



T-34s fly in formation during an aerial demonstration.

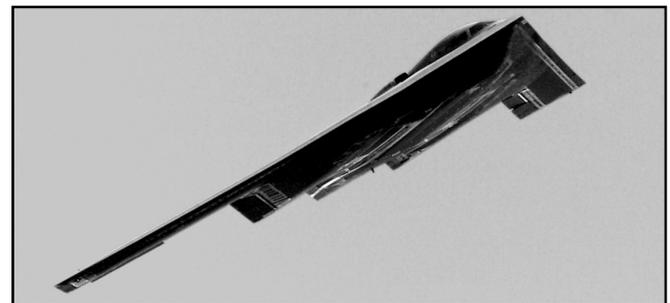
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The T-33 was an early USAF Thunderbirds demonstration aircraft, as shown by its paint scheme.



Air Expo '99 drew more than 60,000 people to the event, despite threatening weather that caused a personnel airdrop to be cancelled and the Thunderbirds to perform an hour earlier than scheduled.



A B-2 Stealth bomber fly-by was a crowd favorite.



Two boys get a close like at a Humvee.

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men and women of the 637th and expects them to continue to set new records in launch reliability, albeit with a different name.

Daley moves to the Pentagon as a logistics analyst in the Installation and Logistics division. A farewell luncheon will be held at the Charleston Club preceding the deactivation ceremony.

"The synergy has already started and many of the organizations within the two squadrons were already working together. For example, the two support flights have been working together for several months," said Capt. Deborah Hamrick, 437th AGS maintenance supervisor. "The biggest thing that we are looking forward to with this merger is that we will end up putting more people back on the flightline by diminishing the overhead functions of two squadrons."

"There has been some apprehension regarding the merger, but everyone seems to be looking forward to it now," said Master Sgt. Winston Moses, first sergeant of the 437th AGS, who will move to another organization after the merger. "We will be one team now and there will be some adjusting to working with one another, but we expect with time, the apprehension will go away."

Master Sgt. Tim Stament, lead Barracuda production superintendent, reminisces about the 637th AGS achievements. "When the unit stood up as a squadron it meant little more than a new hat. Who knew at that time what great things the young men and women would accomplish. We took a brand new airlifter out of the cradle and went to war. JOINT ENDEAVOR was our first real test. The young airmen, 3 and 5 levels, proved before the world that the 637th AGS was more than just a new hat, we were warriors that could meet and beat any challenge."

The 637th AGS achieved some impressive accomplishments, according to Senior Master Sgt. John Pippin, Lead Production Superintendent. "The 637th was the only non-operational unit to actually fly operational missions with an aircraft prior to being designated an operational unit."



## Pin-on

It's official -- 437th Airlift Wing commander Brig. Gen. Robert Bishop received his first star in a pin-on ceremony held Monday at the Charleston Club. Above, the general's wife, Mary (at left) and his mother, Alice, pin stars on the general's epaulets. Bishop also received a bronze star for his achievements during Operation Allied Force.

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