

# Orange County Airport



The Costa Mesa Historical Society is pleased to announce that **Jeff Rountree, Manager of Airside Operations**, will be our speaker on **Sunday June 24, 2018** . as he presents a history of, **Orange County Airport, AKA John Wayne Airport!**

Jeff Rountree is the Manager of Airside Operations at John Wayne Airport. For the past 22 years he has been responsible for ensuring the safety of day to day airfield and terminal operations at Orange County's sole air carrier airport which serves approximately 10.4 million passengers annually. Mr. Rountree is responsible for ensuring the airfield is operated in compliance with federal regulations that govern airports serving commercial air carriers. He previously worked at **Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority, Oxnard and Camarillo airports** and served at a police officer. Jeff earned a pilot's license in 1984.

Beginning with Eddie Martin's Airport in 1923, there have been several distinct airfield configurations that have made up the "Orange County Airport" as it was known from 1941 until the addition of John Wayne's name in 1979. During that time, the Airport was transformed into an army airfield providing coastal air defense and military access to the Santa Ana Army Air Base during WWII to becoming an airline "stop" in the 1950s and 1960s to becoming a thriving General Aviation airport - the nation's third busiest airport operationally in the early 1970s. It has grown into current role as a medium-hub commercial service airport serving some 10.4 million passengers while still accommodating all types of General Aviation activities.



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**So bring a friend and trip down memory lane as we discover what role SNA has played and what made it special!**



**Seating is limited, for RESERVATIONS call (949) 631-5918.** Doors open at 2:00, program at 2:30. Free admission and refreshments. We are located at **1870 Anaheim Ave.** northwest corner of the Lions Park complex. Visit **[www.costamesahistory.org](http://www.costamesahistory.org)** or go to **facebook/costa mesa historical society** for more information.

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