with Selfridge Military Air Museum

September 18, 2026, Mt. Clemens, MI — On Tuesday, September 15, 2026, FreeStar Financial Credit Union, Macomb County's military and community credit union, joined the Selfridge Military Air Museum and the Selfridge Base Community Council for the official unveiling of a fully restored Curtiss JN-4 biplane, affectionately known as Jenny.

The Curtiss JN-4 is widely regarded as the most iconic aircraft of the World War I era. Mass-produced by the Curtiss Aeroplane and Motor Company beginning in 1915, the Jenny served as the primary trainer for an estimated 95% of American WWI pilots. The replica on display at the museum is similar to the Jenny that completed the first official flight from Selfridge Airfield on July 8, 1917, connecting this aircraft directly to the earliest chapter of the base's storied history. The fully restored replica underwent a three-year restoration and is now permanently installed in the Aviation Education Hangar at the Selfridge Military Air Museum.

A Dedication Rooted in Service

During the unveiling ceremony, FreeStar Financial and the museum dedicated the Jenny display and an accompanying plaque in honor of Raymond White Jr., Chairman of the Board at FreeStar Financial Credit Union. Mr. White served more than 34 years in the United States Air Force Reserve, retiring as a Chief Master Sergeant. He has volunteered in service to the credit union since 1999, first on the Supervisory Committee and then on the Board of Directors. His lifelong dedication to the United States military, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, and financial service to the surrounding community made him a fitting and deserving recipient of this honor.



<pictured:> FreeStar Financial Credit Union team members gather in front of the restored Curtiss JN-4 "Jenny" and dedication plaque at the Selfridge Military Air Museum unveiling ceremony, September 15, 2026.

A Commitment to the Museum's Mission

In conjunction with the unveiling, FreeStar Financial announced a matching donation initiative in support of the museum. Beginning October 2, 2026, FreeStar Financial will match the dollar amount of museum admission ticket sales for the first 200 visitors. Admission fees are \$10 for adults 18 and older, \$8 for seniors and military, \$5 for children ages 4 to 17, free for children 3 and under, and free for active-duty military in uniform.

The museum is open on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday through October 31, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Last admission is sold one hour prior to closing. Base access and admission fees are required. Visitors are encouraged to complete pre-approved base access at selfridgeairmuseum.org a minimum of 10 days prior to their visit.

Honoring the Roots of a Lasting Partnership

FreeStar Financial Credit Union was founded in 1957 as Selfridge Air Force Base Credit Union, established to serve the military personnel and their families stationed at what is now the Selfridge Air National Guard Base. The donation and restoration of the Jenny replica is a direct expression of that founding mission, preserving the history of the base and ensuring that legacy remains accessible and meaningful for future generations. This partnership with the museum reflects the same values that have guided FreeStar Financial for nearly 70 years: a commitment to the community, the base, and the men and women who have served here.

For more information about the Selfridge Military Air Museum and the Jenny aircraft, visit selfridgeairmuseum.org.

About FreeStar Financial Credit Union

FreeStar Financial Credit Union was originally established in 1957 at what is now the Selfridge Air National Guard Base. Over the decades, the credit union has grown from serving military personnel at Selfridge to welcoming all Michigan citizens and military members statewide. Today, FreeStar Financial serves more

than 22,000 members through 8 full-service branch locations and provides access to more than 30,000 ATMs nationwide through the CO-OP Network. Learn more at www.FreeStarFinancial.com.