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The Aerospace Museum of California Jump Starts 2012 with New Development Director

The Museum welcomes Karen Jones to the Executive Team

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – (January 10, 2012) – The Aerospace Museum of California (AMC) (www.aerospaceca.org) today announced the recent addition of Karen Jones to the executive team; she joins the non-profit organization as the Development Director. Jones brings more than 15 years of not-for-profit and corporate management experience to the Museum team and has managed over 500 volunteers and operational budgets in excess of \$1.2 Million. Within her role, Jones will strategize new ways to develop, enhance, and expand the resource development base and assets of the Museum to the community.

“I chose the Museum because of the exceptional staff and volunteer base as well as my desire to work with an organization that has such an amazing community asset. It’s a bonus to work with such an organization as I am personally tied to aviation and aerospace and feel strongly about the benefits of science, technology, engineering and math, all of which the Museum provides to the youth of our region,” said Jones.

As the development director, Jones will be managing the expansion of many of the Museum’s continuing education and outreach programs. This involves evaluating how the programs are currently running and making any necessary improvements along with developing new initiatives and resource offerings.

Prior to working for the Museum, Jones served as vice president of resource development for America’s Promise – The Alliance for Youth, a national non-profit founded by General Colin L. Powell and five living U.S. presidents. Within this role, Jones directed all resource development activities as part of the *5 Million Dollar Promise of America* campaign.

Jones also brings a diverse array of experience to the Museum, as her background includes employers in both the corporate and non-profit sectors. With over 15 years of management experience, Jones has proven skills in problem solving, analysis, revenue generation, marketing, and execution of all resource development activities, and execution of business and financial planning. In 2003, she earned her Masters of Business Administration in Strategic Planning from the University of Phoenix and holds a Bachelor of Public Relations from Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

“We are pleased to have such an accomplished director as part of our team,” said James W. Hopp, Major General, USAF (ret) and president of the Aerospace Museum of California. “Karen

brings a wealth of experience, knowledge and enthusiasm to the Museum and the community-at-large. She's a true professional and the region will enjoy getting to know her as we have."

As part of the Museum's launch into 2012, the AMC will host the upcoming FAA safety seminar entitled, "From B-17's to Lear Jets: 70 Years of Flying Safely" on Sunday, January 29, at 1:00 p.m. Though best known as a mega-auto dealer, Cal Worthington will share his 70 plus years of experiences of flying safely. The cost of the seminar is \$20 and includes admission to the Museum all day. All proceeds help support the Museum's outreach and educational programs.

Parking for the event is free and transportation from the FBO will be arranged. For FBO questions, please contact [McClellan Jet Services](#) (attendees will need to park at the FBO and not on MAT U). To assure seat availability and Wings credit please register online at faasafety.gov. The Museum is located at 3200 Freedom Park Drive, McClellan, CA 95652.

About AMC:

The AMC is a non-profit foundation dedicated to inspirational and educational programs, honoring the rich military and aviation history of the greater Sacramento region, and highlighting the impact and innovation of the Museum's many community partners. For more information visit www.aerospaceca.org or join us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/AerospaceMuseumCA>.

**Photo of Karen Jones available upon request.*

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