

AMERICAN MILITARY AVIATION FIRST FLIGHTS

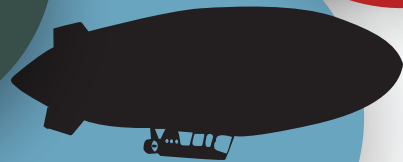
**WRIGHT BROTHERS
B MODEL -1910**



**MODEL 75
(STEARMAN KAYDET)
1934**



**B CLASS BLIMP
MAY 24, 1917**



APRIL 30, 1908

Aviation enthusiasts in the 1st Company, Signal Corps, New York National Guard, organized an "aeronautical corps" to learn ballooning—the earliest known involvement of guardsmen in aviation.

MAY 21, 1927

Charles A. Lindbergh, a captain in Missouri National Guard completed the first solo nonstop flight across the Atlantic Ocean in his airplane Spirit of St. Louis.

October 14, 1938

Edward Elliott conducted the first flight test of the Curtiss XP-40, the prototype of the P-40 of World War II fame.

OCTOBER 1, 1942

Robert Stanley made the first flight in the Bell XP-59A, the first U.S. turbojet-powered aircraft.

JANUARY 14, 1943

Franklin D. Roosevelt becomes the first president to travel on official business by airplane.

OCTOBER 14, 1947

Charles "Chuck" Yeager piloted the first manned supersonic flight in a Bell X-1 that he named Glamorous Glennis.

JUNE 15, 1946

U.S. Navy Blue Angels completed its first performance at Craig Field in Jacksonville, Florida in four F6F Hellcats.

JANUARY 31, 1958

Explorer I, the first U.S. satellite to go into orbit, was launched by the Army's Jupiter C rocket from Cape Canaveral, Florida.

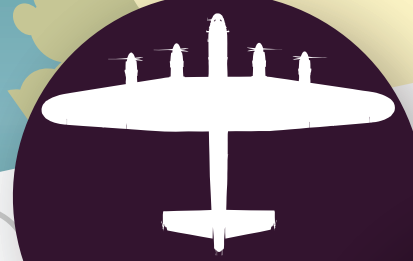
NOVEMBER 26, 1952

The Northrop B-62 Snark—the nation's first intercontinental guided missile flew for the first time.

AUGUST 24, 1970

Two Air Force crews complete the first nonstop trans-Pacific helicopter flight in Sikorsky HH-53Cs. The helicopters were refueled in flight during the 9,000-mile trip.

**B-29 SUPERFORTRESS
SEPTEMBER 21, 1942**



**BELL 47
DECEMBER 8, 1945**



**B-52 STRATOFORTRESS
APRIL 15, 1952**



**F-4 PHANTOM II
MAY 27, 1958**



**F-15 EAGLE
JULY 27, 1972**



**SPACE TRANSPORTATION
SYSTEM-1
APRIL 12, 1981**



**V-22 OSPREY
MARCH 19, 1989**



**MQ-9 REAPER DRONE
FEBRUARY 2, 2001**



APRIL 18, 2002

The MC2A-X, an experimental aircraft designed for electronic communications and command and control over a combat area, made its first flight at Hanscom Air Force Base.

MARCH 30, 2001

The first combat sortie on record to involve only female Airmen from the pilots and weapons officers to the mission planners and maintainers.

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