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Sally B

Fortress G-BEDF, B-17G was built at the Lockheed-Vega production line at Burbank, California in the spring of 1945. *Sally B* is now the last remaining airworthy B-17 in the UK. The aircraft is permanently based at the Imperial War Museum Duxford, from where she flies as a memorial to the 79,000 Allied airmen who lost their lives in Europe during the Second World War. Maintained and flown by a dedicated team led by Elly Sallingboe of B-17 Preservation, and backed by one of the largest supporters clubs of its kind in the world, *Sally B* carries the markings of the Memphis Belle from her leading role in David Puttnam's 1989 film. The aircraft has been active on the UK and European air show circuit for 33 years, and reached her Silver Jubilee in March 2000.



The B-17 Flying Fortress

The B-17 was critical to the USAAF daylight precision bombing campaign and was armed with 13 machine guns, hence the name "Flying Fortress".

Flying in formation, the Fortresses battled through German defences in daylight raids, suffering heavy casualties until the addition of long-range escort fighters, the P-47 Thunderbolt and P-51 Mustang, and the introduction of the 25-mission limit.

Despite the high casualty rate, B-17s became famous for returning home with terrible battle damage and were fondly regarded by their crews for this quality.

The aircraft was then and remains today the strongest symbol of the USAAF Eighth Air Force "The Mighty Eighth".



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Sixty years since her first flight the indomitable *Sally B*, the only B-17 Flying Fortress in the UK, still remains an unforgettable sight for visitors to UK Air Shows.

Her presence at such events is due entirely to the unstinting efforts of the B-17 Preservation Team led by *Sally B* herself, Elly Sallingboe. The aircraft was so named by Ted White when he brought the aircraft to the UK in 1975. Following his death in 1982 love, dedication and commitment made it possible for *Sally B* to continue to take to the skies to pay tribute to 79,000 men of the USAAF Eighth Air Force "The Mighty Eighth" – all of whom gave their lives to ensure victory in Europe during World War II.

Sally B is permanently based at the Imperial War Museum Duxford, where she is on static display throughout the year and from where she flies. However, the aircraft is not part of the Museum's own collection and relies solely on charitable donations, sponsorship, sales of souvenirs, and the loyal support of her working team of volunteers and 6,500 *Sally B* Supporters Club Members. Bearing this in mind, it is incredible to think that this aircraft has been flying in the UK for over 30 years.

Whether as an icon to times past or a flying part of historical education, *Sally B* delights her audience with every flight.

30 YEARS OF PASSION

Brought to the UK by Ted White in 1975, *Sally B* became the official USAAF WWII Memorial Flight. In 1980 the *Sally B* Supporters Club was founded and has been the lifeblood of the operation ever since.

In 1982 Ted White was killed in a flying accident in Malta. Despite this devastating blow, Elly Sallingboe and her team resolved to keep the aircraft flying to honour airmen of all nations and in Ted's memory. To raise the funds needed for this, the Great Warbirds Air display was created at West Malling in Kent with *Sally B* as its star.

The Great Warbirds became the major vintage air display in Europe, but eventually, after thirteen years, the escalating costs proved too much and in 1994 the magic sadly came to an end. By now though, *Sally B* was one of the major attractions at air shows all over the UK and Europe, so the team concentrated on the formidable task of keeping *Sally B* airworthy.

Over the years this was achieved and *Sally B*'s significance as a historic national treasure is unprecedented and has been recognised throughout, highlighted by the participation in the official 1994 D-Day and 1995 and 2005 VE Day commemorations and, most poignantly, by the 2006 visit to Poland to commemorate the 1944 Warsaw Uprising.

Sally B's Silver Jubilee in March 2000 marked 25 amazing years of bringing a real, flying, B-17 Flying Fortress to millions of people.

Operating this large, four engined aircraft costs more than £400,000 per year and these costs must be met if *Sally B* is to continue her mission. It would be a huge loss to our country if this unique, tangible piece of history could not continue because of lack of funding. Therefore in 2000, **The B-17 Charitable Trust (Registered Charity No. 1079007)** was established to help raise the funds to preserve the aircraft and ensure its future for the education and enjoyment of today and future generations.

Sally B needs your help to achieve this!



HOW YOU CAN HELP

This is your chance to play a real part in keeping *Sally B* in the air and securing her future in the UK. **Please support this aircraft by making a donation.** Your contribution counts.

- Contributors of £25 or more automatically become members of the *Sally B* Supporters Club for a year.
- Those contributing £250 or more will be entitled to **life membership**.
- Those contributing £400 or more (members £360) will be eligible to have their name on the Roll of Honour.
- Benefits of the *Sally B* Supporters Club include: Exclusive access to *Sally B* at air shows; reduced rate entry to Duxford on non airshow dates, and the right to attend our annual members' party at Duxford's main air show in September.
- Roll of Honour benefit: A name of your choice will be added to the coveted Roll of Honour on *Sally B* for two whole years. You will also be invited as our VIP guest for a unique day at Duxford in September when the Roll of Honour is unveiled.

Your help is very important, and you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you have truly helped preserve this uniquely important aircraft.

So please, support us today. Every donation received goes direct to Sally B.