



P-51 Mustang "Red Nose"

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American Mustangs were the highest-scoring US fighter in the European theater with 4,950 enemy aircraft destroyed. They were used as dive-bombers, escorts, ground-attackers, interceptors, and more, throughout 40 US Army Air Force fighter groups and 31 RAF squadrons. Post-war, P-51 Mustangs were used as high-performance racers.



Fairchild PT-26 Cornell

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The PT-26 was designed for cold-weather primary training. Essentially a PT-19, the PT-26 has a canopy, larger engine, larger electrical system, better instrumentation and oil dilution for easier starting in cold weather. Fleet Aircraft built 1,057 PT-26s; Fairchild built 620. There are approximately 200 of the PT-19, 23 and 26 varieties still flying.

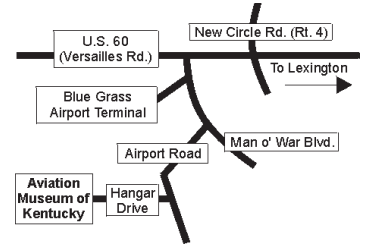
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The "Bucket of Bolts" was repainted in 1991 with the RAF camouflage air transport scheme with invasion D-Day stripes. The colors are authentic down to the numbers on the side, which were on the aircraft that Col. Vic Hewes of the Dixie Wing flew in the service of the RAF in World War II during the invasion of Normandy.



Douglas SBD-5 Dauntless

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The SBD Dauntless was restored by the Dixie Wing for SBD-5 configuration and color scheme in use at the time of the Battle of the Marianas, or "The Marianas Turkey Shoot." It is authentic right down to the smallest details and flies roughly 20 airshows a year.