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Dear Mr Sisk:

We are pleased that the 21st Fighter Bomb Wing plans to visit the National Museum of the United States Air Force on September 12, 2008. I have enclosed several pieces of information, pertaining to the Museum, to assist you during your visit. Additional information can be found at our website, http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/

The Museum is set up on a self-touring basis. However, a guided Heritage Tour is conducted for the public every day at 1:30 PM with an extra tour on Saturdays at 10:30 AM. The tours usually last about 2 hours and are free and open to the public. The Heritage Tour begins in the Early Years era and continues chronologically through the Cold War era. Reservations are not required; just meet the tour guide at the entrance to the Early Years Gallery at the scheduled time.

The Presidential Hangar and Research, Test and Development Hangar are located on the active part of Wright-Patterson AFB. The Museum provides bus transportation for those people without a Military ID or Base decal. Although the bus runs continuously, seating is limited, so please check in at the information desk upon arrival to sign up for a seat. A current picture ID is required. This information is based on current procedures and is subject to change.

Aircraft openings: Due to our commitment to preserving aircraft, the museum policy is that aircraft will not be opened. However, special consideration is given to veterans, who flew, crewed and maintained aircraft in our inventory (or the same type of aircraft). A reunion group can request access to an aircraft for current or former aircrew, maintenance and support personnel. Unfortunately, spouses, children, or friends cannot be approved. Some aircraft are not accessible for opening, due to display techniques or safety limitations. With approval, an aircraft opening is scheduled Monday through Friday from 8:00AM-9:00AM. The request needs to be in writing and received at least two weeks prior to your reunion dates. Address the request to Maj General (Ret) Charles Metcalf, C/O Teresa Montgomery, Special Events, 1100 Spaatz Street, WPAFB, OH 45433-7102 or e-mail the request to jane.leach@wpafb.af.mil. Please include in the request the organization, number of people, date, and which aircraft. We are sorry, but walk-in requests cannot be fulfilled.

Another component of the Museum is the Memorial Park. The National Museum of the United States Air Force started the Memorial Park in 1971 as a way for units and individuals associated with the Air Force to be honored for their contributions to the Air Force. The Park currently contains over 400 memorials. For information regarding a memorial, please contact Sarah Parke at 937-255-1376 or e-mail at sarah.parke@wpafb.af.mil

Photography or videotaping of aircraft and exhibits in the Museum is encouraged. Because the Museum uses exhibit lighting, the use of flash equipment indoors is recommended.

Wheelchairs and electric carts are available for indoor use at no cost. Availability is first come, first served.

Films are shown throughout the day at our IMAX Theatre. Prices are \$6, \$5.50 for persons over 60. Group discounts are available for groups of 20 or more and senior citizens. For current film information or to make arrangements for your group to see an IMAX show, call (937) 253-4629.

There is a CAFÉ located on the second floor of the Museum that serves hot sandwiches, soups, salads, desserts and a variety of "fast foods". It is open from 9:00AM until 4:30PM daily. Credit cards are not accepted. Questions, concerning the CAFÉ, can be referred to CAFÉ Manager, Taryn DeLong at (937) 255-2735 ext 450.

The Museum is always interested in donations of photographs and material related to the US Air Force. Should you or anyone in your group have an interest in donating such items, we've included a donation form in this packet. You should contact the Museum Senior Curator first to ensure the items are not duplicates of our current inventory. The Curator is Mr Terry Aitken at (937) 255-1292 or e-mail at terrill.aitken@wpafb.af.mil.

**Please keep in mind that the services the Museum offers are constantly changing to better serve our visitors. You may want to contact me as you begin firming up your plans to ensure all information is current. My phone numbers is (937) 255-1712 or e-mail me at jane.leach@wpafb.af.mil

Sincerely

Jane Leach Special Events Coordinator

Important Numbers and Addresses

National Museum of the United Air States Force

1100 Spaatz Street Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433-7102 (937) 255-3286 Ext 302 http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/

Cafe

Taryn DeLong (937) 255-1805

Memorials Sarah Parke (937) 255-1376

IMAX /Morphis (937) 253-4629 (50 or more, 10 AM, 5PM) \$6 – IMAX \$4 - Morphis

Wright-Patt Banquet Center Kathleen.Turmelle@wpafb.af.mil Cell# (937) 673-5851

Hope Hotel (937) 879-2696

Firing Squad (Donation) VFW Huber Heights 3283 Doc Andrews (937) 237-2245

Golf Military (937) 257-7961 Twin Base (937) 257-4130 Honor Guard (937) 257-8964

Band MSGT Greg Sell (937) 257-6526

Chaplain (937) 257-7427

Speakers Rachel Castle (937) 522-3520

Huffman Prairie Ranger Bob Peterson (937) 425-0008

VOQ Reservations (Generals) Michele (937) 257-3451 Ext 7806

VOQ Reservations (937) 257-3451 Option 9

Veterans History Project (Format for written/oral histories) http://www.loc.gov/vets//



"FIGHTER PILOT: OPERATION RED FLAG" FILM TO DEBUT AT NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE U.S. AIR FORCE

The first large format film to showcase the U.S. Air Force will made its public debut at the National Museum of the United States Air Force's IMAX Theatre on December 4, 2005.

"Fighter Pilot: Operation Red Flag" is a film about a two-week, realistic combat training exercise involving the aerial forces of the United States and its allies, and the training they receive that saves pilots' lives in the combat aviation arena.

Established in 1975, Red Flag is conducted on the vast bombing and gunnery ranges at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, as one of a series of advanced training programs administered by the Air Warfare Center and Nellis AFB through the 414th Combat Training Squadron.

In a typical Red Flag exercise, Blue Forces (friendly) engage Red Forces (hostile) in combat situations. Each exercise usually involves a variety of attack, fighter, bomber, reconnaissance, electronic warfare, air superiority, airlift support, search and rescue, and aerial refueling aircraft, as well as space assets. Upon completion of Red Flag, graduates receive the equivalent of having their first 10 combat missions accomplished.

The film specifically follows the adventures of Capt. John "Otter" Stratton, a young American F-15E fighter pilot, as he makes his way through this extraordinary event in the desert of Nevada. As he begins the exercise, he is amazed at how complex, confusing and dangerous it is. Suddenly, he begins to the think that being a hero is not quite as simple as he once believed.

For additional information on the IMAX Theatre, including cost of admission, call 937-253-IMAX or visit <u>www.afmuseum.com/imax</u>. Additional information on the film can also be found at <u>www.fighterpilotfilm.com</u>.

The National Museum of the United States Air Force is located on Springfield Pike, six miles northeast of downtown Dayton. It is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day). Admission and parking are free.

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