

The Aviation Speaker Series at ASU's Polytechnic campus presents

A Passion for Flight

Flying, Racing, Aerobatics and the Pursuit to Pilot the Most Iconic Fighters of the WWII and Korean War Eras



featuring Mike Pflieger

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ASU's Polytechnic campus

Peralta Hall, Room 301 asu.edu/map

The fall 2017 **Aviation Speaker Series** events are organized by ASU's College of Integrative Sciences and Arts, Faculty of Interdisciplinary Humanities and Communication.

Mike Pflieger will discuss the thrills of flying some of the USA's most iconic military aircraft: the **P-51 Mustang**, **F4U Corsair**, **FM-2 Wildcat**, **F-86 Sabre**, **MiG-15** and the **T-33**. Pflieger has also accumulated more than 1,000 hours flying the North American T-6, doing formation flying, aerobatics and air racing.

Pflieger's love of flying began when his father, a former pilot, took him as a kid to watch planes at the airport and taught him to draw them and build plastic and balsa wood models. As he got older, Mike biked to local airports in Tulsa, Okla., to hang around restoration shops where WWII planes and early jets were being reborn. He learned all he could about flying and obtained his private pilot license in gliders at age 16.

FAA vision requirements at the time didn't allow him to pursue a military or airline pilot career, so after high school Pflieger earned a bachelor's in mechanical and aerospace engineering at Oklahoma State University before working as a performance/flight test engineer at GE Aircraft Engines, in Cincinnati. He continued flying, racing and towing gliders and enjoying tailwheel classics like the J-3 cub, Cessna L-19 and Piper Pawnee. Pflieger also learned basic aerobatics in planes like the Bellanca Citabria and Decathlon.

It was a flying club member who was an ER physician who interested him in a career in medicine. Pflieger attended the University of Cincinnati Medical School, and his residency in emergency medicine brought him to Phoenix, where he has put down roots.

Mike Pflieger knows the thrills of flying some of the USA's most iconic military aircraft. **Join us** as he discusses the flight characteristics of those aircraft and shares his passion for and insights about flight.

Questions?

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