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FLIGHT TEST MUSEUM FOUNDATION (FTMF)

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FTMF CELEBRATES "**Top Guns of Test Flight**" - We are proud to showcase the real-life legendary aircraft and the amazing test pilots who have flown them.

FTMF is now offering the media an "ALL Access" invitation to check out the top military aircraft up close and interview the test pilots that fly them. This VIP access will be granted on a limited "first come, first serve" basis!

PALMDALE, CA – June 28, 2022 — Our mission is to preserve, display, and educate **the public** about the more than 75 years of flight tests, aerospace and technological developments at Edwards Air Force Base, NASA Armstrong Flight Research Center, Plant 42, and the Aerospace Valley. The Education Center provides educational programs on the principles of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math in flight test and aerospace research to expand knowledge, inspire, and motivate future generations using examples of the advancements in aerospace in our collection.

In March 2022, architecture firm Gensler released plans for the new Flight Test Museum in Antelope Valley north of Los Angeles. The design combines the dimensions of an airport hangar and was inspired by the shape of the F-117 Nighthawk aircraft in the museum's collection. "The reimagination of the Flight Test Museum coincides with the rise of commercial space exploration and the 75th anniversary of the breaking of the sound barrier." Peter Wang, principal and design director on the project for Gensler.

In the coming weeks and months, the FTMF will be announcing new strategic partnerships with many exciting professionals, companies, and organizations. Our goal is to provide even more educational resources that continue to inspire the public and the educational community with detailed historical content and current advancements in aviation and space exploration.

Innovation and exploration are alive and well in the Aerospace Valley. In the past, the pilots and engineers broke the shackles of traditional thinking that held them back from chasing their wild ambition to fly faster, longer and further than anyone ever had. Today, Blue Origin rocket testing is conducted, the Space Force is testing systems, and NASA is developing a commercial supersonic aircraft with the Skunkworks.

The AF Test pilot School prepares future test pilots and flight test engineers, and these graduates proliferate the world of flight test around the globe. Stratolaunch, Scaled Composities, Virgin Galactic, Boeing, Northrop Grumman, Lockheed Martin, Raytheon, JT3, JT3, and countless other aerospace companies test their new designs and continue to push the boundaries of physics and the human imagination.

History is being made every day in the Aerospace Valley, and the museum is the place for the world to learn about it.

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