

The B-29 Museum, and B-29 All Veterans Memorial located at the former WW II Pratt Army Air Field with tax identification number 48-0805394 would appreciate your support with a donation for a membership in our Non-Profit 501 C3. We are committed to preservation of the Pratt Army Air Field. Our goal is to make the site a 20th Air Force WW II B-29 Memorial and a major national tourist site. Our two hundred fifty plus Pratt members are all volunteers with no paid staff. We conduct annual community Memorial and Veterans Day activities at the Memorial and keep busy with fly-ins and other community activities to finance our projects. Pratt, Kansas, and the Nation need our support to preserve this important history.

Preceding Pearl Harbor Japanese genocide was rampant throughout Asia. Ten million civilians died during the Japanese occupation of China alone. Following the invasion of Pearl Harbor, Japan declared war on the US and had submarines threatening our California shores. America's answer was the B-29 Program. In what we consider the world's most important military program, the B-29 force defeated Japan in three years nine months. They stopped some of the world's most hideous aggression; forever shutting down the Japanese submarines on our shores, while saving an estimated seven million lives by forcing Japan to surrender without an invasion.

Most of the B-29's were built at Boeing Wichita, and most crews responsible were trained on Kansas Airfields. Our non-profit B-29 Museum is preserving this important Kansas and National history and need your help and support. We have the Parachute Building at Pratt Army Air Field designated as a National Historical Site and have restored the building for our museum. Six B-29 Bomb Groups have donated the memorabilia from over 12,000 of their members for our preservation and safe keeping. This memorabilia is considered National Treasure and we have America's largest collection. We have an All Veterans Memorial and working to designate and preserve other National Historical Sites at Pratt Army Air Field.

The Kansas Historical Society provided us a \$52,800 grant to restore the Parachute Building. Kansas Wildlife and Parks recently granted us a \$31,000 grant to start a one mile historical walk from our B-29 All Veterans Memorial to our Parachute Building museum along with a \$5000 grant for historical Pratt Army Air Field signs. We have submitted a current year grant update to Wildlife and Parks to complete this project. Southwest Kansas Community Foundation recently granted us a \$500 grant for historical signs for a drive through tour to supplement our historical walk. Walmart gave us this year's \$1000 local giving program grant for museum exhibit projects. Home Depot gave us a \$3000 grant for construction and exhibit projects. The Walmart and Home Depot funds provided the B-29 program exhibits you see in our museum now. Skaggs Ace Hardware, Pratt Well Service and Stanion Electric have all donated the material for the historical sign frames we are building.

We depend on membership funds for museum and memorial maintenance and funds for museum exhibits and preservation and display of B-29 program history. Our membership reflects community involvement which we drastically need to support huge grant requests for pending projects for our Rosie the Riveter Home Front, WASP and 20th Air Force WW II B-29 Memorials. We have the national military history to make Pratt Army Air Field a major national tourist attraction and need community support to make this happen. Annual membership is provided for those who make a tax deductible \$20.00 museum donation. Lifetime membership for a \$200.00 museum donation. We need, and would sincerely appreciate your support.

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