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### **World War II Veteran to paint “City of Savannah” Nose Art on Museum’s B-17**

Pooler, Ga. – On **Wednesday, November 10, 2010, World War II Veteran, Skip Shelton, will be painting the nose art on the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum’s B-17, “City of Savannah”**. This is a historic milestone in the restoration of the Museum’s B-17 as she will begin to receive her combat profile. In addition to the B-17’s nose art, this week the aircraft will receive her stars and bars on the fuselage.

The 87-year-old veteran from Greenwood, South Carolina was a member of the 448<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group during World War II. Shelton’s artistic ability often kept him busy in addition to being a B-24 bomber pilot during the War. He would often be kept back from missions to paint nose art on the aircraft. After World War II he became a commercial artist at home in South Carolina.

Shelton will be painting the nose art on the Museum’s B-17 to duplicate the original B-17, “City of Savannah” which was the 5000<sup>th</sup> airplane to have been processed through Hunter Army Airfield during World War II. The “City of Savannah” is undergoing a complete restoration and is on display now in the Combat Gallery. **Come be a part of history in the making this Veterans Day!**

**This Veteran’s Day on Thursday, November 11, 2010**, come remember those who served our country at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum. All military veterans will be recognized and will receive a **special admission rate of \$5 to the Museum**. In recognition of Veteran’s Day, all veterans and active duty military personnel are invited to have **lunch at Miss Sophie’s at the Mighty Eighth for half price!** This is *Miss Sophie’s* humble tribute to all of the men and women who have fought and are still fighting to guarantee our freedom.

Activated in 1942 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 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](http://www.mightyeighth.org) or call 912-748-8888.

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