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A-10 Thunderbolt II

Air crews call the A-10 "Warthog" because it's ugly—also "tank buster," because of its heavy-ordnance attack power. Can operate in a wide combat radius, is highly maneuverable and can be armed with a variety of guns, missiles and bombs—plus flares or chaff.

KC-135 Stratotanker

Provides aerial refueling support to bombers and reconnaissance aircraft as well as cargo and tactical aircraft of Air Force Commands, the U.S. Navy and Marines and other nations. It pumps its fuel through its retractable flying boom controlled by an operator stationed in the rear of the plane.

Launched in 1956, the Stratotanker has been modified, evolving into an increasingly fuel-efficient, quieter plane taking off on shorter runways. Can also haul cargo and/or combat troops. Expected to be flying in the 21st Century.

A-7D Corsair II

The A-7 is a sub-sonic attack-fighter: light and nimble, it's able to deliver a powerful punch, flying in under enemy radar. As a fighter, it can out-maneuver speedier opponents. As a bomber, it can skim over the ground, zig-zag to spot targets, drop its bombs, leap high and run for safety, using air-to-air missiles to fight off the enemy as necessary.

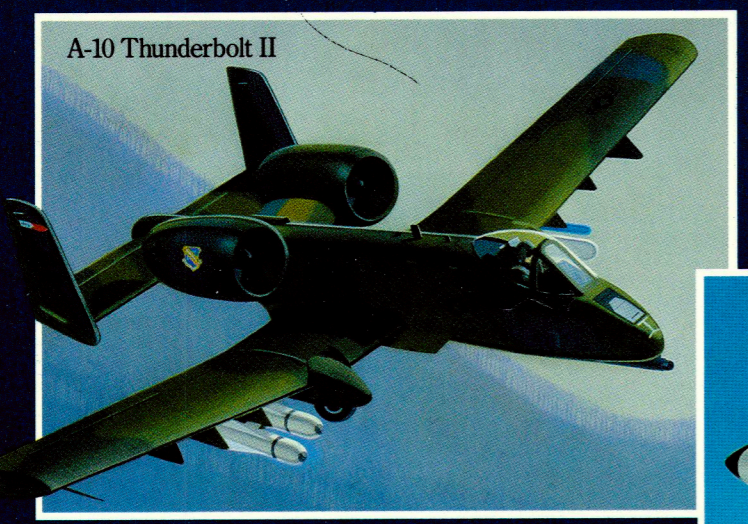
C-5A Galaxy

Awesome in size, the C-5 is the largest operational aircraft in the free world. Air-refuelable, it moves at jet speed with inter-continental range. It can land, take off in relatively short distance and "kneel" to speed loading, off-loading. The C-5 carries all types of Army's bulky combat equipment.

C-141B Starlifter

This is the workhorse of the Military Airlift Command (MAC): it airlifts combat forces over long distances; can be slowed to allow air-drop of personnel and heavy loads of equipment and ammunition; removes sick and wounded from hostile areas to medical facilities; and can be refueled in flight.

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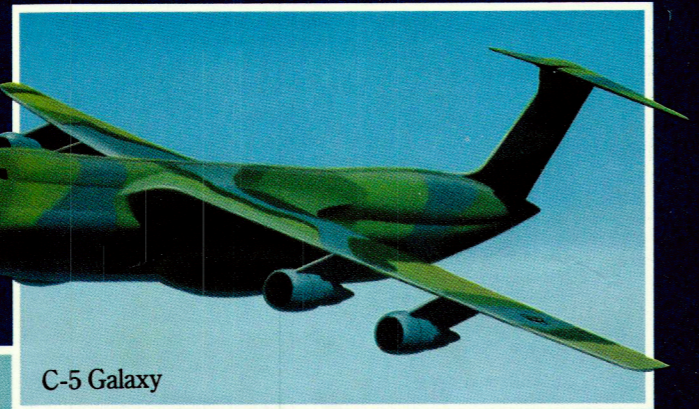
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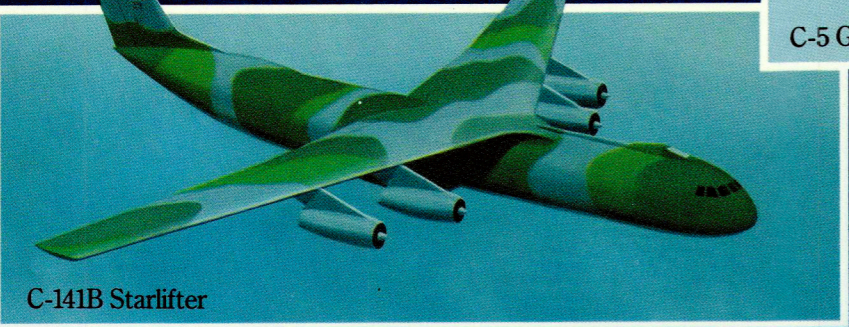
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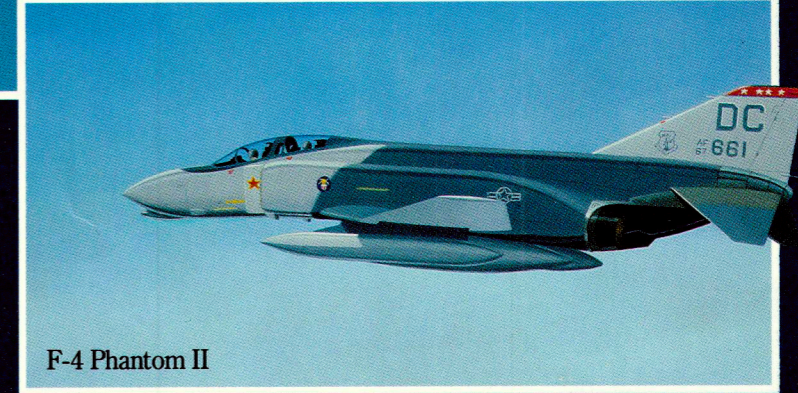
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F-15 Eagle



F-16 Fighting Falcon



F-4 Phantom II



C-130 Hercules

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F-15 Eagle

The most sophisticated high-tech airplane in the world, the F-15 is also the best air-superiority fighter of all times. Designed for a variety of capabilities, including interceptor, escort, fighter sweep and strike missions. Optional equipment includes Photo-Recon gear, surface-to-air missile evasion, laser-light TV system for nocturnal missions and infra-red tracking to seek and destroy enemy aircraft. Can accommodate eight tons of ordnance varied among a wide assortment of modern weaponry. Was the first plane powerful enough to accelerate while flying straight up.

F-4 Phantom II

In 1966, an F-4C downed a MIG-21 in a dogfight to score the first all-supersonic air victory in history. A combat-proven veteran, the F-4 has been continuously updated over the years and has moved to a predominantly air-to-ground role. Latest improvements for this tough multi-role fighter have boosted the effectiveness of its navigation and weapons systems.

F-16 Fighting Falcon

In an age of power-laden super planes, the F-16 is the world's most advanced lightweight fighter—and considered one of the most maneuverable. The latest technologies and top-secret equipment give the Falcon speed, range and weapon systems that make it as swift, accurate and lethal as its namesake from the bird kingdom. The Air Force's famed Thunderbird Air Demonstration Squadron fly the F-16.

C-130 Hercules

A classic aircraft, the C-130 is still being built, more than 35 years after its first flight. Designed to haul heavy loads and large equipment in and out of short, rough runways, the C-130 has moved entire military organizations to and from overseas. Versatile, it has also served as an airborne hospital, photomapper, search and rescue plane, airborne command post—and more.

For more information on the Air National Guard, call toll-free 1-800-638-0936.

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