Plane Talk – Shooting Star

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Please note, on Sat., Feb 23rd, we will meet earlier at 12:00 PM, at Charlie Brown's so we can have lunch with Keith and Peggy Ferris and have time to travel to the Library of the Chathams, 214 Main Street, Chatham, NJ, for his presentations at 2:00 PM. Take right out of drive way, right at light onto Shunpike Road for 2.4 miles which becomes Watchung Ave, left on Fairmount Ave for 0.5 miles, and right on Main Street for about 0.1 miles.

At the Library of the Chathams, the Air Force Association Chapters 195 and 374, will sponsor a talk by Keith Ferris, who, on Oct 6th, 2012, was enshrined into the National Aviation Hall of Fame, Dayton, Ohio. See: http://www.nationalaviation.org/2012-enshrinement/. He will show his enshrinement video in which he was recognized as America's Dean of Aviation Art, Founder of the American Society of Aviation Artists and as an expert and inventor of aircraft paint systems for military camouflage and high-visibility purposes.

He will then give a presentation on how he painted the 'Fortresses Under Fire' mural in the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, in Washington, DC. It depicts Eighth Air Force B-17G, "Thunder Bird" on a WWII daylight bombing mission to Wiesbaden, Germany, on 15 Aug 1944. Attached is a photo which shows the artist with the mural in progress. For more about this mural and what it represents, go to Keith Ferris, The Gallery, and click on the top photo link at: http://www.keithferrisart.com/keith-ferris-



gallery.htm .

For why he was recognized as America's Dean of Aviation Art, go to the American Society of Aviation Artists home page and click on his photo link: http://www.asaa-avart.org/. For an article about his contributions to aircraft camouflage, go to: http://www.nytimes.com/1987/08/18/science/air-force-sees-beauty-in-ugly-ducklings.html. For more about Keith Ferris and a list of many of his beautiful aircraft paintings, go to: http://www.keithferrisart.com.

We are always looking for volunteers to serve as officers as well as help with Chapter operations. Currently, we are still looking for a new president to take over. How about stepping up or recommending someone. Check out our updated web site thanks to Toby Terranova, our new Secretary at:

https://sites.google.com/site/afa195org/.

Please check out our AFA NJ State web site which has been updated as well. Go to: http://www.njairforceassoc.org/.

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Note, as the last Saturday in March , the 30^{th} , is on Easter weekend, we will skip our meeting for that date and encourage members to attend the NJ State quarterly meeting scheduled for Saturday, March 16^{th} .

Please use our Community Partners and come out on, **Saturday**, **Feb 23rd**, **at 12:00 PM**, **noon**, to have lunch with Keith and Peggy Ferris at Charlie Brown's, 522 Southern Blvd., Chatham Township, NJ, 07928. Everyone is welcome. To make a reservation at \$20.00 pp or for further information, contact Howard Leach at 973-540-1283, or hhleach@aol.com.

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