

An Insider's View



This interior of EAA's North American B-25 Mitchell (N10V) in the EAA AirVenture Museum is rarely seen by visitors. Manufactured in 1943 as a B-25H-5, N10V was eventually converted to a B-25J-1. It is believed to have served with the U.S. Army Air Forces, and it may have flown in combat. Two upcoming EAA AirVenture Museum events are closely connected to this historic aircraft.

The first event is a speaking engagement on March 27, 2007, featuring Doolittle Raider Thomas C. Griffin. The World War II lieutenant was one of 80 men selected

by Lt. Col. James H. (Jimmy) Doolittle to take off in 16 B-25Bs from the USS Hornet aircraft carrier on April 18, 1942, to launch a surprise attack on Japan. The mission, which boosted American morale after Pearl Harbor, became famously known as the Doolittle Raid.

The second event is Open Cockpit Day on the weekend of April 14 and 15. Visitors can take an up-close view of the B-25 and other aircraft cockpits on display. More details about these two events and the B-25 are at www.AirVentureMuseum.org.

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