

War museum observes Gold Star Mothers Day event

Nampa facility displays flags from WWI days

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NAMPA — Sylvia Feit of Nampa cried when she visited the Warhawk Air Museum on Sunday.

Near the end of World War II, her husband, Lt. Edward Reichel, a bombardier-

navigator, died after his B-24 bomber was shot down on a mission over Germany.

Feit's visit coincided with the museum's first annual Gold Star Mothers Day on Sunday. It's a day of reflection and respect for mothers who lost children in wars. But the concept was extended to anyone who has lost a loved one during a conflict.

"I'm delighted with it," Feit said.

Gold Star Mothers Day is a little-known and barely observed commemoration that

officially dates to June 23, 1936, when Congress adopted a resolution designating the last Sunday in September as a day of remembrance.

The day's roots are in World War I. In 1917, U.S. Army Capt. Robert Queisser made a small flag to honor two sons who were serving on the front line. It was white with a red border and had two blue stars to show that his sons were in the service.

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Upcoming events

The Warhawk Air Museum is sponsoring the following events. The museum is at Municipal Drive and Airport Road, near Nampa Municipal Airport. For information, call 465-6446.

► **Aviation Jubilee:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Create an award-winning paper airplane. Aviation displays including Mountain Home Air Force Base history

of aviation, airplane modelers, skydivers and radio-control fliers. Crafts, games and face-painting. Cost is \$3 per person.

► **NASA Daze:** Oct. 29 to Nov. 2. Take a "mission" in the Idaho Mobile Space Station. School field trips for students ages 10 to 13. Reservations required. Public invited from 2 to 6 p.m. Oct. 29 and 30 and Nov. 1. Reservations required.

Nov. 3 and 4. Missions

hourly 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Reservations recommended. NASA astronaut will answer questions Nov. 3 and the morning of Nov. 4.

David Marquart, Idaho teacher-in-space runner-up, will share experiences, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 3.

► **Veterans breakfast:** 8 a.m. to noon Nov. 11. Cost for adults is \$6; \$3 for seniors, veterans and children age 10 and younger.