

## NATA 2.0: RECRUITING THE NEXT GENERATION OF Warbird MECHANICS



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Earlier this year we announced NATA's Warbird A&P Scholarship program, to help recruit the next generation of warbird mechanics. We are pleased to announce the next phase of the program: *A&P Boot Camp*.

This will be an intensive, one-week course following a set curriculum covering warbird airframes and components, radial engines, required maintenance and inspections, required tools, component vendors, and a variety of topics related to the *care and feeding* of our aircraft. It will be taught by well-known warbird A&Ps, initially featuring the T-6/SNJ/Havard, T-28, and Navion. Our objective by the end of the week is for students to have excellent foundations on which to build their warbird A&P careers!

The course will be conducted annually, and the 2018 date (later this summer) will be announced soon. The first course will be taught in Culpeper, VA by NATA member Tom Hazel, a warbird A&P / IA who has a successful track record of mentoring A&P candidates and future pilots.

We have kept the program costs low—the awards only cover transportation, lodging, meals, and supplies to support the training. But we need your support to be able to share this warbird maintenance training with more A&P mechanics. The more we can raise through donations, the more students who will benefit from this excellent program!

Now for the fun part... If you have a nominee for our Inaugural Class, please send a short email to the address below, and include the nominee's name, current employment, brief description of his or her maintenance experience, and why you think that person would be a good candidate for this valuable scholarship. Nominations will be accepted until July 15th, and the Scholarship Committee will announce the winners at our Annual Membership Meeting in Oshkosh on Thursday, July 26. Get your nominations in now—we will only be selecting two scholarship recipients for this first class!

Please consider making a donation to support this important program. Help us recruit the next generation of warbird mechanics. And let us know right away if you have any nominees for the inaugural class!

For more information, please visit our website at [flynata.org](http://flynata.org) or write to me at the address below.

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