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U.S. Marine Corps Colonel (Ret.) Christopher Mullin named Willow Run Airport Director

DETROIT (April 11, 2014) Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA) CEO Thomas Naughton has appointed Christopher J. Mullin USMC Colonel (Ret.) to the position of Director, Willow Run Airport (YIP). Colonel Mullin has an extensive association with aviation in numerous assignments with the United States Marine Corps.

“Colonel Mullin has wide-ranging experience in strategic planning and an impressive background in aviation,” said Naughton. “We are very pleased to have him on board.”

Serving as a reliever airport for Detroit Metropolitan, Willow Run Airport handled nearly 80,000 aircraft landings and takeoffs and more than 83,000 tons of cargo last year.

For a photo and highlights of Col. Mullin’s 29-year Marine Corps career, please see the [attached biography](#).

***Willow Run Airport (YIP)** is an important corporate, cargo and general aviation airport located in Ypsilanti Township. Occupying 2,600 acres, the airport has excellent services and infrastructure for airports in its class: Four runways, including an all-weather instrument landing system (ILS) runway and crosswind runways; 24-hour aircraft rescue fire fighting facilities; on-site weather bureau station; 24-hour FAA control tower and US Customs service; newly upgraded runways and taxiways; snow removal; flight instruction, cargo and hangar facilities. Willow Run is also home to the FAA’s Flight Standards District Office, an important resource for pilots/flight crews, and the Yankee Air Museum which hosts the annual **Thunder Over Michigan Air Show** and retells YIP’s storied history, from its origins as one of Henry Ford’s assembly lines, which produced 8,685 B-24 Liberator Bombers during WWII. Managed by Wayne County Airport Authority, Willow Run Airport is a designated reliever airport for nearby **Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW)**. The Airport Authority is entirely self-sustaining and does not receive tax dollars to support airport operations. Visit www.willowrunairport.com for more information.*

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