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Commissioners Mark National Aviation Day

Leonardtown, MD – It was in 1939 when then President Franklin Roosevelt proclaimed August 19 National Aviation Day. The day is observed nationwide each year to celebrate the history and developments of the aviation industry. With aviation a critical component to county life, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County held a ceremony to celebrate the day.

Patuxent River Naval Air Station continues to provide readiness for research, development, testing and aviation, acquisition, engineering and fleet support to the entire range of manned and unmanned naval aircraft, engines, avionics, aircraft support systems and ship/shore/air operations.

“St. Mary's County Regional Airport serves as the base of operations for the Maryland State Police Medevac, Washington Hospital Center MedStar, Civil Air Patrol, Navy Annapolis Flight Center, Experimental Aircraft Association and several other general aviation services,” said Commissioner Tom Jarboe (1st District). “The airport has expanded to include the construction of new hangar space and the University of Maryland's research and development facility for Unmanned Aircraft Systems.”

Community aviation efforts include the Young Eagles hosting the successful Young Eagle's rally on June 10, which provided free plan rides to area youth. Commissioners also made mention of the Naval Air Museum and Visitors Center, which provides educational opportunities for visitors to experience the evolution of U.S. Naval Aviation history.

In proclaiming National Aviation Day, the commissioners thanked the St. Mary's County Airport Advisory Committee for its volunteer efforts and encourage citizens to take advantage of opportunities in aviation and aviation-related activities.

Media outlets are free to use photos from the ceremony – which can be downloaded from the county's photo page at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/stmaryscountygovernment/sets/>. Outlets publishing photos from the photo page are asked to courtesy the “St. Mary's County Public Information Office.”