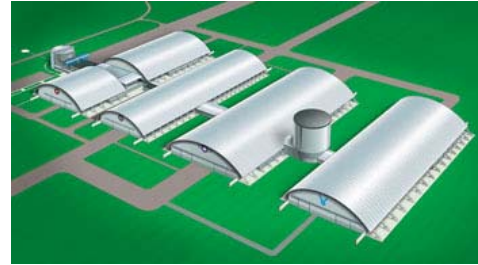




## Museum Expansion Project

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The National Museum of the U.S. Air Force is in the midst of a multi-phase, long-term expansion plan. The Air Force Museum Foundation is currently supporting a major capital construction program to expand the museum's current one million square feet of exhibit space with a fourth building that will house the Space Gallery, Presidential Aircraft Gallery and Global Reach Gallery.



The museum currently showcases more than 360 aerospace vehicles and missiles in over 17 acres of indoor exhibit space, but the ever-growing historical collection presents a pressing need for more gallery space. Identifying the Air Force's space mission as its most important exhibit priority, the museum has embarked on the next major program initiative, a new Space Gallery.

## Space Gallery

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- The gallery will house the museum's growing space collection, including a recently acquired Titan IV space launch vehicle and Mercury, Gemini and Apollo capsules.
- These spacecraft exemplify the close ties between the Air Force and NASA in manned spaceflight. A range of satellites and booster systems, spanning the entire history of the space age, illustrate the Air Force's vast reconnaissance, early warning, communications and other space capabilities.
- Several aircraft in the museum's collection helped develop shuttle program technologies. These include an X-15, which was used to make the first manned probes into the lower edges of space and contributed significantly to the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo projects, as well as an X-24A and X-24B, which explored handling qualities of the wingless configuration for extended near-earth flight and conventional runway approaches and landings.
- The Space Gallery will provide opportunities to educate the public about the rich history of the Air Force's space programs and vital Air Force, NASA and aerospace industry partnerships.

## Presidential Aircraft Gallery

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- The Presidential Aircraft Gallery will allow the National Museum of the United States Air Force to relocate and expand one of its most popular exhibits.
- The museum is the repository for Air Force aircraft that have been retired from the Presidential aircraft fleet. Currently the presidential aircraft reside in a hangar located one mile from the main museum campus in a secure area on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Visitors must be transported by bus to this facility and with limited service only a small portion of the visitors are able to see the collection.
- Relocating the Presidential Gallery to the main facility will allow all visitors to see the presidential aircraft with interpretations of their related memorabilia. It will provide greater public understanding and appreciation for the Air Force's important mission of providing presidential transport and the security of our nation.



## Global Reach Gallery

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- An important element of Air Force history will be told in the Global Reach Gallery. Providing airlift remains a major mission of the U.S. Air Force and it forms a critical part of the Air Force's ability to maintain Global Reach.
- To tell this vital story, the Global Reach Gallery will afford the opportunity to house large aircraft currently in its collection such as the C-141 *Hanoi Taxi* and those anticipated to become part of the collection such as a C-5 Galaxy and KC-135.

## Point of Contact

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The Air Force Museum Foundation, an IRS 501(c)3 organization chartered to provide the National Museum of the United States Air Force the development and expansion of facilities, is in the process of raising the funds to meet the growing requirements of the National Museum of the United States Air Force. Currently \$38 million has been secured in cash and pledges for the project.

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