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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **FreeStar Financial Credit Union Facilitates Return of "Jenny" to Selfridge**

HARRISON TOWNSHIP - FreeStar Financial Credit Union, with its ongoing commitment to community and heritage, proudly brought back an integral piece of American aviation to its original home.

On August 11<sup>th</sup> the iconic Curtiss JN-4 biplane, fondly known as Jenny, arrived at the Selfridge Military Air Museum. Thanks to FreeStar Financial Credit Union's generosity, one of the world's last remaining Jenny's returned to Selfridge, where its historical roots run deep.

During World War I, over 1,000 Jenny's were trained at Selfridge Field, where they played a vital role in training pilots and conducting various military exercises. Selfridge was the first to use the Jenny as a trainer, marking a significant milestone in both the plane's and the base's history. With only 200 to 300 Curtiss JN-4 Jenny's remaining in the world today, and even fewer still airworthy, Jenny's homecoming is a rare and momentous event.

Just like Jenny, FreeStar Financial Credit Union also got its start at Selfridge Air Base. In September 1957, FreeStar Financial Credit Union opened its doors for the first time known then as Selfridge Air Force Base Credit Union and has been serving the military and members of the community ever since.

Due to this unique bond, the President and CEO of FreeStar Financial Credit Union, Drema Isaac, shared the opportunity to bring Jenny home to the Credit Union's devoted Board of Directors as soon as she heard about it. With multiple members of the board having Military backgrounds themselves, the idea received an immediate and unanimous approval.

Drema enthusiastically stated, "Jenny's restoration and display at the Selfridge Air Museum is a celebration of our shared history and a tribute to innovation. We're

honored to contribute to this national effort and to bring Jenny back to Selfridge, where her story and ours began".

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**About FreeStar Financial Credit Union:** Founded in 1957 by military members, FreeStar Financial Credit Union, based in Clinton Township, Michigan, operates 7 branches throughout Metro Detroit. As a not-for-profit entity, it is devoted to offering reliable financial services while upholding its promise of community betterment.

**About Selfridge Air National Guard Museum:** Located within the Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Harrison Township, Michigan, the museum stands as a tribute to the rich legacy of military aviation in the U.S., showcasing over 150 unique and historically relevant aircraft.







