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**JOIN AUTHORS DEBORAH J. LARSEN AND LT. COL. LOUIS J. NIGRO FOR A
DISCUSSION OF “SELFRIDGE FIELD” WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14 AT THE DETROIT
HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

DETROIT - The Detroit Historical Society continues its popular Author Series with **Deborah J. Larsen and Lt. Col. Louis J. Nigro**, authors of “**Selfridge Field**,” published by **Arcadia Publishing**, on **Wednesday, April 14** from **6 – 8 p.m.** at the **Detroit Historical Museum**.

Selfridge Field, founded in 1917, was named in honor of Lt. Thomas E. Selfridge, the first person to die in a modern airplane crash. As the home of the First Pursuit Group, the base saw the many feats of young pilots like Charles Lindbergh, Jimmy Doolittle and Curtis LeMay. Because so many of the young aviators who passed through its gates achieved the rank of general officer, the base was nicknamed “Home of the Generals.” Larsen and Nigro will discuss the history of this historic military airfield and its role in the development of American airpower, from crude biplanes to the supersonic F-16 fighter.

The cost of the event is free for Detroit Historical Society members and \$10 for the public. For more information or to register for the event, please call **(313) 833-1801** or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

Larsen is the assistant director and local history librarian of the Mount Clemens Public Library. Nigro is the executive director of the Selfridge Military Air Museum. Before retiring from the Michigan Air National Guard, he served as an Operations Group and C-130 mission commander at Selfridge.

Arcadia Publishing is the leading publisher of local and regional history in the United States. Their mission is to make history accessible and meaningful through the publication of books on the heritage of America’s people and places.

The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (NW corner of Kirby) in Detroit’s Cultural Center area, is open to the public Wednesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from Noon to 5 p.m. On Mondays and Tuesdays, the Museum is not open to the public but available for group tours by calling **(313)**

833-7979. Adult admission is \$6. Seniors (60+), college students with valid college ID, and youth ages 5-18 pay \$4. Admission for children ages four and under is free. Parking in the Museum's lot is \$4 at all times. Permanent exhibits include the famous *Streets of Old Detroit*; *Frontiers to Factories*; *The Motor City*; and *The Glancy Trains*.

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