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The National Warplane Museum announced today that it has kicked off its first ever crowd funding project. While many are aware of crowdfunding and how it works, it takes some research and planning to pull off a successful campaign.

“We looked at several of the crowdfunding platforms, such as GoFundMe and KickStarter. Naturally there is going to be a cost involved to use these platforms, but these costs due vary depending on the size and scope of the project. We found that Indiegogo met our needs the best due to the fact that unlike other platforms, our organization would still receive donations, even if we are short on our goal.” – Craig Wadsworth, Director of Aircraft Maintenance

The National Warplane Museum’s campaign, “Let’s Do a Little More for Les”, is geared towards restoring the interior of their C47, “Whiskey 7”, back to its original D-Day configuration. This would include the installation of the original “pan-style” aluminum seats, used when transporting paratroopers to the drop zones in Europe on D-Day. Other projects include restoring the radio room, navigator station on the aircraft and other furnishings. The Museum hopes to raise the \$35,000 needed to begin these projects.

The campaign title is a salute to WWII Veteran, Leslie Palmer Cruise, Jr., who is believed to be the last surviving paratrooper that jumped from Whiskey 7 on D-Day. Cruise joined Whiskey 7 and her crew while in Normandy in 2014, to commemorate the 70th anniversary of D-Day.

“It is our hope to be able to secure the funding for these projects so when Les visits the National Warplane Museum Airshow in July, we can update him with the latest plans and projects” - Dawn Schaible, Director of Planning

“Let’s Do a Little More for Les” can be found on Indiegogo at the following link:

<https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/let-s-do-a-little-more-for-les--5/x/13278854#/>

The campaign will launch on Tuesday May 24 and is expected to last for 30 days.

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