# Air Force awards contract for NGAD platform: The F-47

### **Secretary of the Air Force**

Public Affairs

On March 21, 2025, the Department of the Air Force announced the contract award for the Engineering and Manufacturing Development of the Next Generation Air Dominance Platform, marking a major milestone in the advancement of air superiority.

The contract, awarded to Boeing, will lead to the development of the F-47, the world's first sixth-generation fighter aircraft.

"I'm thrilled to announce that, at my direction, the United States Air Force is moving forward with the world's first sixth-generation fighter jet," said President Donald J. Trump during a press briefing at the White House. "Nothing in the world comes even close to it, and it'll be known as the F-47."

This decision follows a fair and thorough source selection process conducted by the Air Force, reaffirming the NGAD Platform as the most capable and cost-effective solution to maintain air superiority in an increasingly complex and contested global threat environment. The decision reflects the Air Force's commitment to delivering cutting-edge technology to the warfighter while optimizing taxpayer investment.

"In terms of all of the attributes of a fighter jet, there's never been anything even close to it, from speed to maneuverability, to what it can have, to payload. And this has been in the works for a long period of time," Trump added. "America's enemies will never see it coming."

In May 2024, the Air Force conducted a strategic pause in the program to ensure it was making the right decision for its warfighters and for the security of the nation. During this time, the Air Force continued collaborating with industry to aggressively mature critical technologies and accelerate innovation.

"Now we have the F-47, which sends a very direct, clear message to our allies that we're not going anywhere ... and to our enemies that we can, and we will be able to project power around the globe, unimpeded, for generations to come," said Secretary of Defense, the Honorable Pete Hegseth.

Hegseth stated the F-47 represents a significant advancement over the F-22, which is currently the U.S. Air Force's primary air superiority fighter.

"This is an historic investment in the



Air Force graphic

Shown is a graphic artist rendering of the Next Generation Air Dominance Platform. The rendering highlights the Air Force's sixth generation fighter, the F-47. The NGAD Platform will bring lethal, next-generation technologies to ensure air superiority for the Joint Force in any conflict.

American military, in the American Industrial Base, that will help revive the warrior ethos inside our military, which we're doing — rebuilding our military," Hegseth added. "We know this is cheaper, longer range and more stealthy."

As the cornerstone of the NGAD Family of Systems, the F-47 is designed to integrate next-generation stealth, sensor fusion, and long-range strike capabilities to counter the most sophisticated adversaries in contested environments. Its adaptability and modular design ensure seamless integration with emerging technologies, positioning it as a dominant platform for decades to come.

"With this F-47 as the crown jewel in the Next Generation Air Dominance Family of Systems, we believe that this provides more lethality," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David Allvin. "It provides more capability, more modernized capability, in a way that is built to adapt, along with our Collaborative Combat Aircraft."

Over the past five years, in strong partnership between the Air Force and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, X-planes have been laying the foundation

for the F-47. These experimental aircraft have flown hundreds of hours, advancing stealth, range, and autonomous systems while refining operational concepts.

"Hopefully, these magnificent planes will be built and in the air during my administration. It's ready to go. They've already built much of what has to be built in terms of production, including the sheds." Trump added. "We will ensure that the USA continues to dominate the skies."

By leveraging cutting-edge digital engineering techniques and government-owned architecture, the F-47 benefits from a streamlined and accelerated development timeline compared to previous fighter programs. These advancements enable rapid technology integration, ensuring the F-47 remains adaptable and upgradable to meet future mission requirements and counter emerging threats.

"Air dominance is not a birthright, but it's become synonymous with American airpower, but our dominance needs to be earned every single day," said Allvin. "Since the earliest days of aerial warfare, brave American Airmen have jumped into their machines, taken to the air, and they've cleared the skies. That's been our

commitment to the fight, and that's really been our promise to America, and with this F-47 we're going to be able to keep that promise well into the future."

The contract award funds the engineering and manufacturing development phase, which includes maturing, integrating, and testing all aspects of the F-47. This phase will produce a small number of test aircraft for evaluation. The contract also includes competitively priced options for low-rate initial production.

"We recognize the importance of designing, building and delivering a 6th-generation fighter capability for the United States Air Force. In preparation for this mission, we made the most significant investment in the history of our defense business, and we are ready to provide the most advanced and innovative NGAD aircraft needed to support the mission," said Steve Parker, interim president and chief executive officer, Boeing Defense, Space & Security.

Future basing decisions and additional program elements will be determined in the coming years as the Air Force advances the F-47 toward operational deployment.



# **Red Tail Rendezvous**

# celebrates warfighter resiliency



Air Force photographs by Kyle Brasie

Guests from Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., the Commemorative Air Force, Alabama Air National Guard, Palm Springs Air and Space Museum and Edwards Teammates attended a one-time only Red Tail Rendezvous event at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. To honor the rich history of the Tuskegee Airmen, reinforce warfighter standards and resiliency, and amplify Airman morale, the 412th Test Wing hosted a special afternoon during the State of California's formal Tuskegee Airmen Remembrance Day on March 7, 2025. The event included panel discussions, STEM activities for base students, and unique "red tail" static displays, including America's newest jet trainer, the T-7A Red Hawk.









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# Brewing camaraderie at Crazy Otto



Air Force Test Center command Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Martin speaks during a local veteran engagement in Lancaster, Calif., March 11, 2025.

Air Force photographs by 1st Lt. Danielle Rose

Air Force Test Center commander Maj. Gen. Scott Cain and command Chief Master Sqt. Jeffrey Martin, attended an event for Antelope Valley veterans in Lancaster, Calif., March 11, 2025.  $Cain \, and \, Martin \, attended \, Coffee 4 Vets \, as \, a \, community \, engagement \, to \, share \, information \, and \, accommunity \, engagement \, accommunity$ about AFTC and their specific roles.



Air Force Test Center commander Maj. Gen. Scott Cain, talks with veterans at Crazy Otto's Diner in Lancaster, Calif., March 11, 2025. Coffee4Vets meets every Tuesday.

RIGHT: Air Force Test Center command Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Martin serves coffee to a veteran during a local engagement in Lancaster, Calif., March 11, 2025. Every Tuesday 80-100 local veterans of the Antelope Valley gather for Coffee 4Vets to network and share helpful information.



Air Force Test Center commander Maj. Gen. Scott Cain, shares a laugh with a veteran in Lancaster, Calif., March 11, 2025. Cain participated in a community engagement event called Coffee 4 Vets, serving coffee and exchanging stories with local veterans.



# NASA's X-59 completes 'cruise control' engine speed hold test

### by Nicolas Cholula

NASA Armstrong

The team behind NASA's X-59 completed another critical ground test in March, ensuring the quiet supersonic aircraft will be able to maintain a specific speed during operation.

The test, known as engine speed hold, is the latest marker of progress as the X-59 nears first flight this year.

"Engine speed hold is essentially the aircraft's version of cruise control," said Paul Dees, NASA's X-59 deputy propulsion lead at the agency's Armstrong Flight Research Center at Edwards, Calif. "The pilot engages speed hold at their current speed, then can adjust it incrementally up or down as needed."

The X-59 team had previously conducted a similar test on the engine — but only as an isolated system. The March test verified the speed hold functions properly after integration into the aircraft's avionics.

"We needed to verify that speed hold worked not just within the engine itself but as part of the entire aircraft system." Dees explained. "This test confirmed that all components - software, me-



Lockheed Martin photograph by Garry Tice

chanical linkages, and control laws work together as intended."

The successful test confirmed the aircraft's ability to precisely control speed, which will be invaluable during flight. This capability will increase pilot safety, allowing them to focus on other critical aspects of flight operation.

'The pilot is going to be very busy during first flight, ensuring the aircraft is stable and controllable," Dees said. "Having speed hold offload some of that workload makes first flight that much safer.'

The team originally planned to check the speed hold as part of an upcoming series of ground test trials where they will feed the aircraft with a robust set of data to verify functionality under both normal and failure conditions, known as aluminum bird tests. But the team recognized a chance to test sooner.

research aircraft sits on a ramp at Lockheed Martin Skunk Works in Palmdale, Calif., during sunset. The one-of-a-kind aircraft is powered by a General Electric F414 engine, a variant of the engines used on F/A fighter jets. The engine is mounted above the fuselage to reduce the number of shock waves that reach the ground. The X-59 is the centerpiece of NASA's Quesst mission, which aims to demonstrate quiet supersonic flight and enable future commercial over land — faster than the speed of sound.

NASA's X-59 quiet supersonic

"It was a target of opportunity," Dees said. "We realized we were ready to test engine speed hold separately while other systems continued with finalizing their software. If we can learn something earlier, that's always better."

With every successful test, the integrated NASA and Lockheed Martin team brings the X-59 closer to first flight, and closer to making aviation history through quiet supersonic technology.









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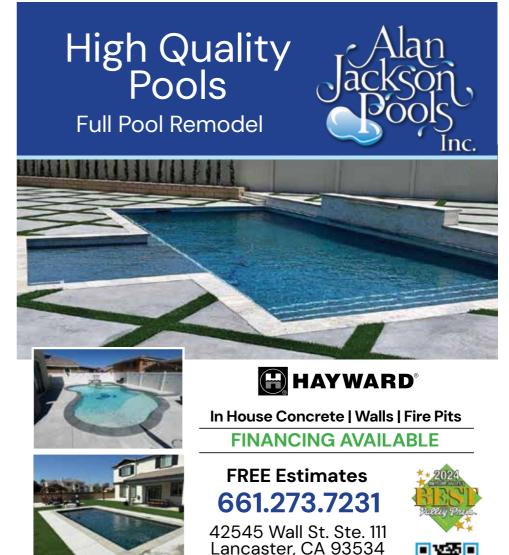
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# NASA boosts efficiency with custom X-66 flooring

### by Sarah Mann

NASA Armstrong

 $NASA\ designed\ temporary\ floorboards$ for the MD-90 aircraft to use while it is transformed into the X-66 experimental demonstrator aircraft.

These floorboards will protect the original flooring and streamline the modification process.

Supporting the agency's Sustainable Flight Demonstrator project, a small team in the Experimental Fabrication Shop at NA-SA's Armstrong Flight Research Center at Edwards, Calif., built temporary floorboards to save the project time and resources. Repeated removal and installation of the original flooring during the modification process was time-consuming. Using temporary panels also ensures the original floorboards are protected and remain flightworthy for when modifications are complete, and the original flooring is reinstalled.

'The task of creating the temporary floorboards for the MD-90 involves a meticulous process aimed at facilitating modifications while maintaining safety and efficiency. The need for these temporary floorboards arises from the detailed proce-



Eric Garza, an engineering technician in the Experimental Fabrication Shop at NASA's Armstrong Flight Research Center at Edwards, Calif., cuts plywood to size for temporary floorboards for the X-66 experimental demonstrator aircraft on Aug. 26, 2024.

dure required to remove and reinstall the Original Equipment Manufacturer floorboards," said Jason Nelson, experimental fabrication lead. He is one of two members of the fabrication team — one engineering

technician and one inspector - manufacturing about 50 temporary floorboards, which range in size from 20 inches by 36 inches to 42 inches by 75 inches.

Nelson continued, "Since these OEM

boards will be removed and reinstalled multiple times to accommodate necessary modifications, the temporary floorboards will save the team valuable time and resources. They will also provide the same level of safety and strength as the OEM boards, ensuring that the process runs smoothly without compromising

Designing and prototyping the flooring was a meticulous process, but the temporary solution plays a crucial role in optimizing time and resources as NASA works to advance safe and efficient air travel. The agency's Sustainable Flight Demonstrator project seeks to inform the next generation of single-aisle airliners, the most common aircraft in commercial aviation fleets around the world. NASA partnered with Boeing to develop the X-66 experimental demonstrator aircraft.

NASA Armstrong's Experimental Fabrication Shop carries out modifications and repair work on aircraft, ranging from the creation of something as small as an aluminum bracket to modifying wing spars, fuselage ribs, control surfaces, and other tasks to support missions.

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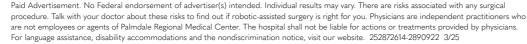


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# At Anzio with nearly 8,000 soldiers, Airmen, sailors

### by Dennis Anderson

special to Aerotech News

ANZIO AMERICAN CEM-ETERY, Italy — Trips to honor fallen Americans can be as far as the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery in Italy - 6,400 miles— and as near as a monument on Lancaster Boulevard, about 20 miles south of Edwards Air Force Base in California.

Combat aviation has been part of the Edwards and Antelope Valley's shared legacy since Gen. Curtis "Iron Eagle" Lemay was training World War II bomber crews to hit the mocked-up wooden battleship nicknamed the "Muroc Maru" on the arid hardpan of Rogers Dry Lake.

The monument on Lancaster Boulevard is on the "Aerospace Walk of Honor," and it is dedicated to the renowned Tuskegee Airmen, the black fighter pilots of World War II who flew a blaze of glory over the angry skies of Nazi Germany, and, yes, Italy.

Before the "Red Tails" flew combat escort of bombers on the way to Berlin, they were bombing bridges and flying air support in Italy.

Among the pilots in the honor roll of the silver monument in Lancaster is Myron "Mike" Wilson, the Tuskegee Airman who teamed in shooting down a Nazi Messerschmitt 262, the world's first operational fighter jet.

Wilson's son, Raymundo Wilson, is a Los Angeles Sheriff's Deputy who honors his father's legacy overseeing a club of at-risk youngsters who assemble donated World War II aircraft models like the "Red Tail" P-51 Mustang his father flew in combat.

That legacy is why there's a monument on Lancaster Boulevard that was propelled by former Mayor Henry Hearns, retired Bishop at the Cathedral of Living Stone, and living veteran of the Korean War.

So, it was at the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery and Memorial, more than 6,000 miles from the Lancaster monument where I found the tribute to "Red Tail" Mike Wilson's brother-in-arms, 1st Lt. George McCrumby.

McCrumby was killed Feb. 29, 1944, when the engine his P-40 Warhawk failed returning from a combat air patrol. Plane and pilot vanished without a

trace. McCrumby is one of two Tuskegee Airmen honored at the Sicily-Rome cemetery a few short miles from the Anzio beachhead.

The 99th Fighter Squadron of the 70th Fighter Group, the "Red Tails" was a small outfit. Lt. McCrumby and Wilson likely knew one another, and certainly shared the dangers together, even though they could not buy a drink together unless it was at their own segregated officer's club in a canvas tent. Desegregation of the military awaited President Harry Truman's order, two years after the end of history's biggest war.

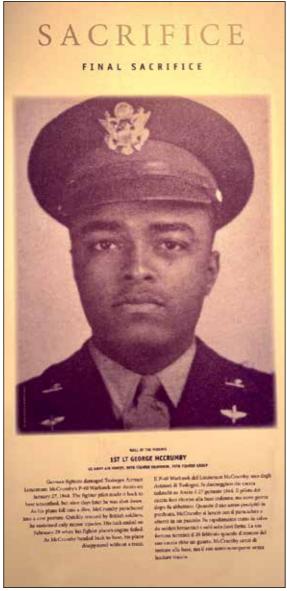
McCrumby is among 7,860 Americans, soldiers, sailors, and airmen honored at the Sicily-Rome cemetery where the graves are tended with exquisite care, row on row of white crosses punctuated by the occasional Star of David.

I was greeted by Cemetery Director Mark Ireland, an Army veteran, who welcomed us with a smile and invitation.

"Is there anyone who we can help you find? Do you have a relative here?"

My wife, Julia, and I sought a gravesite of any soldier from the 45th Infantry Division, the outfit her uncle fought with,

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Photograph by Dennis Anderson Tuskegee Airman fighter pilot Lt. George McCrumby



Photograph by Dennis Anderson



Lowering the flag at "Taps."



Alfred C. Petzold, 509th Parachute Infantry

# B-21 highlights strong performance through innovative technology

by Northrop Grumman

Northrop Grumman continues to deliver strong performance across test and production on the B-21 Raider, with an LRIP Lot 2 award late last year signaling further confidence in the program's technical performance and progress.

In partnership with the U.S. Air Force, Northrop Grumman prioritized adaptability, affordability and producibility from program inception, with a focus on long-term successful outcomes and delivering the U.S. Air Force a strategic deterrent to project peace through strength.

"Northrop Grumman's decision to build the test jets on the actual production line is one example of the program strategy that's paying dividends. We

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More than a bomber, the B-21 is adaptable for the future threat environment.



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entered Production Lot 2 in Q4 of 2024, with a B-21 workforce that's come down the learning curve earlier in production. Not only have we learned how to build B-21, we're learning how to build B-21 better and at scale — optimizing several areas of the build for long term efficiency and affordability," said Tom Jones, corporate vice president and president, Northrop Grumman Aeronautics

### Digital ecosystem burns down risk, drives efficiency

Early in the design phase, the B-21 digital ecosystem enabled engineers to conduct agile testing on production hardware and software, first in integration labs and later in a flying test bed.

Before the B-21 ever took to the sky, the flying test bed completed more than 200 test sorties totaling more than 1,000 flight hours, testing production hardware, software and sensors in a dynamic environment and enabling teams to tackle discovery well in advance.

Through the digital ecosystem, the Northrop Grumman team has realized a 50 percent reduction in time to certify software in the lab. Similarly, flight test teams are validating aircraft performance in real time as opposed to days of post-mission processing and analysis. This speed and efficiency powers a robust flight test cadence.

"As a result of Northrop Grumman's innovative technologies and diligent execution, we only had to make one software change through the first year of flight test — a testament to the early risk reduction work performed by our teams through the labs and flying test bed," said Jones. "Now as we combine our mature digital ecosystem with proven accuracy, Northrop Grumman and the U.S. Air Force can realize efficiency and speed in a way that's never been done before in a major acquisition program. Bigger than B-21, Northrop Grumman is defining the future of DevOps with innovation informed by experience."

# Factory of the future, flightline of

Northrop Grumman's investment upward of \$2 billion in infrastructure and development effort — in its digital ecosystem provides the entire B-21 team enterprise-wide access and integration to a single source of truth in the design and build processes. Where the digital environment meets the production floor, this digital technology expedites configuration management, facilitating

communication between technicians and engineers during the build, in some areas already reducing manufacturing hours by roughly a third.

In addition to the benefits of the digital ecosystem in manufacturing, Northrop Grumman's expanded implementation of augmented reality, advanced robotics and artificial intelligence technologies are further enabling technicians planeside to drive efficiency and quality throughout the build. Northrop Grumman has leveraged commercially available technologies within a secure environment to form the highly sophisticated manufacturing facilities that are scaling into production on B-21.

The tools deployed in B-21 manufacturing today are paving the way for operational sustainment. The B-21 was designed from inception to be a daily flyer, with minimal maintenance required between missions. Decades of experience operating —stealth aircraft systems, combined with the Highly Immersive Virtual Environment or HIVE, that enables engineers to visualize how sustainment tasks will be performed by future maintainers — all informed the B-21's design to drive affordability and support operational needs. Already, the Combined Test Force has demonstrated ability to conduct multiple test flights in a week, a positive early indicator for B-21 as a daily flyer.

### Sustainable success

"The more we test and analyze performance, the greater our confidence that there is no single system better positioned to deliver peace through strength for the American warfighter than B-21," said Jones.

Innovative digital technologies and advanced manufacturing processes have resulted in the B-21 coming in below the government's affordability targets, all while successfully scaling into production and achieving technical and performance requirements. More than a bomber, the B-21 is adaptable for the future threat, able to execute its mission independently or as a force multiplier operating within a family of systems advantaging offboard sensors and platforms.

With the balance of production and test still on the horizon, Northrop Grumman is seeing less discovery and risk realization that historically drives cost due to change, driving confidence the B-21 Raider will continue delivering strong cost and technical performance. The combination of innovative technology and effective program management keeps B-21 on a path of sustainable success.



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# Creech firefighters awarded for lifesaving response

### By Senior Airman Victoria Nuzzi

Creech AFB, Nev.

The call came in while Station Chief Christopher Padilla, Capt. Sean Conely, Lt. Joshua Valdes, Christopher Ambrogio and lastly Lt. Carl Lambert, 432nd Mission Support Group, were on shift. The call on Aug. 20, 2024, was for a fentanyl overdose where the patient had been rendered unconscious.

After the call came in, Lambert located where it came from, once all personnel were loaded on to Engine 22, he drove them to the location in Indian Springs, Nev.

The Creech Fire Department has a mutual aid agreement with the Clark County Fire Department for Indian Springs. This means that the Creech Fire Department responds to all medical, firerelated, vehicle accident calls and other emergencies in Indian Springs and the surrounding highway. This mutual aid agreement was put in place because the Creech Fire Department is the closest fire station to Indian Springs, with the next closest station being 30 minutes away in Las Vegas. On average, the Creech Fire Department answers 350 calls a year for Indian Springs and the highway.

"Everybody knows what to expect when you go on a call like that," said Ambrogio. "When you run multiple calls with the same team and they all perform at a high caliber, things just click on scene like they did during that call."

Upon arriving on the scene, they found a family member administering CPR on the unconscious patient, and they quickly got into action.

"I recall entering the residence and recognizing the gravity of the situation,



Lt. Joshua Valdes, Christopher Ambrogio, Carl Lambert, Capt. Sean Conely and Station Chief Christopher Padilla, 432nd Mission Support Group, stand for a group photo at Creech Air Force Base, Nev., Feb. 13, 2025. Each firefighter earned the Civilian Achievement Award for their actions while responding to a fentanyl overdose medical call in Indian Springs, Nev., Aug. 20, 2024.

realizing it was time to take things seriously," said Conely.

Valdes quickly began attaching monitors to the patient to check for a pulse as he directed Conely to take over CPR. Once a faint pulse was detected, Conely transitioned to using a bag valve mask to provide rescue breathing. Valdes then prepared and administered a dose of Narcan. Observing that one dose of Narcan was taking effect slowly, he decided to administer a second dose.

"The patient came around quickly after the second dose," said Padilla. "Once you start seeing the patient wake up and speak, you know you are going to have a positive outcome from the call. It's not over but there is a sigh of relief."

After the two doses of Narcan, Ambrogio introduced an IV and checked additional vitals including blood pressure, pulse and respiration rate.

As this was happening, Padilla monitored the scene for safety of his firefighters while calling for ground transportation to transport the patient to a hospital in Las Vegas. Additionally, he calmed down the family member as the call was taking place.

An ambulance arrived on the scene approximately 45 minutes after the firefighters were alerted. The patient

was loaded onto the ambulance and the firefighter's part of the call was over once the ambulance doors shut.

"After a call for me, there is a still zone," said Conely. "During the drive back, we will usually talk about, whether it was something simple or not. We critique ourselves whether it was a positive outcome or not. Once we get back to the station, our advance EMTs will resupply what they used and the driver and I will get back to the truck to make sure all our gear is ready to go for next time."

For their life-saving actions, all five were awarded the Civilian Achievement Award from the Department of the Air Force on Jan. 23, 2025.

"A lot of us have responded to calls and saved lives; this award is a testament to everyone's dedication to the job," said

Padilla sees the award as being not just for this call, but for all the calls he's responded to over the last 25 years. He says everyone in this department has been on calls like that one and this is the one that happened to get noticed.

Padilla, Valdes, Lambert and Conely are all former active duty Air Force and each had over 20 years of experience in the career field. Ambrogio was a volunteer firefighter in the civilian sector until four years ago when he came to Creech and was employed by the Air Force.

"My family was proud of me when they saw me being presented the award," said Ambrogio. "It was nice for them to see all of us as a team. People always talk about the fire department being a family and it is moments like that where my team and I are up on stage representing the whole department that you can see it is like a family."

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and any soldier from the 509th Parachute Infantry, one of the units I trained with during my Cold War service in Germany.

But why Anzio? What is its significance 80 years after the end of World War II?

Anzio was the biggest seaborne landing apart from D-Day. Allied war planners hoped to outflank the 100,000 Germans fighting for every foot of the Italian boot and liberate Rome quickly.

It took five months, 23,000 Americans killed and thousands more British and Commonwealth troops to clear the 50 miles to Rome in 1944. The Allies liberated the city a day or so ahead of D-Day in Normandy, so the epic achievement of the first Axis capital to fall was immediately overshadowed by events in France.

Still, these nearly 8,000 sons and daughters of America rest here, honored in the equality of the lives and families they gave up so all of us had a chance at a pretty great life.

The thousands of men and 17 women from Women's Army Corps and Red Cross nursing never heard the term Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, but all of them were equal in the suffering of death before victory.

They were all colors, religions and creeds, and like the nickname of the 82nd Airborne Division, they were "All Americans."

Two pilots from the Tuskegee Airman are buried or memorialized here, along with a member of the 442nd "Go For Broke" regiment of Japanese American soldiers who left internment camps in America where their families were incarcerated to serve or die for their country.

My wife Julia and I, grown children of World War II veterans, were welcomed to the splendid memorial park maintained by the American Battle Monuments Commission by Army veteran and Director Ireland and his assistant Luca Tamberlani.

With care and courtesy the two guardians of the cemetery guided us to graves we were interested in, including Alfred C. Petzold of the 509th Parachute Infantry killed fighting after the jump into Sicily, the 509th being the unit I went through jump school with 30 years after Lucero's combat death.

Others who landed at Anzio survived to return home and start families, launching that historic Baby Boom that I was born into.

The Anzio assault against the Nazi troops of Hitler and dwindling ranks of the Italian dictator Mussolini was as hard and miserable as war can be. More troops fell victim to malaria than were killed and wounded because the Nazis reflooded swamps that Mussolini had drained for farmland.

"They were cruel. It was a kind of biological warfare," said our Italian friend Jonathan Trupia who accompanied us to Anzio with his sister, Beatrice, driving the 50 miles from Rome.

A few miles from the beach, the Anzio battlefield became a bloody stalemate and artillery duel that would not be resolved by Allied breakout late in the spring of 1944.

A little more than 81 years later at 5 p.m., as an American veteran, I was invited to join Ireland and Tamberlani in lowering the flag at taps.

There was wind and rain like the day the Allied troops of America and the British Commonwealth came off the ships on Jan. 22, 1944.

Flapping in the wind, the flag lowered slowly, a scant 50 miles from Rome, a price paid every mile by the lives of American and British soldiers, who traveled far from their homes as President Franklin D. Roosevelt put it, not to conquer, but to liberate a suffering humanity.

Editor's note: Dennis Anderson is an Army veteran and embedded journalist of the Iraq War. An Antelope Valley journalist for 30 years, he has served on the Los Angeles County Veterans Advisory Commission.

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Three U.S. Navy EA-18G Growlers assigned to Electronic Attack Squadron 132, Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Wash., take off for a night mission during Red Flag 25-2 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., March 12, 2025. Red Flag strengthens integration among joint force partners to maximize strategic capabilities, readiness and lethality.

### by Senior Airman Makenna Patterson Nellis AFB, Nev.

Red Flag 25-2 which wrapped up recently, provided realistic, high-end training to its participants from the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Air National Guard, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, United Arab Emirates Air Force, Royal Saudi Air Force and Turkish Air Force, March 10-21, 2025, at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

One of the defining features of this iteration of Red Flag was the participation of foreign allies and partners. The multinational nature of this exercise provided mutually beneficial educational and operational opportunities while promoting long-term relationships.

"Red Flag continues to be the premiere exercise that brings our inexperienced combat aviators and maintainers together," said Col. Kenneth Voigt, 552nd Command and Control Wing commander. "It has been an amazing experience working alongside joint and coalition warriors, each demonstrated their ability to operate in a combat realistic environment. Any AEW commander would be proud to deploy with this team."

The exercise provided practical experience in communication and decisionmaking under dynamic conditions. It also highlighted the role of seamless coordination and agility in responding to evolving challenges.

"Some key lessons learned at Nellis include the importance of flexibility and



A Turkish F-16 assigned to the 132nd Squadron lands before the start of Red Flag-Nellis 25-2 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., March 5, 2025. International partners from the United Arab Emirates Air Force, Royal Saudi Air Force, and Turkish Air Force provide mutually beneficial educational and operational opportunities while promoting long-term relationships and interoperability with international militaries.

LEFT: A Royal Saudi Air Force Eurofighter Typhoon takes off while a second RSAF Eurofighter Typhoon taxis on the runway for a mission in support of Red Flag-Nellis 25-2 from Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., March 17, 2025. Red Flag offered RSAF Typhoon pilots opportunities to train in a simulated combat environment, including complex air-to-air and air-to-ground scenarios, under day and night conditions.

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Air Force photograph by Airman 1st Class Michael Sanders

# **Aviation Nation returns to Nellis April 5-6**



Air Force photograph by Tech. Sgt. Laurel Richards

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### **RED FLAG**, from Page 12—

adaptability in rapidly changing combat situations," said Lt. Col. Khaled Al-Nutafi, an exercise participant from the Royal Saudi Air Force. "The exercise emphasizes the need for precise communication, quick decision-making, and the ability to adjust tactics on the fly."

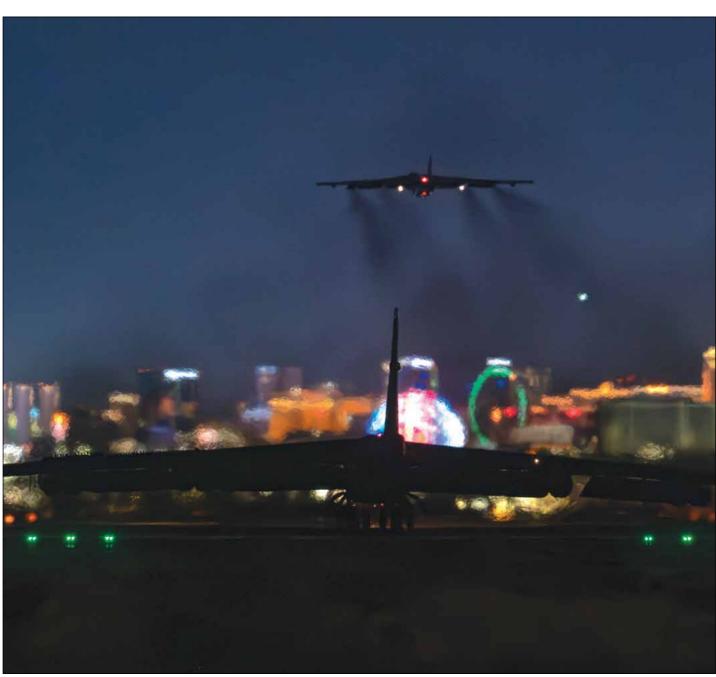
During Red Flag, every minute counts. This fast-paced exercise created a dynamic environment that challenged participants to step past their comfort zone to stay aligned with everyone involved.

"Communication is key. Understanding the mission, not just of the bomber, but of the other players in the fight is extremely important," said Col. Benjamin Jensen, 5th Bomb Wing deputy commander. "It's been awesome for the new crews to experience a high-tempo environment that is more congested than they're used to. They typically go out and do other types of missions across the world, so doing this in this environment here at Red Flag in a large force environment is a great experience in preparation for the next missions they have."

Jensen's remarks reflect not only the value of Red Flag for his crews but also underscore the exercise's broader role in enhancing overall combat readiness.

"The most rewarding part is seeing the team succeed," said Jensen. "The true benefit for me is knowing that we have been able to preserve life and equipment to continue to defend our country because of the preparation that has happened here in peacetime."

As Red Flag continues to evolve, its mission remains unchanged: to prepare warfighters for the most challenging combat scenarios imaginable by exposing them to their first 10 combat sorties in the safety of a training environment. Red Flag ensures that the U.S. Air Force and its allies remain ready for anything.



Air Force photograph by 1st Lt. Jimmy Cummings

Two B-52 Stratofortresses assigned to the 5th Bomb Wing, Minot Air Force Base, N.D., take off for a Red Flag 25-2 night mission at Nellis AFB, Nev., March 12, 2025. Red Flag was established in 1975 to better prepare our forces for combat by exposing each participant to ten simulated combat missions.



Air Force photograph by William R. Lewis

U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Keith Bartlett, an F/A-18C Hornet pilot, assigned to Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 232, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, California, conducts a preflight inspection on his aircraft before his Red Flag-Nellis mission at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., March 19, 2025. Red Flag 25-2 strengthened integration among joint force partners as well as ally and partner nations by allowing participants to hone their readiness and lethality through daily high-end training.



Air Force photograph by Senior Airman Kyle Wilson

A U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon assigned to the 64th Aggressor Squadron conducts aerial refueling with a U.S. Air Force KC-135 Stratotanker assigned to the 99th Air Refueling Squadron during a Red Flag Tanker Task Force mission in support of Red Flag 25-2 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., March 14, 2025. Red Flag exercises provide aircrews the experience of multiple, intensive air combat sorties in the safety of a training environment.





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# **Tucson students STEAM at DM air show**

by Staff Sgt. Abbey Rieves

Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., opened its gates to 1,100 students from the Tucson community for science, technology, engineering, art and math activities, March 21, 2025.

The Thunder and Lightning Over Arizona Air Show is biannual and offers guests the opportunity to tour more than 40 static displays, explore STEAM activities, and watch 15 aerial performances.

"We had about 13 vendors come from both on and off base to teach and encourage the children about STEAM in a learning day field trip," said U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Devin Laughlin, 355th Healthcare Operations Squadron TRICARE operations and patient administration flight chief. "This is a great opportunity to show the students not only what the community has to offer, but what we have to offer in the Air Force."

Various squadrons from the base performed demonstrations, such as the 355th Security Forces Squadron military working dog teams and the 355th Explosive Ordnance Disposal and their ANDROS F6A robot.

"The students are excited to be out here, see the planes, and get hands-on demos," said Mr. Billy Campbell, Borman K-8 mathematics teacher. "Just across the board, to integrate all the subjects together, this is a good place where that happens."



Air Force photographs by Staff Sgt. Abbey Rieves

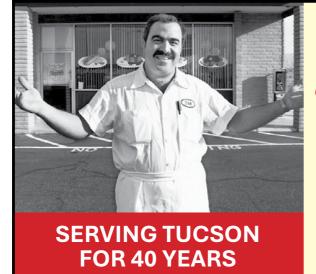
A student from Borman K-8 school interacts with the 355th Explosive Ordnance Disposal team and their ANDROS F6A robot during the Thunder and Lightning Over Arizona Air Show at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., March 21, 2025. The 355th EOD showed their equipment to 1,100 students during the science, technology, engineering, art and math exposition.



Students from the Tucson community explore the Thunder and Lightning Over Arizona Air Show at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., March 21, 2025. The base opened its gates to 1,100 students to interact with science, technology, engineering, art and math activities.



Master Sgt. Kyle Lyon, 355th Explosive Ordnance Disposal contingency instructor, interacts with students during the Thunder and Lightning Over Arizona Air Show at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., March 21, 2025. The biannual air show offered guests the opportunity to tour more than 40 static displays, explore science, technology, engineering, art and math activities, and watch 15 aerial performances.



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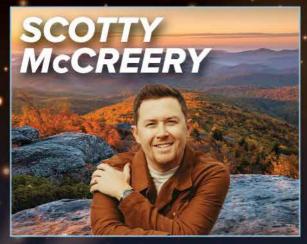
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# THUNDER AND LIGHTNING OVER AIRZONA



Air Force photograph by Airman Jaden Kidd A U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet from the Air Force Wings of Blue Parachute Team soars down onto the flightline during the Thunder and Lightning Over Arizona Air Show at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., March 23, 2025. The Wings of Blue flew with the flags of each U.S. service branch while parachuting, paying respect to all U.S. military service members.



Air show attendees walk up and down the flight line filled during the 2023 Thunder and Lightning Over Arizona Air Show at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., March 26, 2023. The show featured a variety of aircraft flying and on display, as well as food and souvenir vendors.



Air Force photograph by Senior Airman Jasmyne Bridgers-Matos the T-33.

Two U.S. Air Force T-33 Shooting Star aircraft perform an aerial demonstration at the Thunder and Lightning Over Arizona Air Show at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., March 23, 2025. The show included number of acrobatic maneuvers that highlighted the capabilities of



Air Force photograph by Airman Jaden Kidd

Air show attendees relax near a static display during the Thunder and Lightning Over Arizona Air Show at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., March 23, 2025. The air show was open to the public as a way to connect the base and local community while also highlighting the mission and capabilities of the U.S. Air Force.



Air Force photograph by Staff Sgt. Kristine Legate An A6M3 Zero from the Commemorative Air Force flies over Southern Arizona, March 23, 2023. A6M3 were a long range, carrier capable fighter flown by the Imperial Japanese Navy Air Service from 1940 to 1945.



A modified SubSonex Jet flies over southern Arizona, March 23, 2023. The mini jet is a fully aerobatic aircraft that weighs 500 pounds and goes up to 300 mph.

Air Force photograph by Senior Airman Jasmyne Bridgers-Matos

Air Force photograph by Staff Sgt. Kristine Legate

A U.S. Air Force F-35A Lightning II aircraft performs a weapons bay door pass during the Thunder and Lightning Over Arizona Air Show at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., March 23, 2025. The F-35 is designed to provide the pilot with unsurpassed situational awareness, positive target identification and precision strikes in all weather conditions.



Air Force photograph by Staff Sgt. Kristine Legate

The United States Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron "Thunderbirds" perform their demonstration during the 2023 Thunder and Lightning Over Arizona Air Show at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., March 25, 2023. The Thunderbirds pilots demonstrate the capabilities of the F-16 Fighting Falcon, a multi-role fighter jet.



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# Pilot Officer Edward Horace Childs, RAF WWII, son of Lancaster's War Eagle Field Polaris Flight Academy

### by Bob Alvis

special to Aerotech News

Over the last few weeks, the subject of the Royal Air Force in World War II has come up as we learned the last surviving member of the RAF to fly in the Battle of Britain had died.

This past weekend I was working the California Capital Airshow and I was working with two famous aircraft that became legendary during the war years in Britain — the Supermarine Spitfire and a very rare Mosquito.

With that history surrounding me and being constant, I found it interesting when I got home a message from a young lady from England would be waiting for me. She had seen and read some of my posts I wrote on War Eagle Field/Polaris Flight Academy in Lancaster, Calif., where I live.

Lucy Childs was her name, and she shared her family's history because all my research and storytelling had a very close connection to her great uncle's participation in World War II. My stories of life for the contingent of RAF pilots who trained at our Lancaster field hit home, since her relative was stationed here.

I was always fascinated by the journey of those British cadets who came from England. They had to cross the Atlantic by ship to Canada, and then by train from the east coast of Canada all the way to Los Angeles, Calif.

Back in those days the trip must have felt like an eternity, and when Lucy shared some photos from his trips it really opened my eyes to just how long a trip it was.

Looking at the camaraderie of those soldiers, those trips must have created a real bonding. Leaving their families in England to face the horrors of war and living conditions of a nation reduced to very slim rations, must have been a constant worry in their minds; they pretty much had to rely on each other to keep their spirits up.



Photograph courtesy of Lucy Child



Courtesyphotograph
At left, Pilot
Officer Childs
is back row,
fourth from
left, in front
of the crew's
Lancaster
bomber. Below
is War Eagle
Field Polaris
Academy,
where the
British RAF
pilots trained.

Once at War Eagle Field, few thoughts of home came up. The rigors of pilot training took up every minute of their days. The weekends and what leave they were allotted, was spent down in Hollywood and Los Angeles before they were back to the grind of pilot training in the desert.

When Lucy reached out to me this past week about her great uncle, I felt it was for a reason I just needed to embrace. The many times I walked around the old airfield researching and discovering, I know I was walking in the footsteps of hundreds of aviators and many of them shared similar stories to her uncle's.

We always hope for a good outcome for those we honor and reflect on, but when I started to look into Ted's wartime record, I found out it all came to an abrupt end on a January night in 1944 near Berlin, when a German night fighter targeted his Lancaster Bomber and sent it crashing to the ground.

After all the preparations for war and the pilot training, the cruel reality of air combat in World War II came to an end. Now all that was left of this one pilot officer's life were the stories and remembrances he pinned and shared in his photo album, and his war record I'm sure he was looking forward to sharing with his family for many years after the war.

Looking at a photo of his headstone and wanting to visit it in person, I wish a conversation was possible. I could ask about those footsteps he walked at the old training base and all the other adventures an Airman from halfway around the world would like to share.

This is where Lucy has now stepped in and helped fill this void in my understanding of those RAF pilots of yesteryear, and at least it gives us an opportunity to give thanks to her family who gave of their own blood in defense





Courtesy photographs

Above, photo from Childs' scrapbook and below, his headstone in the Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery in Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf, Germany.

of freedom in World War II.

I hope and pray future generations will also take the time to remember our fallen heroes from around the world and never forget that wherever they came from, we all share our time on earth here together and some are willing to give their all for the betterment of mankind.

Until next time, Bob out . . .



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0439 Romero, Ricardo 0200 Albanes, Ingrid 4100 Zargaryan, Artak 4113 Shakhnazaryan, Norik 4117 Minesaki, Christina 0265 Martinez, Joe 0014 Fernholz, Donica 0020 Shahbazian, Houtioun

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0178 Martinez, Ricardo Del Real Testing
0203 Celis, Sonya
0113 Rucker, Monte
0478 Miller, Cary
0300 Wilson, Julius
0427 Gonzalez, Gabriella
0603 Drake, Alex
0008 Dinwiddie, Andrew
0555A Azzolino, Joseph

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E330 Johnson, Angela 12114 Luque, Christopher E403 Hall, Chardonnay E396 Lopez, Justin E416 Smith, Shautonya 12115 Clarke, Nicoya D155 Arella, Elynita G596 Evans, Christina G565 Bowman, Deborah F522 Scott, Carol E465 Hussein, Alex F541 Lawrence, Mechelle

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