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FACT SHEET

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MUSEUM OF AVIATION

THE MUSEUM OF AVIATION IN WARNER ROBINS, GEORGIA is one of the largest aviation museums in the United States and a major Air Force Heritage, Exhibit and Education Center in the Southeast. Situated on U.S. Air Force property next to Robins Air Force Base, the Museum is the second largest museum in the U.S. Air Force. It is one of only eight aviation museums in the United States to be accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. Admission is free and the museum is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day, and Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve on 1:00 pm. The Museum is located 10 miles east of I-75 exit 144 at the end of Russell Parkway.

- **HISTORY:** On July 8th, 1980, the Air Force approved the establishment of a museum at Robins Air Force Base. Seven months later local civic leaders, assisted by base officials, incorporated the Museum of Aviation Foundation. The first Museum building opened to the public in November 1984 in a surplus building brought from Dobbins ARB in Marietta, GA. Another aircraft hangar was added in 1990, and in 1992 Senator Sam Nunn helped cut the ribbon on a new three story "Eagle" building. The Museum of Aviation Foundation then raised money to add the 60,000 square-foot Century of Flight Hangar in 1995 and the newest 60,000 square-foot Scott WWII Exhibit Hangar in 2008.
- **FACILITY FACTS:** The Museum sits on 51 acres adjacent to Robins Air Force Base. Facilities include four large exhibit buildings with over 200,000 square-feet of exhibit and education classroom space, a restoration hangar, an archives building, a carpenter shop and a large aircraft-parts storage building. The total investment since 1984 has been \$32 million from the U.S. Air Force and \$35 million from the Museum of Aviation Foundation.
- **AIRCRAFT COLLECTION:** The Museum has a large collection of approximately 85 historic U.S. Air Force aircraft, missiles and cockpits dating from a replica of an 1986 glider to modern aircraft in today's U.S. Air Force inventory. Some notable aircraft are:
 - SR-71 spy plane which set a speed record in 1976 of 2,193 mph
 - B-17 WWII Bomber on display, undergoing restoration in public view
 - Global Hawk and U-2
 - B-17, B-25, B-29, B-52 and B-1B bombers
 - Several cargo planes including a WWII C-46, a KC-97 air refueler, a C-54 used in the Berlin Airlift, an AC-130 gunship, a C-130 Hercules and a C-141 Starlifter
 - A large number of fighter aircraft including a P-40, P-51, F-100, an F-15, an F-4D which recorded two MiG Kills in the Vietnam War and a "Thunderbirds" F-16
 - F-105, RF-4C, F-15 and UH-1 helicopter open cockpits and a C-130 fuselage classroom
 - Numerous helicopters, trainers and utility aircraft
- **EXHIBITS:** Major exhibits include:
 - The 14th Air Force Flying Tigers
 - The "Hump" Pilots of the China Burma India Theater during WWII
 - The 50th Anniversary of WWII and the history of Robins Air Force Base

- The 483rd Bomb Group which flew B-17s out of Italy during World War II
- “God Is My Co-Pilot” – the story of WWII Ace Brig. Gen Robert L. Scott
- “Down to Earth: - the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment and the Air Invasion of Normandy
- The Tuskegee Airmen – A Proud Heritage
- The Korean War: The Forgotten War
- Southeast Asia/Vietnam Era

- **THE GEORGIA AVIATION HALL OF FAME:** Created by Georgia Governor Joe Frank Harris in 1989, the GAHOF is located in the Century of Flight Hangar. With its own Board of Directors, it displays the achievements and artifacts of visionary civilian and military men and women who made significant contributions to aviation in Georgia.

- **VISITATION:** Since it opened to the public in November 1984, more than 12.5 million people from all over the world have visited the Museum, including 1,078,165 children who have participated in Museum education programs. The Museum of Aviation has the honor of being the fourth most visited Department of Defense museum in the United States. FY15 visitation was over 400,000. In addition, the Museum hosts over 650 community & military events each year, including military retirements, changes of command, technical conferences, symposiums and reunions for veterans.

- **EDUCATION PROGRAMS:** During the FY 2015 year, 50,000 students and teachers took part in Museum of Aviation education programs. The Museum of Aviation Education Center operates fifteen Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) and History-focused programs for learners ages 4 and older under four major programs:

- 1) **The Aviation Heritage Center** for Guided History Tours
- 2) **The National STEM Academy** which offers Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Programs including science and math field trips at the Museum, K-5th Grade outreach programs in the schools, family STEM Adventure Nights for 2nd-5th graders, a flight simulation center with eight state-of-the-art simulators, an Air traffic Control Classroom, a travelling F-15 cockpit simulator, a NASA Regional Educator Resource Center (the only one in the State of Georgia), intern opportunities for college students Programs, a STEM Afterschool program for 6th-8th graders, and Pre-K and Kindergarten field trips and outreach programs.
- 3) **Gordon State College and Middle Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center** for K-8th Grade students and teachers
- 4) **STARBASE ROBINS**, a 25-hour field trip program, for 5th – 8th grade students funded for Title One schools by the U.S Department of Defense.

- **VOLUNTEERS:** Since 1984, volunteers have contributed more than 1,000,000 hours as tour guides, greeters, gift shop workers, docents, aircraft restoration workers and archivists -- labor valued at more than \$20,316,660. Approximately 100 volunteers help keep the museum open 7 days a week.

- **MUSEUM OF AVIATION FOUNDATION:** The Museum of Aviation Foundation was chartered under the State of Georgia as a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization in 1983. It operates the Museum Aviation Gift Shop and the Jet Fuel Java Coffee Shop, the entire Education Department, Event Management and Marketing. Each fall the Foundation sponsors the Georgia Invitational Golf Tournament with former Senator Sam Nunn as the Honorary Chairman. The 1990-2014 annual tournaments have raised \$6,195,800. The Foundation also conducts a Marathon/Half Marathon and 5K Road Race and a two-day Winter Wonderfest in January, Brigadier General Robert L. Scott, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament in April, an annual Auction and Raffle in July, the two-day Georgia Invitational Golf Tournament in September, the “Wings and Wheels” Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show and the month-long Nevermore Hills Haunted Trails in October.