

# FAC FLYER

## Special "Deuce"

### SAVE-A-PLANE

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**This SAVE-A-PLANE is issued by the Forward Air Controller's Museum for immediate action.**

In March of 1952, the Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation, Convair, announced plans to build the F-102 Delta Dagger. Of the 1,000 scheduled for production, 111 were to be built as two seat TF-102 trainers. Although the final construction of these aircraft was done in San Diego, California, the cockpit and forward fuselage sections were built in Fort Worth, Texas and shipped to California. During the Vietnam War, the U.S. Air Force briefly used the TF-102 as a Fast FAC aircraft. Ultimately, only 85 of these rare two seaters was ever built.

#### **The Mission**

Recently, the Forward Air Controller's Museum (FACM) and the OV-10 Bronco Association (OBA), learned that a small museum in south Texas was giving up its collection of airplanes. One of those aircraft was a rare TF-102, number 56-2337. In addition to serving in Greenland and North Carolina, this aircraft spent a significant part of its career here in Texas at Perrin and Ellington Air Force Bases. This airplane is a true Texas native with a connection to Fort Worth. Our mission is to raise the funds needed to acquire, recover, transport and display this Deuce at our air park in North Texas.

#### **The Goal**

The Government Services Administration has approved the OBA, (a 501(C) 3 Non-Profit Museum, and the FAC Museum to accept this aircraft for its Fort Worth Veteran's Memorial Air Park at Meacham Field in Fort Worth, Texas. Acquiring this rare TF-102 for our collection has been a museum goal as this airplane is significant to the aviation history of Fort Worth, Texas. Our goal is to raise \$8,000.00 to acquire, transport, and preserve this aircraft

#### **How You Can Help**

TF-102 56-2337, (see above), was built in 1958. Although we have not yet completed its full history, this aircraft has a distinguished career the Air Force's 327th & 482nd Fight Squadrons, the 3555th Fighter Wing, 4780th Air Defense Wing and the 147th Fighter Intercept Group at Ellington AFB in Houston with the Texas Air National Guard.

We need sponsors to save this historic airplane from the scrappers. Please help now. Gifts of any size will make a difference, but time is running out for this old veteran of the Cold War . . .

There is an immediate urgency to act now. The GSA has given us a limited time frame in which to recover and display this airplane or it will be destroyed. If we meet this goal, we will save this piece of Fort Worth aviation history for future generations.

We need your help to preserve this great aircraft, and tell the TF-102 story. Some or all of your sponsorship or donations may be tax deductible. You can make your donations by cash, check credit-card or PayPal by sending your contribution to:

OV-10 Bronco Association  
505 NW 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 33S  
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We also accept Pay Pal at [WWW.OV-10BRONCO.NET](http://WWW.OV-10BRONCO.NET)

Please pass this message along, we can't do this by ourselves, but together we can SAVE A DEUCE.

Thanks for your support,  
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