

# NATIONL MUSEUM UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



## **MISSION**

### **LINEAGE**

Air Force Museum constituted, 23 Jul 1975

Activated, 8 Aug 1975

Redesignated United States Air Force Museum, 8 Dec 1981

Redesignated National Museum of the United States Air Force, 1 Jul 2004

### **STATIONS**

Wright-Patterson AFB, OH, 8 Aug 1975

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

Air Force Logistics Command, 8 Aug 1975

Air Force Materiel Command, 1 Jul 1992

### **COMMANDERS**

Richard L. Uppstrom, Sep 1985

Charles D. Metcalf, Dec 1996

John L. Hudson, Dec 2010

### **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

## **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Jan 1977-1 Jan 1979

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award

1 Jul 1994-30 Jun 1996

## **EMBLEM**



Air Force Museum emblem

National Museum of the United States Air Force emblem: Light Blue, a globe Argent with land masses Azure encircled by two orbits saltirewise and one in pale terminating into a missile all Or, on a chief Gules fimbriated of the fourth the Wright Flyer of the second; all within a diminished bordure of the fourth. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE U.S. AIR FORCE" in Blue letters. Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The emblem is symbolic of the museum which began operations in 1923, displays the national colors, and has become the largest and most complete military aeronautical museum in the world. Here are preserved the glorious traditions and records of flight from the Wright Brothers to man's progress into the supersonic age. (Approved, 12 Dec 1962; newest rendition approved, 19 Apr 2004)

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

The Air Force Museum, a named activity at WPAFB, was inactivated effective August 8, 1975,

and the unit designation reverted to the Department of the Air Force. The Museum was then activated as a named unit and assigned to the Air Force Logistics Command at Wright-Patterson, effective the same day. The Air Force Museum subsequently was assigned to the 2750th Air Base Wing for logistical support.

The Army Corps of Engineers selected five contractors to present their design-build proposals for the expansion of the National Museum of the US Air Force in Dayton, Ohio, announced museum officials. This is the second phase of the request-for-proposal process for the museum's fourth building, which is scheduled for opening in late 2015, according to the museum's Aug. 8 release. The five contractors are: Whiting-Turner Contracting of Greenbelt, Md.; M.A. Mortenson Construction of Minneapolis; Turner Construction of Washington, D.C.; Hensel Phelps of Chantilly, Va.; and Archer Western/Butt Construction of Chicago. They have until Oct. 2 to submit their proposals; the construction contract is scheduled for award in late 2013, states the release. The planned 224,000-square-foot hangar would house aircraft from the Presidential gallery, including President Kennedy's Air Force One, the research and development gallery, including the XB-70 bomber prototype, as well as vehicles from the space gallery, among others.

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