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ANNUAL REPORT



LONE STAR
FLIGHT MUSEUM
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Message From the Chairman and President & CEO

On any given day at the Lone Star Flight Museum visitors of all ages arrive from across Houston and Texas. Families exploring history, students immersed in the wonder of flight for the very first time, and veterans reflecting on the courage and sacrifice that shaped our nation's aviation legacy. For all our visitors, aviation comes to life because of a generous community that donates resources, time, and expertise.

As a result of the incredible support from donors, volunteers, members, the Board of Directors and staff, along with countless other advocates, 2025 was another **record-setting year** for visitorship, students served, and community impact. The museum welcomed over **111,000** visitors in 2025. ExxonMobil Free Museum Days opened our doors to new audiences, impacting over **4,000** people. We proudly welcomed the **100th** inductee into the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame, expanded our collection with the acquisition of a historic Dodge WC-56 Command Car, and returned our popular *Fight to the Finish* exhibit to public display. Most importantly, our education and outreach programs inspired more young people in 2025 than ever before, igniting curiosity and connecting students to hands-on STEM experiences, fueling the next generation of innovators.

Building on the successes of 2025, we are making steady progress on the **Beyond Boundaries Capital Campaign**, the museum's philanthropic priority that will expand our education programs and introduce Greater Houston to a permanent exhibit exploring the connection between weather, aviation, and space. This campaign will further establish Lone Star Flight Museum as a leading STEM learning center in Houston and beyond.

We are thankful for the consistent support of our donors, volunteers, members, visitors, and every person who spreads the word about the museum. Because of you, the museum continues to celebrate Texas aviation history, inspire future leaders, and ensure that the spirit of flight continues to soar.

With grateful thanks,



The Hon. Pete Olson
Chairman, 2024-2025
U.S. House of Representatives, Retired



Anna Hawley
President & CEO



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Mission: To celebrate flight and achievement in Texas aviation history; and to educate and engage our youth through science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM)

Vision: To be a dynamic and interactive educational flight museum reaching the people of Texas as a recognized destination of choice



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Education Takes Flight

Our **K-12 STEM Education Program** delivers engaging, hands-on learning experiences that spark curiosity and inspire a love of science, technology, and aviation. Together, these programs reach thousands of students each year, preparing the next generation of aviators, astronauts, scientists, and innovators.

Museum Field Trips That Inspire

Field trips remain at the heart of the Lone Star Flight Museum student experience. In 2025, the museum welcomed **292** K-12 field trips from **22** Houston-area school districts, engaging **18,063** students in immersive, hands-on learning that brings aviation, science, and engineering to life. Of those, **14,642** students came from underserved Title I schools, with **2,000** receiving fully funded field trip scholarships through the generous support of H-E-B. Responding to the rapid growth of homeschool families in our region, the museum expanded its homeschool programming in 2025, welcoming **850** homeschool learners for field trips and launching the new **Homeschool Flight Series**.

Outreach Education

Our **Outreach Education initiatives** extend the museum's impact far beyond our doors. Through dynamic drone demonstrations, mobile flight simulators, and hands-on STEM experiences at community events such as Wings Over Houston and Warbirds Over South Texas, the museum reached **5,665** learners in 2025, more than doubling last year's engagement.

Expanded Scouting Programs

Scouting programs grew in 2025 with the addition of **three new Scouting America merit badges**, including Radio, Chemistry, and Robotics. With nine badge opportunities now available at the museum, more scouts than ever before are building practical STEM skills in an inspiring, real-world setting.

Our Education Impact

- 26,190** Total students served
- 18,063** K-12 field trip participants
- 2,479** Student volunteer hours
- 2,000** Title I field trip scholarships funded by H-E-B
- 676** Scouts earned badges & patches
- 452** Teachers in professional development workshops
- 390** Girls in Aviation Day participants
- 339** Youth participated in camps
- 256** Schools visited
- 34** Student Ambassadors

Champions of Education

Our annual donors help sustain the STEM Education Programs at Lone Star Flight Museum, providing access to immersive educational opportunities for thousands of underserved students each year.

- ★ **Albemarle Foundation**
- ★ **Astros Foundation**
- ★ **Boeing**
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- ★ **United Airlines**





Milestones That Matter 2025 Achievements

* Indicates record-setting accomplishments



110,794
museum visitors*



1,139
museum member households



36
aircraft on display



2
original or rotating exhibits



128
flights for 155 passengers in historic planes



26,190
students served through STEM education*



5,665
people engaged through community outreach*



95
museum volunteers



11,224
volunteer hours



\$749,003
earned through 269 facility rentals & private events



52,700
social media subscribers*



\$1,900,548
raised through philanthropy

Access for All

A major milestone in 2025 was the launch of **Free Museum Days every Tuesday**, made possible by the generous support of **ExxonMobil**. By removing the cost of admission each Tuesday, the museum eliminated a significant barrier for many families, welcoming new audiences and increasing overall visitation. This initiative broadened access to aviation history and hands-on STEM learning, while strengthening our connection to communities across Houston. The program will continue through 2026.

Girls in Aviation Day, sponsored by **ExxonMobil**, is a signature event advancing our commitment to access and engagement for everyone. This free, one-day event welcomed **381 girls**, ages 8 to 17, along with **284 parents and guardians** in 2025. Participants engaged with aviation industry mentors, explored hands-on STEM activities, and connected with professionals at a career fair designed to inspire their future career paths. Creating opportunities for mentorship and exposure, Girls in Aviation Day continues to open doors for the next generation of aerospace leaders.



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FREE MUSEUM DAYS
Every Tuesday

Texas Aviation Hall of Fame Reaches 100 Members

The Texas Aviation Hall of Fame reached a historic milestone in 2025 with the induction of three remarkable leaders, bringing total membership to 100 honorees. Celebrated during the ceremony on April 11th, the Class of 2025 included:

- ★ **Al Cisneros**, the first Hispanic pilot with the U.S. Navy Blue Angels and a veteran of more than 150 combat missions in Vietnam
- ★ **Jeannie Leavitt**, the first female U.S. Air Force fighter pilot and a trailblazing commander and safety innovator
- ★ **Tammie Jo Shults**, one of the first female U.S. Navy F/A-18 Hornet pilots and the Southwest Airlines Captain who safely landed Flight 1380 after an engine failure

Their induction honors their extraordinary contributions to the advancement of aviation and celebrates the courage, leadership, and innovation that define Texas aviation. The event raised over \$80,000 in support of aviation history and STEM education.

The Texas Aviation Hall of Fame was established in 1995 through a resolution by the 74th Texas Legislature and signed by then Gov. George W. Bush.



Discovery in Every Visit

Lone Star Flight Museum brings aviation history and STEM learning to life through a flying collection of more than 35 rare and historic aircraft. As a vibrant part of Houston's cultural landscape, the museum offers immersive experiences for visitors of all ages across seven dynamic exhibits:



Waltrip & Heritage Hangars: Two expansive hangars showcasing our flying collection of rare and historic commercial, general aviation, and military aircraft



Space Gallery: Expanding the story of aviation into space exploration and an astronaut's training for space flight



Texas Aviation Heritage Gallery & Texas Aviation Hall of Fame: Celebrating the people and stories that have shaped Texas aviation



Flight Academy: A youth-focused space where students discover the principles of flight and aircraft



Aviation Learning Center: Hands-on STEM exploration featuring flight planning and state-of-the-art simulators



Boeing Toddler Terminal: An early-learning play space inspiring curiosity in our youngest visitors

Honoring History. Inspiring Generations.

Two original exhibits, featuring artifacts from the Lone Star Flight Museum's collection, were curated for our visitors to enjoy in 2025.

Bombers of World War II: Curated from the Lone Star Flight Museum's archives, this powerful exhibit showcases a collection of paintings that captures the strength, scale, and significance of bomber aircraft during World War II.

Fight to the Finish: The museum commemorated the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II by returning its popular *Fight to the Finish* exhibit to public display. The LSFM original exhibit honors the courage and sacrifice of those who shaped history in the war's final year and invites a new generation to reflect on their enduring legacy.



We expanded our permanent collection with the acquisition of a **Dodge WC-56 Command Car**, an iconic World War II artifact. Built in 1942, this vehicle was used for front recon missions and high-level strategy sessions during the war. The Dodge WC-56 Command Car was generously donated to the museum by Colonel Gaston Barmore and family.

Soar With Us

Through the **Warbird Rides** program, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, participants can climb aboard a historic aircraft and connect with a piece of U.S. history. In 2025, **155** guests made memories through **128** flights in one of five amazing aircraft, generating revenue of **\$61,810**.



The **LSFM Gift Shop** offers a curated selection of aviation-inspired gifts, apparel, books, and memorabilia. In 2025, the Gift Shop generated **\$350,523** in revenue, directly supporting the museum's mission and programs.

Guests can experience the thrill of flight without ever leaving the ground through the museum's immersive virtual flight experiences. These state-of-the-art machines make flight accessible to aspiring pilots, students, and visitors of all ages.

The **MaxFlight FS-VC** full motion delivers a dynamic 360° flight simulation experience, placing guests directly in the pilot seat for a realistic virtual flight adventure.

Redbird Jay Velocity Simulators offer high-quality, professional-grade simulation and are open to the public every weekend.

For those pursuing aviation more seriously, the **Redbird MX2 Simulator** serves as a primary training platform, using innovative technology to provide aspiring pilots flight training hours approved by the Federal Aviation Administration.



Minuti Coffee enhances visitors' experience with handcrafted Italian coffee, pastries, and fresh, light meal options, all enjoyed against a backdrop of historic aircraft and exhibits. In 2025, Minuti Coffee earned **\$146,079** in revenue to support the museum's daily operations.



With 130,000 square feet of space for **event rentals**, the museum provides an unforgettable setting for everything from birthday parties and galas to weddings and corporate gatherings. Surrounded by inspiring aircraft, each event offers a one-of-a-kind experience. In 2025, the museum hosted **269** events, generating **\$749,003** to support its mission and programs.

Special Events

Thank you to the generous sponsors, donors, and guests whose support of the museum's special events makes our work possible. Proceeds from these events sustain our aircraft, exhibits, and programming and advance the museum's role in preserving Texas aviation history and inspiring future generations of Texas aviation, aerospace, and STEM leaders.



The **2025 Jet Setters Ball: Destination Paris** transported guests to an evening of Parisian elegance as we paid tribute to the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II. Alongside over 500 attendees, the evening honored philanthropist and community leader **Ralph B. Thomas** for more than a decade of dedicated service on the Board of Directors and his instrumental role in the museum's growth. Chaired by **Donna & Matthew Noll**, the Jet Setters Ball raised nearly **\$700,000** toward the museum's mission and educational programming.



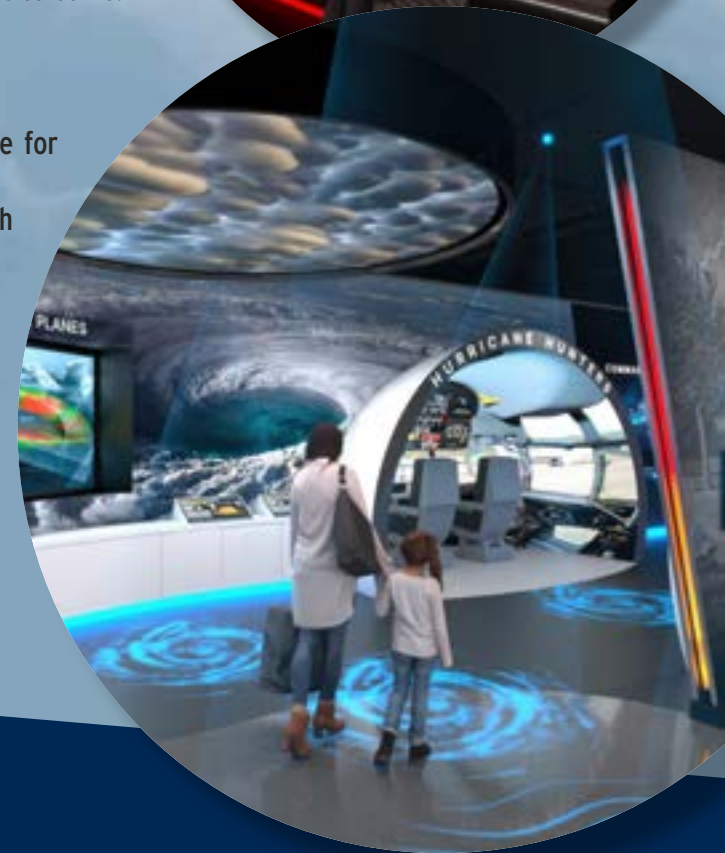
The inaugural **2025 Clay Shoot Tournament**, presented by **The Anne & Edgar Lackner Charitable Foundation** and **Mach Industrial Group**, raised more than **\$80,000** to support the museum's mission and programs. Co-chaired by **Steve Biegel** and **Robert Wagnon**, the event welcomed nearly 100 players for a day of friendly competition featuring more than a dozen shooting stations, along with mulligan and flurry side games.

BEYOND BOUNDARIES LONE STAR FLIGHT MUSEUM CAMPAIGN

The **Beyond Boundaries Capital Campaign** represents a bold investment in the future of learning at the Lone Star Flight Museum. A new education building and a signature exhibit connecting aviation and weather will expand access to hands-on STEM experiences for guests of all ages. This transformational initiative will redefine what the community expects from an aviation museum, elevating the Lone Star Flight Museum into a more impactful, multigenerational destination and establishing it as a leading STEM education center in Houston for years to come.

PROJECT GOALS:

- **Expand capacity** by adding classrooms and workshop space for education programs.
- **Introduce new and expanded STEM programming** through the Education Building and immersive Weather Exhibit.
- **Increase access for underserved youth** by significantly expanding targeted programs.
- **Support workforce development** through the Aviation Career Explorers Program, offering teens hands-on experience building an aircraft with professional mentors.
- **Strengthen long-term financial stability** by retiring the museum's mortgage.



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Financials

As of December 31, 2025

Together We Soar

We are grateful to our annual donors for helping make the Lone Star Flight Museum a place where visitors, individuals, families, and students explore the wonder of flight and the limitless possibilities of STEM. Your support makes every flight, field trip, and hands-on learning experience possible. THANK YOU!



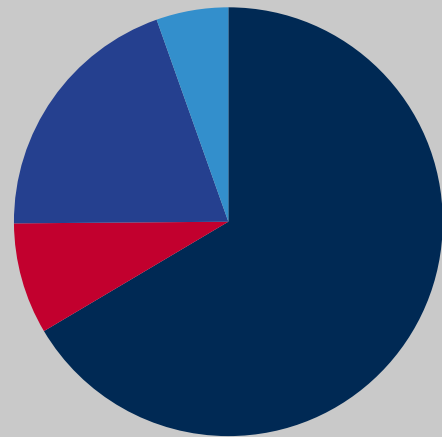
Revenue*

■ Contributed Revenue:	\$4,452,724 (71%)
■ Earned Revenue:	\$1,809,849 (29%)
Total Revenue:	\$6,262,573



Expenses

■ Program Expenses:	\$2,828,294 (67%)
■ General Management & Administration:	\$357,185 (8%)
■ Fundraising:	\$837,904 (20%)
■ Coffee Shop:	\$231,012 (5%)
Total Expenses:	\$4,254,395



* Includes revenue from the Beyond Boundaries Campaign and proceeds from the sale of select items from the museum's collection.

Trailblazing Level (\$200,000+)

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Lone Star Flight Museum is a 501c(3) nonprofit organization and STEM learning center located at Ellington Airport in Houston. The museum's mission is to celebrate flight and achievements in Texas aviation history and to educate and engage our youth through science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Lone Star Flight Museum exhibitions and programming combine aviation, history, science, and the arts with a flying collection of rare and historic commercial, general aviation, and military aircraft. Funding for the museum is provided by admissions, museum programs, generous individuals, foundations, corporations, special events, and facility rentals.

For information on how to financially support Lone Star Flight Museum, please visit: lonestarflight.org/support/donate



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