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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 a beautiful 51-acre site on Robins Air Force Base, the museum is the second largest museum in the U.S. Air Force with a collection of over **100 aircraft, missiles and cockpits** dating from a replica of an early 1896 glider to modern-era aircraft such as the B-1B bomber, the SR-71 Blackbird, the U-2 Dragon Lady and F-15 Eagle. **The Museum has been accredited by the American Association of Museums – one of only nine aviation museums in the United States to receive such an honor.** Informative and interesting exhibits tell the story of aviation events from World War II to the present, including one-of-a-kind exhibits depicting the mission of Robins Air Force Base, the largest industrial employer in Georgia. Home of the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame, one will find displays on the achievements of visionary civilian and military men and women who made significant contributions to aviation in Georgia. Admission is free and the museum is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day and is located 10 miles east of I-75 exit 144 at the end of Russell Parkway.

- Since it opened to the public in November 1984, more than **9.7 million people from all over the world have visited** the Museum, including **more than 758,000 children which 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.**
- **Six education programs reached over 41,000 participants in FY-2008:** *Mission Quest*, an interactive flight experience for 7th-12th graders using virtual-reality flight simulators; *STARBASE ROBINS*, an aerospace science and goal-setting 25-hour curriculum for 4th & 5th graders; *the Middle Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center* which provides classes for students and teachers in seven Middle Georgia school districts; *ACE science-based field trips* correlated with Georgia Performance Standards and National Science Standards for K-7th Graders; *Wonder Wings* for Pre-K students; and *Guided and Self-Guided Tours* for all ages. Two other educational offerings are a NASA Resource Center and an outreach program using an actual F-15 flight simulator. Several intern, vocational training and mentoring programs are also operated in partnership with technical institutions, area colleges, universities, and school systems.
- The Museum has numerous educational events and programs each year. They include an annual **Young Astronaut's Day**, regional science fairs, teacher workshops, **FIRST Lego League Robotics Central Georgia Regional Qualifier**, aviation summer camps, and classes to qualify Scouts for their Aviation Merit Badge. 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. Through these events, the Museum allows visitors to gain an important glimpse into the traditions, heritage and role of our Air Force in today's world.
- The Museum of Aviation is responsible for the care of over 68,000 historical items, many of which are featured in over 22 permanent museum displays. These award winning exhibits and the education complex occupy over 200,000 square feet of space in four buildings. The **Eagle Building** houses exhibits on the 14th Air Force Flying Tigers, the Hump Pilots of the China-Burma-India Theater, the Korean War, 483rd Bomb Group, World War II and the history of Robins Air Force

Base and the story of WWII ace Robert L. Scott, Jr., author of the WWII book, "God Is My Co-Pilot". Unique to the Eagle Building is the Robert L. Scott Theater, an aviation research library, art gallery, gift shop and Victory Café. **Hangar One** houses several Vietnam era aircraft and helicopters. The featured exhibit in this hangar is "**America's Black Eagles--The Tuskegee Pioneers...and Beyond,**" the **largest Tuskegee Airmen exhibit** in the United States. The **Century of Flight Hangar** features several museum aircraft including the **SR-71**, U-2, F-16, T-38 HH-3E "Jolly Green," an MH-53 special ops helicopter and classrooms for Museum Education Programs. The free-admission "**We The People**" **Theater and Exhibit Hall** located inside the hangar provides a lesson on the U.S. Constitution and displays the memorabilia of Senator Sam Nunn and six other distinguished Congressional and national leaders from Georgia. The Museum of Aviation opened a **new World War II Exhibit Hangar** in 2008 featuring an exhibit on D-Day and the Air Invasion of Europe. The Museum of Aviation Foundation's *Next Generation* Capital Campaign includes plans for future exhibit hangars.

- The museum features a **P-40 "Warhawk"** aircraft like the one flown by **Brigadier General Robert L. Scott, Jr.** in China during World War II. It is displayed in an extensive **exhibit on General Claire Chennault, 14th Air Force and the Flying Tigers**. General Scott, who wrote the book *God is my Co-Pilot*, was an "ace" with 13 aerial victories to his credit and an amazing 33,000-hour flying career. At 72, he walked the Great Wall of China (2,000 miles); at 76 he flew an F-16; at 80, 81, 82 and 85 he flew an F-15 fighter; and at age 89 flew a B-1B bomber. Having served as the Honorary National Chairman of the Museum of Aviation Foundation for 20 years, he passed away in February 2006 at the age of 97.

- **A large corps of volunteers** provides aircraft restoration, staff and management assistance. Since 1984, volunteers have **contributed more than 850,000 hours** as tour guides, greeters, gift shop workers, docents and archivists -- **labor valued at more than \$15.3 million dollars**.

- **Museum awards** include the State of Georgia Award for "Excellence in the Use of Historical Records," Commander-in-Chief's Installation Excellence Award, the Robins Air Force Base Commander's Public Service Award for Volunteers, the Air Force Materiel Command Excellence and Heritage Projects Award, the Georgia Governor's Award in the Humanities, the Regional/National Civil Air Patrol Frank Brewer Award for aerospace education; an Air Force Association Special Citation for excellence in education programs; the 2009 Best Exhibit Design from the Georgia Association of Museums and Galleries and the Georgia Magazine readers' choice award as **Favorite State Museum**.

- The Museum of Aviation originated out of a "partnership agreement" between the U.S. Air Force at Robins Air Force Base and the local Middle Georgia community. From that agreement, the **Museum of Aviation Foundation** was chartered under the State of Georgia as a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization in 1983. Since then, it **has raised over \$39 million** in cash and in-kind contributions from individuals, businesses, civic organizations and other sources to help build and support the Museum which is operated and directed by the United States Air Force. The Museum Foundation operates the **Museum Aviation Gift Shop and the Victory Café**, and provides the salaries for additional employees to help provide Museum Education Programs and Public Services. Each fall the Foundation sponsors the **Georgia Invitational Golf Tournament** with former Senator Sam Nunn as the Honorary Chairman. **The 1990-2008 annual tournaments have raised nearly \$4.7 million** to help operate and expand the Museum. Each spring, the Foundation honors the late Brigadier General Robert L. Scott, Jr. with a Memorial Golf Tournament. It also conducts the annual Museum Auction and Raffle in July, the "Wings and Wheels" Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show in October and co-sponsors a Marathon/Half Marathon and 5K Road Race in January.

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