

Warbirds & legends Schedule

Friday September 16

08:30 f.a.s.t. clinic begins

09:00 – 17:30 warbird arrivals

18:00 dinner with the legends

Tickets are \$40.00 per person (pilots of warbirds free)

Saturday September 17th

08:00 – 17:00 warbird fly in

09:00 – national anthem/ Pledge of allegiance/invocation

09:15 – legends q & a

12:00 – lunch (pilots of warbirds free)

17:00 – event is over

f.a.s.t. clinic _____

(formation and safety training)

Thursday September 15th arrivals welcome

Friday September 16th formation clinic formally starts

08:30 – 09:00 briefing flights immediately following

12:00 – 13:00 lunch flights immediately following

18:00 dinner bbq with the legends

Saturday sept 17th

08:30 -09:00 briefing proficiency flights following

12:00 – 13:00 lunch flights immediately following

18:00 dinner/ debriefing cold drinks movie time

Sunday September 18th

08:30 – 09:00 briefing flights continue

12:00 lunch

13:00 briefing flights finish as needed

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FEATURED SPEAKERS

LTC HUGH MILLS

LTC CHARLES KETTLES

AMERICAN FLIGHT MUSEUM

PRESENTS

WARBIRDS & LEGENDS

SEPTEMBER 16 & 17, 2016
TOPEKA, KS (KFOE)

MEET THE LEGENDS MEET THE LEGENDS

Lt. colonel hugh mills

Hugh L. Mills, Jr. was one of the most decorated pilots during the Vietnam War. During his two tours in Vietnam as an aero scout and one as a cobra pilot, he flew more than 3,300 combat hours and developed many of the U.S. Army's air cavalry aero scout tactics.

He was shot down 16 times and wounded three times, earning numerous decorations for valor, including three Silver Stars, the Legion of Merit, four Distinguished Flying Crosses and three Bronze Stars, one for valor in ground combat. The government of Vietnam awarded him the Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star and Palm, the Vietnamese Honor Medal First Class and the Civic Action Honor Medal First Class.

Mills, who commanded the aero scout platoon of the 4th Cavalry, was described by Major General A.E. Milloy, 1st Infantry Division commanding general, as "the most courageous small unit leader in the First Division with the highest kill ratio of any combat in the Big Red One."

Among his accomplishments, were developing a pilot technique to correct the OH-6 Cayuse "Hughes Tail Spin," which had killed numerous aviators; leading air cavalry raids into Laos, Cambodia and North Vietnam; commanding the Army's first night-attack helicopter unit with crude night vision systems; and he was the first Army pilot to test the XM-8 40mm grenade launcher in combat.

Mills co-authored a book about his experiences in Vietnam, "Low Level Hell: A Scout Pilot in the Big Red One." He retired in 1993 after 26 years of service.

Lt. colonel Charles kettles

Medal of Honor

With complete disregard for his own safety, Kettles passed the lead to another helicopter and returned to the landing zone to rescue the remaining troops. Without gunship, artillery, or tactical aircraft support, the enemy concentrated all firepower on his lone aircraft, which was immediately damaged by a mortar round that damaged the tail boom, a main rotor blade, shattered both front windshields and the chin bubble and was further raked by small arms and machine gun fire.

Despite the intense enemy fire, Kettles maintained control of the aircraft and situation, allowing time for the remaining eight Soldiers to board the aircraft. In spite of severe damage to his helicopter, Kettles once more skillfully guided his heavily damaged aircraft to safety.