



Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton to celebrate McCook Field centennial

- WPAFB traces its beginnings to McCook Field in Dayton -

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Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, the City of Dayton and many community partners will mark the 100th anniversary of the founding of McCook Field with the dedication of a new historical marker and a celebration featuring skydivers, an aerial parade, music, food trucks and more. Community members are welcome.

The event will take place Thursday, October 5, beginning at 1:30 p.m., at 444 N. Bend Blvd. (Kettering Field parking area). Admission and parking are free.

McCook Field was established in October of 1917 to help meet the nation's urgent aviation research and development needs after the United States entered World War I. Dayton was chosen because of its location in the heart of the nation's industrial complex.

McCook served as a crucial center for military aviation for 10 years and was replaced by Wright Field (later named Patterson Field and ultimately Wright-Patterson Air Force Base) because of the need for additional space.



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