



OV-10 Bronco Association Forward Air Controller's Museum

505 NW 38th Street
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Fort Worth, Texas 76106



Visitors Guide Fort Worth Veteran's Memorial Air Park

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The Forward Air Controller's Museum (FACM) and OV-10 Bronco Association (OBA) have begun a joint venture to keep North Texas's military aviation history alive. To meet this goal, we have established the **Fort Worth Veteran's Memorial Air Park (FTW VMAP)**, located at Meacham Field in Fort Worth, Texas.

The mission of the **Fort Worth Veteran's Memorial Air Park** is three fold:

- 1. Preservation:** The FTW VMAP will preserve examples of military aircraft manufactured or based in North Texas, relevant to the role of Forward Air Control or are historically significant. In addition, the history of people who built and served with these aircraft in the defense of our nation will be maintained.
- 2. Inspiration:** The FTW VMAP will endeavor to inspire young people to continue their educations using aviation to encourage careers in aviation, technology, engineering, and the military.
- 3. Education:** The FTW VMAP will educate the public on the historical role North Texas and its people have played as a world-wide leader in military aviation.

Collection Policy:

To be considered for the air park, candidate aircraft will meet at least two of the three following criteria.

1. Aircraft that have been built, modified or flown in the North Texas region.
2. Aircraft with significant historical backgrounds or attributes.
3. Aircraft used in the Forward Air Control mission or controlled by Forward Air Controllers.

We are a tenant of the Vintage Flying Museum located at, 505 NW 38th Street, Hangar 33s, Fort Worth, TX 76106. For more information contact our aircraft acquisition specialist, Jim Bloomberg via email at jbloomberg@aim.com or visit our web sites at www.ov-10bronco.net or www.facmuseum.org.

Collection Guide: North American Aircraft OV-10 Bronco Engineering Mockup



This is the original factory mock up of the North American Aircraft OV-10 Bronco. It was built in 1964 in Columbus, Ohio, it somehow made its way to a swamp in Baton Rouge, Louisiana where it was purchased and moved to California near Edwards Air Force Base. 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

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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 QF-4S Phantom II



In 2004 the Board of Directors of the OV-10 Bronco Association authorized the collection of historic aircraft for a static display air park as part of our museum. This QF-4S Phantom II BuNo 153821 was the first acquisition and is on loan from the National Museum of Naval Aviation (NMNA) in Pensacola, Florida. This "Rhino" was the last Navy/USMC F-4 to fly. Last flew with VX-30 "Bloodhounds" at Pt. Mugu, California. Formerly an F-4J, it served with several Navy and Marine squadrons, among them: VFA-31 "Tomcatters", VMFA-333 "Trip Trey", VMFA-451 "Warlords", VMFA-312 "Checkerboard", VMFA-212 "Lancers" and VMFA-251 "Thunderbolts". Flew combat in Vietnam.

Northrop F-5E Tiger II



This Northrop F-5E Tiger II was acquired in Feb of 2006 and is on loan from NMNA. Aircraft served with US Navy in VFC-13 as an "Aggressor" adversary aircraft. Has two-tone brown and tan desert "Tiger Stripe" camouflage with a red star on the tail and number 13 painted on the nose. In 1984, was in USAF service with the 64th FWS. Has a Swiss F-5 wing installed (originating aircraft ID is unknown), as the original wing was low time sent to F-5/T-38 SLEP program. Was featured in the movie "Top Gun" as one of the black MIGs.

Cessna O-2S Skymaster



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This Cessna Q2A Skymaster was manufactured in Wichita, KS and delivered to USAF 1967-11-20. To 504th TASG (Tactical Air Support Group) (Pacific Air Forces), Nha Trang AB, Vietnam in Jan. 1968. To Cam Ranh Bay AB, Vietnam and Da Nang AB, Vietnam, Aug. 1969. Then went to 110th TASG (ANG), Kellogg Field, Battle Creek MI, Sept. 1971. In June 1972, went to 105th TASG (ANG) at Westchester County Airport, NY. Went to 115th TASG (ANG), Traux Field WI in Oct. 1974. In May 1976, transferred to 602nd TACW (Tactical Air Command), Bergstrom AFB, TX. In July 1979, went to Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, and finally was dropped from inventory in Mar. 1980 by transfer to other agency. Acquired by the Forward Air Controller's Museum (FACM), in 2001 and restored largely by Jerry "Nail 57" Stephan and Glenn Hill.

North American Rockwell OV-10A Bronco



After years of failed attempts, the OBA acquired this Bronco, BuNo 155428 from the California Department of Forestry in November of 2005. NAA production S/N 305-66M37, the 66th Bronco manufactured and the 37th for the USMC. Delivered to HML-267 at Camp Pendleton, CA on 1968-06-28. Arrived in SEA 1968-08-08 and assigned to VMO-2 / MAG-16 at MCALF Marble Mountain. In Feb. 1970, VMO-2 moved to MAG-11 at Da Nang AB. Aircraft spent 32 months in Vietnam, estimated to have flown 2500 hours on over 1000 missions in theater. Aircraft transferred to VMO-6 at MCAS Futenma in Okinawa Japan as part of VMO-2 standdown in March 1971. When VMO-6 disestablished in Jan. 1977, transferred to HMS-36 at Futenma. Returned to Camp Pendleton in 1991 and served with VMO-2 as aircraft No. 16. Spent short time in Marine Helicopter Training Squadron 301, in 1993 was sent to civilian duty with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Boise, ID with civilian registration N97LM. Transferred to California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) in Dec. 1999, apparently CDF never flew it. Transferred to OBA in Apr. 2005.



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USAF S/N: 68-3825 arrived at our Air Park from California in January of 2006. Delivered to USAF and served with 23rd TASS (Tactical Air Support Squadron.) during the Vietnam War. Later served in the Cold War throughout West Germany with the 704th TASS and South Korea with the 19th TASS. Flew with BLM and then the CDF to direct fire fighting missions.

Grumman F-14D Tomcat



On loan from NMNA, F-14D 159600 "Christine" arrived aboard a C-5A Galaxy on March 3rd, 2007. This aircraft was manufactured in 1976 and was the longest-serving Tomcat in the US Navy. It was in the last group of F-14s to be decommissioned in Sept. 2006. Aircraft has long combat history including role as a Forward Air Controller (Airborne), FAC(A) in Desert Storm and Afghanistan. Arrived at Meacham from NAS Oceana via C-5 transport on 2007-02-04, making what is likely the last US F-14 flight in history. Served with numerous Navy fighter squadrons, including; VF-84, VF-14, VF-142, VF-2, VF-101 and VF-31.

Douglas A-4C Skyhawk



This "Scooter," USN BuNo: 147715 is on loan from the NMNA and began life as an A4D-2N. It was accepted by the US Navy on 1960-04-29. There is a gap in the history between Apr. 1960 and June 1968. It served in VA-873 1968-06-24; VA-125 "Rough Riders" 1968-08-19; VC-13, NAS Miramar 1969-04-07; and VC-13, NAS Miramar Mar. 1973. It was administratively stricken from the record in Memphis on 1973-07-13. This plane was most recently used for ground training in Memphis. Although it currently wears Blue Angels

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colors, it was never actually one of the Blue Angels aircraft. In June-July 2007, the plane was disassembled by a small crew from OBA with help from an NMNA crew and moved to the Air Park.