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FAMILY DAY: A SALUTE TO MILITARY FLIGHT
*Institute of Texan Cultures celebrates
centennial of military aviation*

SAN ANTONIO – A century after Lt. Benjamin Foulois took flight over the fields of Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio families can take flight with flight simulators and other offerings at the Institute of Texan Cultures for a Family Day celebration, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, March 6, in the lower exhibit galleries and Back 40 outside exhibits area.

The institute’s “A Salute to Military Flight,” a retrospective exhibit on the birth and legacy of military flight in San Antonio, has been a major component of the city’s observance of the centennial.

Family Day includes two flight simulators, opportunities to meet model and remote-control airplane hobbyists, paper airplane activities and conversations with four generations of military aviators, including those from World War II, Korea, Vietnam and modern era.

“From Wright Flyers to space shuttles, so much history relied on what happened right here in San Antonio one hundred years ago,” said Rhett Rushing, an ITC researcher who worked on the exhibit. “This is a story we want to share with our community and an anniversary that we should celebrate together.”

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Family Day: Flight Add one and last

Family Day activities are included in the price of admission. Military personnel may show ID to receive a free child's admission with regular adult admission. Also, the institute is offering \$1 off admission with the donation of a box of powdered drink mix packages. Drink mixes will be donated to the USO.

"A Salute to Military Flight" opened in October 2009 and runs through July 4, 2010. Its components include:

- "Military Aviation Comes of Age in San Antonio," an art exhibit from Randolph Air Force Base, showcasing the first 25 years of military flight
- "Military City U.S.A.," a console of video screens showing four different short films discussing the establishment of military aviation and its lasting effects on San Antonio
- "Flights of Fancy," a display of folk art airplanes, the commercial airplane art of Alexander Calder and the aerial photography of Fort Worth native Jay Miller

The Institute of Texan Cultures is on the UTSA HemisFair Park Campus, 801 E. Durango Blvd., a short distance from the Alamo and the River Walk. Regular hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$8 for adults (ages 12-64); \$7 for seniors (ages 65+); \$6 for children (ages 3-11); free with membership, UTSA or Alamo Colleges identification. For more information, call 210-458-2300 or visit TexanCultures.com.

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The Institute of Texan Cultures is an agency of the Vice President for Community Services at The University of Texas at San Antonio. The mission of the institute is to engage lifelong learners in the understanding and celebration of Texas cultural heritage. Located on the UTSA HemisFair Park Campus in downtown San Antonio, the 182,000-square-foot complex features 65,000 square feet of exhibits that tell the stories of Texans. The institute develops resources for educators and lifelong learners on cultural heritage and strives to develop a vibrant culture in the arts and humanities that will expand the community's awareness and appreciation of Texas through exhibits, programs and special events. Resources for multiple audiences are available at the institute's Web site, TexanCultures.com.