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**The Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum Offers Free Admission on
Smithsonian Magazine's 5th Annual Museum Day**

--Museum Day 2009 Poised to be Largest to Date--

Pooler, GA—On Saturday, September 26, 2009, The Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum will participate in the fifth annual Museum Day, presented by *Smithsonian* magazine. A celebration of culture, learning and the dissemination of knowledge, *Smithsonian's* Museum Day reflects the spirit of the magazine, and emulates the free-admission policy of the Smithsonian Institution's Washington, DC-based properties. Doors will be open free of charge to *Smithsonian* magazine readers and Smithsonian.com visitors at museums and cultural institutions nationwide.

Visit www.smithsonian.com/museumday to download your Museum Day Admission Card. Attendees must present the Museum Day Admission Card to gain free entry to participating institutions. Each card provides museum access for two people, and one admission card is permitted per household. Listings and links to participating museums' can also be found at www.smithsonian.com/museumday.

Last year, upwards of 200,000 people attended Museum Day, with all 50 states plus Puerto Rico represented by over 900 participating museums, including 84 Smithsonian affiliate museums. This year, the magazine expects to attract over 1,000 museums.

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 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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