

THE SAN DIEGO AIR & SPACE MUSEUM AND THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS SOCIETY

Working Together to Honor America's Aviation Heroes

A UNIQUE SLICE OF AMERICA'S AVIATION HISTORY

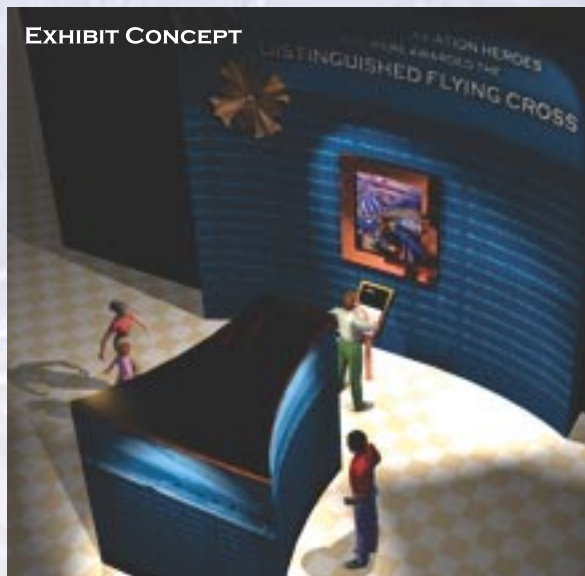
Join us as we host a gala event to introduce concepts for the DFC Permanent Display. American Master Artist, Ruth Mayer, has created a magnificent visual journey of America's history in aviation and donated it to The Distinguished Flying Cross Society (DFCS). The original painting will be the centerpiece of the permanent display at the San Diego Air & Space Museum. The fantastic interactive display will enable the Museum to expand its efforts in educating the public about this unique slice of aviation history. All donations raised will go toward the creation and maintenance of the DFC Permanent Display.

Date: Thursday • May 22, 2008
Time: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Location: The San Diego Air & Space Museum Pavilion of Flight
Pre-register: Online (at www.sandiegoairandspace.org) or by Mail
Keynote: **The Honorable Anthony J. Principi, Former Secretary of Veterans Affairs**

View the "DFC Painting" and other works of art by American Master Artist, Ruth Mayer • Chance to personally meet many DFC recipients, the artist, Ruth Mayer, and invited military/civilian dignitaries • **Painting includes 22 aircraft, 21 actual DFC recipients** • Opportunity to purchase canvas reproductions or limited edition lithographs • **Hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer and beverages sponsored by Boeing, DFCS, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, and Raytheon**

For information e-mail dfcpainting@dfcsociety.org or call 1.866.332.6332

If unable to attend, we invite you to make a donation by mail using the attached Pre-Registration Form or online at www.sandiegoairandspace.org



Mail this Pre-Registration Form to:

The San Diego Air & Space Museum
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- Attending and would like to donate to Fund \$ _____
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The Distinguished Flying Cross Society and the San Diego Air & Space Museum are hosting a gala event on May 22, 2008. The event will present an opportunity to personally meet many DFC recipients, the artist, Ruth Mayer, and various invited military/civilian dignitaries. The purpose is to introduce several design concepts for the DFC Permanent Display at the Museum. The centerpiece of the interactive display will be the original painting "Distinguished Flying Cross" by American Master Artist Ruth Mayer. Ruth created this magnificent visual journey of America's history in aviation and donated it to The Distinguished Flying Cross Society. The painting includes 21 actual DFC recipients as well as 22 aircraft. The original is currently displayed in the Museum but it is time to develop a permanent display to expand our combined efforts in educating the public and especially the youth about this unique piece of aviation history.

It is envisioned that the permanent display will be interactive using touch screens to display very short video clips or Power Point presentations of actual DFC recipients to impart a sense of the real world on historical events to visitors. This presents a real opportunity to make our message known to the community and the world and achieve some significant publicity for the Society. The intention is to make this a World Class Exhibit that will attract visitors of all ages. While the initial set up of the video/Power Point portion of the exhibit will be labor intensive (this means expensive), these same videos can ultimately be employed in exhibits in other museums across the country or possibly be used for television/movies. Some of the museums that we are initially considering for the future are the National Naval Aviation Museum (site of our 2008 Convention), the National Museum of the United States Air Force, the National Museum of the Marine Corps and the Army Aviation Museum with others to be added as funding becomes available.