



“WW2 Wings across the Atlantic”

2nd-4th October 2026, Novotel Edinburgh Park



A Vultee BT-13 Valiant Basic Trainer, at No.2 British Flying Training School, Lancaster CA, USA in 1942

A unique opportunity to join us for a very special event. 2026 is 85 years since the first British RAF cadets were sent across the Atlantic to train as pilots and earn their ‘Wings’ before returning to Britain to play their part in the Allied War effort. Over 10,000 RAF pilots were trained in this way during 1941-45. Very few of those who were alive at that time are still around to remember these days. However we are now inviting all family, descendants and friends of those pilots who trained in the USA at any of the seven British Flying Training Schools (BFTS) or the Arnold Scheme to join us to share our memories of these brave young men. A rare opportunity to meet with others like you who wish to honour their memory.

Outline Programme (full details will be available when finalised)

Friday 2nd October: Arrival in Edinburgh. Optional dinner at hotel at your own expense.

Saturday 3rd October: After breakfast at the hotel, at **10.00am** you will be taken on a trip by coach to the **Scottish National Museum of Flight**, East Fortune Airfield, East Lothian. The visit includes:

- A visit to the ‘Concorde’ Hangar which starts with a group photo to be taken on the Concorde steps.
- Lunch at the Aviator Café (soup, sandwiches, traybakes and tea/coffee included).
- After lunch a talk by an aircraft conservator in the Conservation Hangar.
- Time at leisure to explore the rest of the airfield and its other Hangars.

These include many historic military and civilian aircraft, indoor and outdoor displays and a gift shop.

- After that we will board the coach around **3.00pm** for the trip back to the hotel.

All museum entry fees, coach travel and lunches are included in the price for the event.

Saturday 3rd October 6-8pm: Join us for **Dinner** in the **Hermiston Suite** at the Novotel. The cost of the meal is included in the event price but drinks are extra (there will be a private bar in the suite foyer).

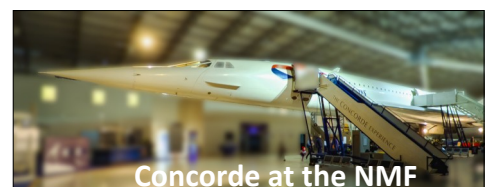
Sunday 4th October Morning: After breakfast at the hotel, join us again

in the Hermiston Suite from **9.00am** for our final group session. This will include:

- **9.00 a.m.** a chance to meet and chat with other attendees and see the displays.
- **9.45 a.m.** - address by Air Cdre. Mark Northover - (RAF Air Officer Scotland) and other speakers
- **10.30 a.m.** Mid-morning coffee, tea and biscuits will be served in the foyer
- **10.45 a.m.** ‘Show and Tell’ - a chance for delegates to show off mementoes and tell their stories.
- **12.30 p.m.** A finger buffet Lunch will be served in the Hermiston Suite
- Also there will be many interesting displays, books, exhibits and possibly slideshows for all to see.
- **1.00 pm** Finish - until next time

(those who so wish can continue in the main hotel bar)

Hosted by: Falcon Field Association—the Next Generation



Concorde at the NMF

“WW2 Wings across the Atlantic” - Venue and Booking Details

Venue details - Novotel Hotel, Edinburgh Park

The **Novotel Edinburgh Park** is a modern, stylish hotel with well equipped rooms and many facilities including a restaurant, bar, gymnasium, swimming pool, spa facilities and conference suite. It has on-site parking and it is also served by good transport links by road, rail and the Edinburgh Tram system.



Transport to/from the hotel:

By Road: 1 minute from the A720 Edinburgh City Bypass via the Hermiston Gait turnoff.

By Tram: close to the **Edinburgh Park Tram stop**. Frequent trams run to/from Edinburgh Airport and Edinburgh City Centre (all stops).

By Rail: close to the **Edinburgh Park Rail Station**. Frequent trains to/from Edinburgh Waverley and Haymarket Stations. Also trains to various other destinations including Glasgow, Stirling and Dunblane.

Booking Details

Hotel Bookings:

We have negotiated a special rate for those wishing to attend our event for all or some of the weekend, or for a longer stay. You can book bed and breakfast at a discounted rate of £120 per night for a single room or £140 per night for a double room. All bookings should be made directly with the hotel.

To book a room, email or call Sharon Corrigan, their sales manager:

Email: **Sharon.CORRIGAN@accor.com** Telephone: **+44 (0) 131 446 5600**.

To get the special rate, quote 'Falcon Field Group'.

Event Bookings:

The cost of the event will be £90 per person. This includes the cost of:

- Welcome Pack for all delegates to include tourist information and other souvenirs
- Luxury Coach hire from the Novotel to and from the Museum of Flight
- Entry to the Museum of Flight and lunch in the Aviator Café at the museum
- Dinner at the Hermiston Suite on Saturday Evening
- Hire of the Hermiston Suite for Sunday Morning event and Finger Buffet Lunch.

(We believe this provides good value for money and is already heavily subsidised by private donations).

*If you intend to come, please **R.S.V.P.** a.s.a.p. so that we can estimate the numbers attending to:*

Kathryn Masters, Wyngrove, Vicarage Road, Wrawby, DN20 8RR
email: **kathrynmasters20@gmail.com** Telephone: **+44 (0) 7885 378 090**

Payment of the event fee of **£90** will be required by **30th August 2026** to:

Falcon Field Association: The Next Generation Sort Code: 80-22- 60 Account No. 22805468
(Please put **WATA26** followed by your surname as the payment reference)

(Donations to funds always very welcome)

Visiting Edinburgh

Scotland's capital **Edinburgh** is a favourite destination for many visitors from home and abroad, with its iconic Castle and a multiplicity of historic, cultural and other attractions. We realise that many of you will want to arrange a longer stay, either at the Novotel with its transport links, or at one of the many other hotels in or around the city of Edinburgh. We will undertake to provide information on some favourite places to visit for those who sign up for our event. Or you can get further information at:



www.visitscotland.com and/or edinburgh.org

