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Eastern Carolina Aviation Heritage Foundation

JUNE 2026

2026 ECAHF Annual Gala

Gotta Keep 'Em Separated



Speaker: Judson Woodard
Air Traffic Controller

Friday, February 20, 2026



EASTERN CAROLINA AVIATION HERITAGE
FOUNDATION IS PLEASED TO PRESENT THE 2026

Aces Honor Roll

IN MEMORY

CAPT Michael J. Smith, (USN) Astronaut	Maj Fred Hollinger, MS ANG (Ret)
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All Fallen Aviators

IN HONOR

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	2027 17TH ANNUAL GALA	 FEBRUARY 19, 2027	
	MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP	 JUNE 15-18, 2026	
	11TH ANNUAL SUMMER ENGINEERING CAMP	 JULY 20-24, 2026	
	15TH ANNUAL FREE FAMILY FLY-IN STEM NIGHT	 AUGUST 14, 2026	
	FALL PARTNERS AND MEMBERS NIGHT	 OCTOBER 20, 2026	
	STEM GROUP TOURS AVAILABLE BY REQUEST	 AVAILABLE BY REQUEST	

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Spotlight an Exhibit



What is this? 🤔

If you've visited the Havelock Tourist & Event Center, you may have noticed this impressive piece of equipment on display and wondered what it is!

The Radar Package Dolly is a specialized support system used to transport and service radar equipment associated with military aircraft. The dolly is supporting the Phantom II F4-J/S AN/APG-59 (Pulse Doppler) Radar Set. This radar set was manufactured by Westinghouse Electric Corporation and incorporated in the Phantom II in October of 1966. It was a solid-state radar system with multi-mode pulse Doppler operation providing "look-down" capabilities for detection, tracking and destruction of low-flying targets. On the Phantom, it brought increased lethality to air operations.

Havelock's rich aviation history is deeply connected to nearby **Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point** where generations of Marines, civilian employees, and contractors have supported aircraft maintenance, testing, and innovation. This exhibit serves as a reminder of the advanced technology and skilled craftsmanship that have played a vital role in our community for decades. From the intricate wiring and components to the large radar dish assembly, every part tells a story of the people who worked behind the scenes to keep aircraft mission-ready.

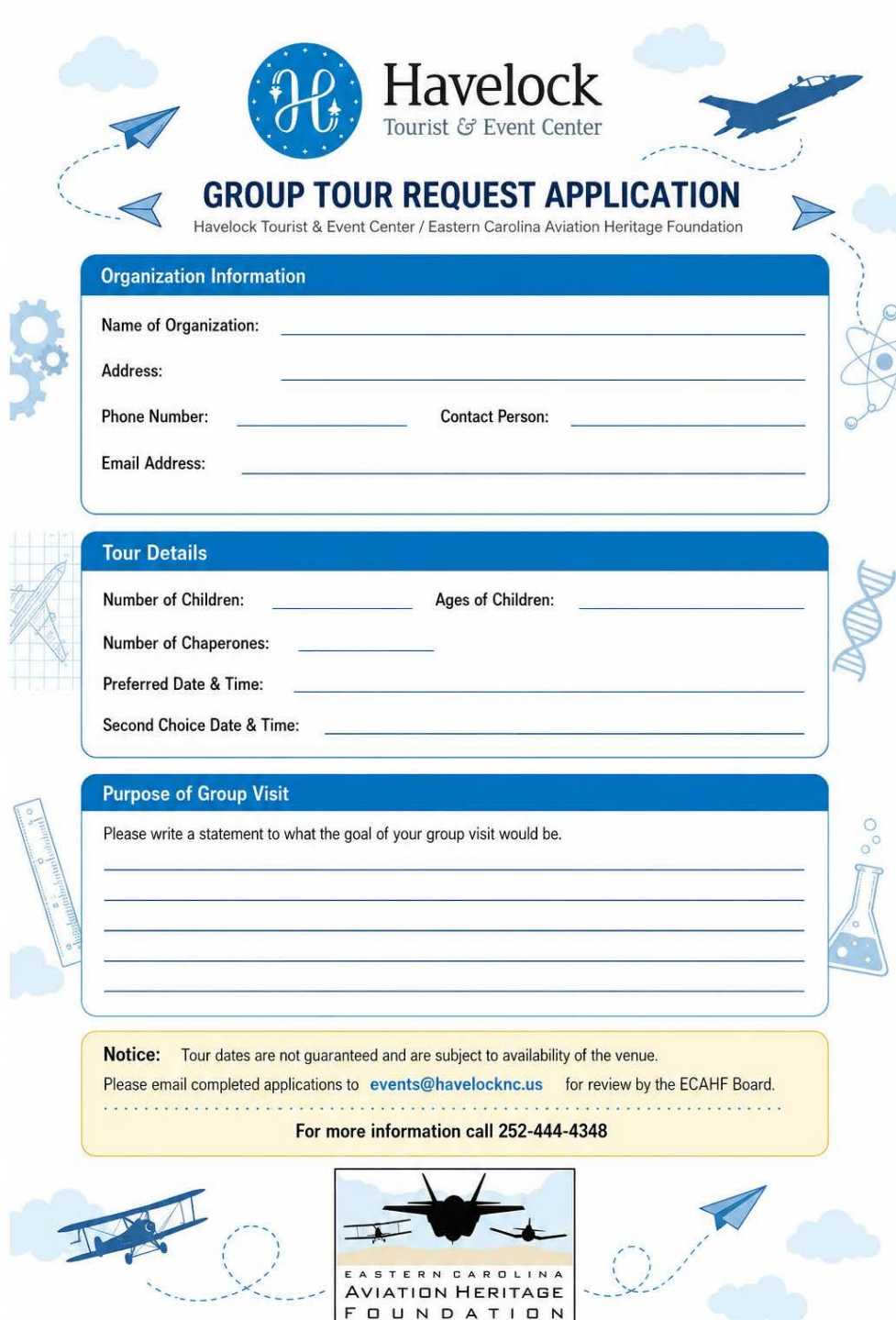
ECAHF


Mission Statement

The Eastern Carolina Aviation Heritage Foundation honors aviation history and inspires and cultivates the next generation of leaders in aerospace.

Vision

An aviation heritage center that educates, inspires, and connects the community through the preservation of history and interactive STEM programs.



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GROUP TOUR REQUEST APPLICATION

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Address: _____

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Tour Details

Number of Children: _____ Ages of Children: _____

Number of Chaperones: _____

Preferred Date & Time: _____

Second Choice Date & Time: _____


Purpose of Group Visit

Please write a statement to what the goal of your group visit would be.

Notice: Tour dates are not guaranteed and are subject to availability of the venue.
Please email completed applications to events@havelocknc.us for review by the ECAHF Board.

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For more information call 252-444-4348



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Please Join ECAHF Each Year

ECAHF needs your support to share the story of the advancement of military aircraft and those who have made it possible in eastern North Carolina. Your membership helps to provide resources to encourage students to acquire science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) skills through interactive exhibits and programs.

Together, by joining forces as members of ECAHF, we will help honor Marines' vital mission in advancing military aviation, a mission they have accomplished since 1942 when MCAS Cherry Point was commissioned as a USMC airfield. In addition, your membership will help influence a new generation of aviation enthusiasts and skilled workers for the future. Be a part of this challenging and exciting mission.

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