



Curtiss-Wright Sponsors First Flight Centennial Pavilion

Exhibition Hall and Auditorium Expected to Draw One Million Visitors a Year

ROSELAND, N.J., Jul 9, 2003 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- Curtiss-Wright Corporation, (NYSE: CW; CW.B), a diversified global provider of highly engineered products and services to the motion control, flow control and metal treatment industries, announced today that it is a primary sponsor of the First Flight Centennial Pavilion at the Wright Brothers National Memorial at Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina. The semi-permanent pavilion will house numerous exhibits and displays highlighting such diverse themes as the Wright Brothers as engineers, attempts at flight before the twentieth century and gliding experiments.

The National Memorial is gearing up to celebrate 100 years of flight which takes place during the week of December 12th, 2003 and culminates on December 17th at 10:35am with a re-creation of the 12-second flight by the Wright Brothers that changed the world forever. The 20,000 square foot pavilion, which includes a 1,200-seat auditorium and exhibit hall, features programs designed to educate visitors about the history of flight and the enormous impact aviation has had on mankind. The pavilion recently celebrated its grand opening at a ribbon-cutting ceremony that included Amanda Wright Lane and Stephen Wright, great-grandniece and great-grandnephew of the Wright Brothers.

Curtiss-Wright is the only company in the world with a direct link to three of aviation's most recognized pioneers, Orville and Wilbur Wright and Glen Hammond Curtiss. These company founders have all been elected to the National Inventor's Hall of Fame and are internationally recognized for their leading roles in ushering in the aviation era and changing the world of transportation forever. The company was founded on the principles of innovation, triumph and a desire to constantly push the boundaries of human achievement.

Curtiss-Wright is supporting a number of activities to celebrate the history of flight and aviation. Projects include "The Wright Experience", a non-profit organization which seeks to rediscover the Wright Brothers' experimentation, discovery and methodology, in the reconstruction of a flyable replica of the Wright Brother's model "B"; the replica will be featured on an upcoming episode of PBS's NOVA. Wright State University is hosting "Inventing Flight: Dayton 2003", a year-long tribute to the innovative spirit of the Wright Brothers. Finally, The Cradle of Aviation Museum in Garden City, New York, is a hands-on museum with exhibits that document Long Island's role in the transformation of aviation from a leisure sport to a viable means of commercial transportation.

"We are grateful to have the support of Curtiss-Wright and appreciate its generous contribution," stated Julie Ketner Rigby, Director of Development for the First Flight Centennial Celebration. "Curtiss-Wright has always been a strong source of support to the foundation, and the links it bears to three of aviation's greatest pioneers only makes the occasion and contributions more momentous."

Martin Benante, Chairman and CEO of Curtiss-Wright stated, "We are proud to be part of such a significant moment in the history of our world. Since its inception, Curtiss-Wright has maintained the ideals and dreams of its founders in the pursuit of innovation. Sponsoring the First Flight Centennial Pavilion is just one of the ways we can share this glorious moment with people of all ages. Indeed, one of the exhibits might even inspire the next Orville or Wilbur Wright!"

About Curtiss-Wright

Curtiss-Wright Corporation is a diversified company headquartered in Roseland, New Jersey. The Company designs, manufactures and overhauls products for motion control and flow control applications and additionally is a provider of metal treatment services. The firm employs approximately 4,300 people. More information on Curtiss-Wright can be found on the Internet at www.curtisswright.com.

About the Centennial Celebration of Flight

On December 17, 1903, amid the sand dunes of Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, man's quest for powered flight became a reality when a small fabric and wood craft known as the Wright Flyer ushered in the aviation age. The team behind this legendary event, Orville and Wilbur Wright, along with aircraft designer Glenn Curtiss, gave birth to a new industry and founded Curtiss-Wright Corporation, today a multinational provider of metal treatment, motion control and flow control systems for the aerospace and defense industries. For more information about the Centennial Celebration of Flight, visit

www.curtisswright.com/centennial.asp.

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