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Faster Than the Speed of Sound—the F-100D Super Sabre

The second largest air-force field museum in the country presents to you the final product of the F-100D Super Sabre, the first airplane to fly faster than the speed of sound—at 760 mph in level flight. After seven years of restoring this remarkable Vietnam War aircraft, it is finally complete.

The Museum of Aviation and the Museum of Aviation Foundation will host the F-100D Super Sabre event—on behalf of Colonel King and the 78th Air Base Wing— on June 8th, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in Hangar One. This particular aircraft will be the last to be placed in the Museum of Aviation’s Hangar One Exhibition space, which makes this event a significant part of the Museum’s history.

Major General Rick Goddard will be the keynote speaker during the event. He is the former commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, as well as a former pilot who flew the F-100D on hundreds of combat missions during the Vietnam War. The media will have an opportunity to interview him and other pilots who flew the F-100D.



This fighter-bomber aircraft was responsible for serving in ground-support missions— attacking troop concentrations, bridges, and road junctions. In 1957, the F-100D was sent in for modifications at the Warner Robins Air Material area, and then went to serve with USAF units in Europe. The aircraft retired in 1979, and was put on a pole for display at Otis Air National Guard base in Massachusetts. After 33 years of being damaged by harsh weather, the F-100D was taken to the Museum of Aviation in 2010 to begin the restoration process. With the help of General

Goddard, Aaron Robinson—a retired USAF Master Sergeant—and other restoration specialists, this Vietnam War aircraft was brought back to life and given the opportunity to be honored for serving its nation.

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