

GHOSTS

44,000 once roamed the skies in defense of our nation.

- 4,000 B-29's
- 18,000 B-24's
- 12,000 B-17's
- 10,000 B-25's





Today, barely 40 are still flying.

A lone B-29







Only two B-24's







A dozen B-17's







Two dozen B-25's







Who We Are







 The Devil Dog is flown and maintained by the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) Devil Dog Squadron based in Georgetown, TX

What We Do



- Our Primary Mission Is:
 - To preserve history— not only the military aircraft aviation and artifacts of World War II, but also the aviation-related memories of individuals who participated in or witnessed World War II
 - To perpetuate in the memory and in the hearts of all Americans the spirit in which these great planes were flown in the defense of our nation
 - To operate, maintain and preserve these aircraft as symbols of our American military aviation heritage

Sharing The History





Tours and Airshows





About The Plane



- North American B-25 medium bomber
 - Configured as a USMC PBJ-1J
 - 19,975 lbs empty weight
 - Two 14 cylinder, 1700 hp engines
 - Carries 670 gal of fuel
 - 230 mph cruise speed
 - Armed with 16 .50 cal machine guns and 3,200 pounds of bombs or a 2,000 lb aerial torpedo

Yes' it does fly!



- And fly it we do
- We fly the Dog ~100 hrs/yr
- It burns 150 gph fuel (+oil)
- Then there is maintenance, insurance and other expenses
 - A recent engine overhaul alone, cost nearly \$100,000
- \$1,400/hr to operate

Why The Devil Dog Is Special

The Dog is the only known airworthy example of a U.S. Marine Corps PBJ-1J bomber armed with eight nose-mounted .50 caliber machine guns



Devil Dog



Conventional B-25

U.S. Marine Corps Bomber??

- Yes, the Marines had 700 PBJ's, formed 16 squadrons and 8 saw service in the Pacific during WW II:
 - □ VMB-413
 - VMB-423
 - VMB-433
 - VMB-611
 - VMB-612
 - VMB-613
 - VMB-614



Devil Dog History

- 1944 built in December
- 1945 Makes it as far as Hawaii, the war ends and is reassigned to the Training Command
- 1959 sold to a private individual in Rockdale, TX
- 1976 Acquired by several CAF members who began restoration
- 1980 Donated to the CAF, restoration continues, based in Harlingen, TX
- 1980's Moves to Conroe, Tx
- 1990's Midland, Houston, Dallas, Conroe and finally to Georgetown in 1997!

Giving History A Future

