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Hours:

Monday - Friday: CLOSED
Saturday & Sunday: 10AM-3PM
Group and Private Tours
Available by Appointment

Board of Directors:

Mike Lumen - President
Hank Winkler - VP/Curator
Bill Roth - Treasurer
Steve Ports - Secretary
Ken Kwiatkowski - Mktg/FundRaise
Ray Hicks - Membership, Newsletter
Chuck Newell - Restoration
Bob Gluchman - Restoration
Steve Bartkowski - Director

Next Board Meeting:

TBD, 2022, 8:00 AM

Featured Exhibit: McDonnell-Douglas F-4B Phantom II

The McDonnell Douglas F-4B Phantom II is a tandem two-seat, twin-engine, all-weather, long-range supersonic jet interceptor and fighter-bomber originally developed for the United States Navy. Highly adaptable, it first entered service in 1961 and was later adopted by the United States

Marine Corps. By the mid-1960s it had become a major part of both service's air arms. Ever improved variants of the Phantom were produced until 1981. A total of 5,195 aircraft were built, making it the most produced American supersonic military aircraft in history.



The Phantom is a large fighter with a top speed of over Mach 2.2 and can carry more than 18,000 pounds of weapons including air-to-air missiles, air-to-ground missiles, and various bombs.

Beginning in 1959, it set 15 world records for in-flight performance, including an absolute speed record and an absolute altitude record.

The F-4 was used extensively during the Vietnam War, during which one U.S. Air Force pilot, two weapon systems officers (WSOs), one U.S. Navy pilot and one radar intercept officer (RIO) became aces by achieving five aerial kills against enemy fighter aircraft. The F-4 continued to form a major part of U.S. military air power throughout the 1970s and 1980s, being gradually replaced by more modern aircraft.

The Museum's example wears the Vietnam-era markings of VMFA-531, ("Grey Ghosts") which became the first land-based Marine Squadron to deploy to South Vietnam in 1965.

On loan from the National Naval Aviation Museum, Pensacola, FL

Volunteer Knowledge Nuggets: Harvest Hosts & Blue Star Family Museum

Harvest Hosts is a membership program that provides access to a

**Museum Tours
Volunteers Needed!!**

The Museum has a number of tours scheduled to take place in the July - September timeframe. These tours are a major source of operating revenue for the museum and are very rewarding to be a part of. Please contact our Curator, Hank Winkler hwinkler@airclassicsmuseum.org if you are interested in participating. Several of our volunteers can't help during the work week, so if you're free during that time, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Newsletter Update

Late last year, the decision was made to publish the newsletter on a bi-monthly basis, so don't fret if you don't see one each month - it will come! Ideas for articles should be directed to Ray Hicks, Membership Director at rhicks@airclassicsmuseum.org

New 2022 Museum Members

During the course of the year, we've been joined by some new members. Please welcome aboard Mark Chaplin and Dane Milldrum.



network of wineries, farms, breweries, museums, and other unique attractions that invite self-contained RVers to visit and stay overnight. Air Classics Museum has been a long-standing host member of the network. When campers check in, they are encouraged to make a donation, pay a museum entrance fee, or make a purchase in our gift shop.

Blue Star Families was founded by military spouses in 2009 to empower active-duty families to thrive as their members serve our Country by connecting them with their civilian neighbors - both people and organizations - to create strong communities of support. Air Classics is a member of their museum program that allows active-duty or reserve personnel and up to 5 family members free admission. If you are staffing the front desk, please indicate the number of family members on the daily attendance form.

We Want YOU To Be A Member



We are actively seeking new members and encouraging all our current/past members to renew their memberships. We are also in the process of updating our membership database so we can keep you informed of current events and volunteer opportunities. There's never been a better time to become a Life Member!! Membership includes free Air Classics water bottle, unlimited free admission to the museum, 10% gift shop discount, access to museum library, and volunteer opportunities. Life Members also receive a 25% discount in the museum gift shop and after-hours rental of museum or its camping/picnic area. Current Annual and Life membership rates are as follows:

Student: \$15
Family: \$50

Individual: \$40
Life: \$350

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