

# *Douglas SBD-5 "Dauntless"*

## *Star of the Battle of Midway*



### **Facts & Figures:**

- The SBD was developed before World War II by Northrop Corporation
- On that day of infamy in the skies over Pearl Harbor, an SBD was the first American combat aircraft to shoot down a Japanese Zero fighter
- It was instrumental in turning the tide of war at the Battle of Midway on June 4, 1942, by sinking or crippling four Japanese aircraft carriers
- The only U.S. combat aircraft to fight from the beginning to end of war
- Considered the most destructive air weapon of the Navy, the SBD sank over 300,000 tons of enemy ships

### **This SBD-5**

- Only 3 flying today, comes complete with all original armament, bombs, equipment, rear gunner's turret, radio set
- Underwent complete restoration to flying status in 1999
- SBD-5 configuration and color scheme is that used at the time of the Battle of the Marianas, or "The Marianas Turkey Shoot."
- Available for airshows throughout the Southeast and Midwest
- **Rides available!**

