

# Blue Angels Fighter Pilot to Speak at 2018 Aviation Gala

*Aviation Explorer Squadron 8 Hosts Fundraiser Gala for Student Airplane*

TOPEKA, KANSAS, UNITED STATES, August 29, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Ticket sales for the 2018 Gala supporting Aviation Explorer Squadron 8 are officially available to the public. The local aviation group announced today that they hope to raise \$30,000 during the fundraiser to purchase a new plane for the 65 year old organization as they have been using the same CESSNA 150, and Cherokee 180 airplanes for over 40 years.

The Aviation Explorer Squadron was originally founded to help students achieve their pilots license for a very minimal cost to them.



Aviation Explorer's Washing the Squadron Plane

Board of Directors Stephen Osborne states: "I was fortunate to have been a member when I was in high school, and attribute my success as a pilot to what I learned in the program. This organization really gave me a lot of leadership experience that I would not have had without it."

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Andrew Talbott, a strike fighter pilot for the United States Navy and former member of the Blue Angels, will be the featured speaker at the 2018 Gala & Fundraiser. Talbott, of Hanford, California, has accumulated more than 3600 flight hours and has 335 Carrier arrested landings. His decorations include a Meritorious Service Medal, a Strike Flight Air Medal, four Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and various personal and unit awards. He currently holds the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

The 2018 Aviation Gala will be held on September 8th from 5pm-9pm, and hosted by Vaerus Aviation at Forbes Field. For tickets or more information, visit [here](#).

About Your Company: Aviation Explorer Squadron Post 8 was founded in 1953 as a 501c3 non-profit and strives to provide young adults an experience and exposure to career opportunities in the field of aviation. Their goal is to enable these young adults to become responsible individuals by teaching positive character traits, leadership, and life skills. As members of Post 8, teens get opportunities to:

- Earn an FAA Private Pilot License
- Help maintain and repair aircraft

- Meet professionals from all facets of the aviation industry
- Go on field trips and participate in hands-on learning activities

The organization encourages visitors to come to their hangar any Saturday morning during the school year to sit in on ground school, take a tour of our hangar, and learn more about aviation.

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Aviation Explorer Squadron 8 at Billard Airport in Topeka

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