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BAHEP welcomes Wings Over Houston as newest member

BAY AREA HOUSTON, TX – The Wings Over Houston Airshow is celebrating its 25th Anniversary and has thrilled many thousands of spectators each year, becoming one of the nation’s premier fall festivals. The Wings Over Houston organization has also become the newest member of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership.

BAHEP President Bob Mitchell stated, “Attending the Wings Over Houston Airshow has become a tradition for many Texans. It provides a wonderful platform that walks us through a fascinating part of our aviation history, amazes us with aeronautical acrobatics, and serves as a great economic driver for the region. We are very happy to welcome Wings Over Houston to our membership.”

Wings Over Houston is a non-profit 501(c)(3) community event produced by a volunteer effort of the Gulf Coast Wing and West Houston Squadron of the Commemorative Air Force, with support from the Lone Star Flight Museum in Galveston, Texas. The event is dedicated to showcasing vintage World War II aircraft along with providing the thrills of modern aviation. One of the top air shows in the United States in its category, the Wings Over Houston Airshow attracts more than 75,000 festival goers throughout Houston as well as from around the globe.

William “Bill” Roach is the executive director of the organization. He commented, “Wings Over Houston is naturally very involved with Ellington Field and most of its military tenants as well as the Houston Airport System. We know that BAHEP actively supports Ellington through its Ellington Field Task Force in addition to working with HAS to market the commercial side of the airport. Becoming a member of BAHEP is an ideal way to join forces for the benefit of Ellington.”

The Wings Over Houston Airshow is held each October at Ellington Field. It assists many businesses and non-profit organizations in the Clear Lake area and throughout the region. Additionally, the airshow promotes aviation and patriotism, honors current and former service men and women, awards college

scholarships, holds historical and aviation related events, and presents historical aircraft restorations as well as an exhibition.

The U.S. Navy's Blue Angels will once again jet across the skies above Ellington Field at the 2009 Wings Over Houston Airshow to be held Oct. 31-Nov. 1. For more information, visit www.wingsoverhouston.com.