

Vought A-7B Corsair II



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This A-7B Corsair II ,Bu No. 154479, was built in Grand Prairie, Texas by Chance Vought in 1968. Although we have not yet completed its full history, this aircraft has a distinguished history, with Navy attack squadrons 25, 122, 204 and 304, including many carrier cruises and two Purple Hearts.

Convair TF-102



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The forward fuselage section of this TF-102 #0-62337, was built in Fort Worth by Convair. TF-102s were also used at Carswell AFB to train B-58 crews. This particular Delta Dagger also served at the former Perrin AFB in Sherman, Texas before it was sent to the 111 Fighter Squadron at Ellington AFB. This aircraft may have been flown by former President George W. Bush when he transitioned to the F-102 as it was in the squadron while he went through training. Also, at some point in its career it was flown with the Louisiana Air National Guard where it acquired the name "Huey." In addition, before being rescued for a museum in Rio Hondo, Texas, it served as a gate guard at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas.

Republic Aviation F-105D Thunderchief



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This F-105D, # 60-5385, was built in 1960. Although we have not yet completed its full history, this aircraft has a distinguished history, with Air Force squadrons in the 23rd and 36th Tactical Fighter Wings and the Virginia Air National Guard. It also appears this aircraft survived the Ho Chi Min Trail flying from Korat Royal Thailand Air Force Base in Southeast Asia.

The Air Force Reserve operated F-105s "Thuds" with the 301st Tactical Fighter Wing's 457th Tactical Fighter Squadron from 1972 to 1982 at Carswell AFB.

Cessna T-37 Tweet



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This is one of the most prominent trainer aircraft used by the US Air Force. They were operated at Carswell AFB as a proficiency aircraft for station pilots and are still flown at Sheppard AFB to train pilots from NATO countries.

Douglas TA-4J Skyhawk



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This TA-4J, Bu. No. 158073, is on loan from the NMNA. The TA-4J's first flew on December 17, 1968 and first entered operational service in mid-1969, assigned to training squadron VT-21 at NAS Kingsville, TX. This particular airplane spent many years with VT-7 at NAS Meridian, as an Advanced Jet Trainer, including many trips aboard the USS Lexington. It then served from 1986 to 1994 with COTRAWING-2 with at NAS Kingsville, Texas where it was retired. In 1995 it was moved to the JRB Carswell where it remained on static display until 2009 when it was transferred to us.

Two seat version of the A-4, like this were operated by the US Navy in the Naval Air Reserve Unit at NAS Dallas from 1958 through 1982 for proficiency flying and air combat maneuvering (ACM) training.

Vought RF8-G Crusader



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This Vought RF8-G, Bu. No.146898 was built in 1960 in Grand Prairie, Texas and is on loan from the NMNA. We know this aircraft served with Navy squadrons, VCP-63, VFP-63 and VFP-306, it also served with Marine squadron VMJ-4 at NAS Dallas. It made cruises aboard the USS Lexington, Hancock, Ranger, Midway and possibly others. This particular aircraft was part of the initial contingent of aircraft to fly over Laos in 1964 with VFP-63. It was retired in 1976 and struck from the inventory in 1984. At that time, it was the highest time RF8 in the inventory. It was made part of the collection of aircraft at the USS Alabama Memorial in Mobile, Alabama. In 2005 it was heavily damaged by Hurricane Katrina and removed to Pensacola to be prepared for the bombing range at Eglin AFB. We saved it from destruction, but needs extensive restoration. Portions are presently at the Vought plant in Grand Prairie being restored by the Vought heritage Group. Donations are needed to complete the work.

In addition, local noted aviator, Neal Anderson flew this aircraft while Commanding Officer of the Marine Reserve Training Detachment (MARTD) at NAS Dallas.

North American Aircraft OV-10 Bronco Engineering Mockup



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This is the original factory mockup of the North American Aircraft OV-10 Bronco. It was built in 1964 in Columbus, Ohio. The Bronco Association acquired this full scale model in 2001 and after four years and more than 4,000 hours of work, dedicated the airplane in 2005. Most factory mockups do not survive and are destroyed once production begins making this a rare piece of aviation history. It was also the only full-scale mockup ever produced by North American Aviation. Much of the restoration was done by former employees of Lockheed and members of the B-36 Peacemaker Museum. Serial # NAA-001.

McDonnell Douglas F-4C Phantom II



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Phantom #64-0825, an F-4C served with the 4520 Combat Crew Training Wing at Nellis AFB, NV and the 4453 CCTW at Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ. In 1966 it deployed to the 366 Tactical Fighter Wing Da Nang AB, RVN where it remained in theater until 1970, it also served in SEA with the 12th Tactical Fighter Wing. It then returned to the States with the 479 TFW & 35 TFW at George AFB, CA. Next it was transferred to the 170 TFS & 183 TFG at Springfield ANGB, IL, the 142 Fighter Intercept Group Klamath-Falls ANGB, OR and finally last serving with the 301st TFW Carswell AFB, TX in 1987. This aircraft is on loan from the NMNA.

The F-4 was operated by the USAF/USN/USMC at Carswell AFB and NAS Dallas. Fort Worth businessman H. Ross Perot, Jr. flew F-4s at Carswell AFB while serving in the USAF.

Bell Helicopter OH-58 Kiowa

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This Bell OH-58 Kiowa # 0-20606, was recently donated to the Veterans Memorial Air Park. We do not yet know its history.

The Bell OH-58 Kiowa is a family of single-engine, single-rotor, military helicopters used for observation, utility, and direct fire support. Bell Helicopter manufactured the OH-58 for the United States Army based on the 206A JetRanger helicopter. The OH-58 has been in continuous use by the U.S. Army since 1969.

The latest model, the OH-58D Kiowa Warrior, is primarily operated in an armed reconnaissance role in support of ground troops. The OH-58 has been exported to Austria, Canada, Dominican Republic, Taiwan, and Saudi Arabia; as well as having been produced under license in Australia.