



**Recruiting the Next Generation
of Warbird Mechanics**

The Passion: Why we fly vintage military aircraft

We love history

- Being a part of *Living History*
- The satisfaction of displaying a piece of history for the enjoyment of all

The Thrilling Sensations

- The smoke, the sounds, the smells, the exhilaration of flying these powerful machines

IT'S OUR PASSION!

... AND WE LOVE IT ALL!



The Passion: Why we fly vintage military aircraft

With *passion*, nothing can stop us from enjoying our favorite hobby!

Our *passion* knows no bounds!

All that our *passion* needs is our time and the financial ability to support it.

Or so it might seem...



The Challenge: Threats to the *passion*

**Maintaining vintage
Warbirds is:**

NO SMALL TASK

**Knowledgeable A&P
Technicians are becoming:**

FEWER AND FEWER



The Challenge: Lack of knowledgeable Techs

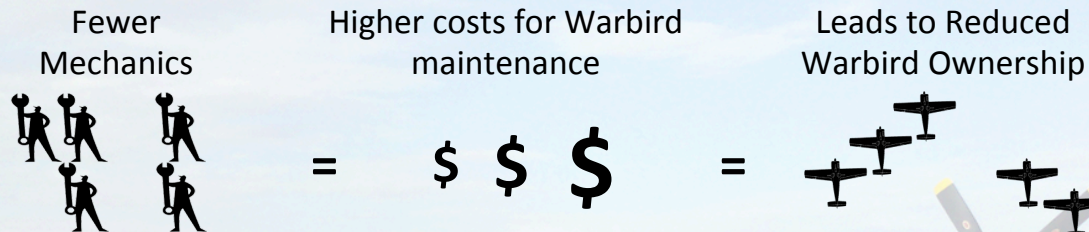
Chances are:

- You've known your mechanic for quite some time.
- Likely an older sort with volumes of experience
- His craft passed down to him from a veteran military mechanic.

But where is the next generation of Warbird technicians ?



The Challenge: It's a Vicious Cycle



The spiral continues



Leads to

Is this the future of our passion?

The Reality: We all have a vested interest

It's our responsibility to control the future of our *Passion*.

- **We can** help maintain a knowledgeable ground crew
- **We can** protect the investments and enjoyment in our hobby
- **We can** continue to provide a gateway for all aircraft and military history enthusiasts, young and old, to share and experience the ***Living History*** that we provide.



The Solution: And it includes all of us

Introducing:

NATA 2.0: *Recruiting the Next Generation of Warbird Mechanics*

With your help we can all be the catalyst for change through the support of educational scholarships for warbird mechanics.

Your contributions to our scholarship fund will help encourage our younger generation of aircraft mechanics to develop the skills necessary for maintaining our historic aircraft.

It's up to us to invest in our future.



Where We Stand: And Our Goal

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Our goal is to create a \$150K fund to support Warbird Maintenance Education.

Will we reach the mark?

We have little choice but to do so.

Without a mechanism in place to continue to drive new mechanics to our warbird community, we will ever more quickly see challenges in keeping our planes airworthy.



Invest Now: Or pay later

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Your **501(c)(3) investment contribution** will ensure the health and vitality of our favorite hobby for years to come.

Without it,

The growing demand for the limited number of warbird mechanics in the field will mean higher costs for even the most basic services.



Invest now in our Warbird Future!

For if not you, who?

Make out your tax deductible contribution to:
NATA A&P Scholarship



Here's How

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