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1941 Ford Fire Truck to Arrive at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum

Pooler, Ga. – A 1941 Ford Fire Truck which used to serve at Hunter Army Airfield during World War II is coming to the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum. On **Friday, January 28, 2011 at 11 am** the Fire Truck will arrive at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum. The Fire Truck will be escorted by emergency vehicles from Fort Stewart and transported courtesy of A-1 Wrecker Service down interstate I-95 Friday morning. The Pooler Fire and Police department will escort the Fire Truck down Highway 80 to the Museum.

Thanks to the dedication and initiative of the U.S. Army this 1941 Fire Truck has undergone a complete restoration and looks as it would have during its time at Hunter Army Airfield during World War II. The Museum would specifically like to **thank Brigadier General Jeffrey Phillips** the Deputy Commanding General, **Colonel Kevin Milton** Fort Stewart's Installation Commander and their staff for making this event possible. As well as Mr. Buck Meeks the 3rd Infantry Division Museum Curator for being the primary supervisor and caretaker for this Fire Truck. **The community is invited to attend the arrival ceremony at 11 am in front of the Museum to thank General Phillips and his staff for their devotion to preserving our local history.**

The Eighth Air Force was founded January 28, 1942 in historic downtown Savannah. **This piece of local history will come to the Museum on the 69th anniversary of the Eighth Air Force.** Just as this fire truck served alongside B-17's at Hunter Army Airfield during World War II, it will be placed on display inside the Museum's Combat Gallery alongside the Museum's B-17, "The City of Savannah".

Activated in 1942, only days after the attack on Pearl Harbor, in Savannah, GA the Eighth Air Force was a critical strike element in World War II and remains an active force today. The Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum is one of the world's most powerful Museum experiences as it honors the Mighty Eighth's proud legacy by preserving the stories of courage, character and patriotism displayed by the men and women of the Eighth Air Force from World War II to present.

Just minutes from Historic Savannah the Museum is located at 175 Bourne Avenue in Pooler, right off of I-95 at Exit 102. The Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum is open daily from 9 AM until 5 PM except on New Year's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. For more information, please visit www.mightyeighth.org or call 912-748-8888.

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