



Astronaut Thomas P. Stafford

**Weatherford Air Show**  
*and*  
**General Thomas P. Stafford**  
**Museum Dedication**

May 9, 1987

## *Biography Of*

# **GENERAL THOMAS P. STAFFORD**

Thomas P. Stafford was born on September 17, 1930, in Weatherford, Oklahoma, and graduated in 1948 from Weatherford High School. He was graduated with honors from the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, in 1952.

In December 1965, General Stafford took his first flight into space as the pilot of Gemini VI. This marked the first time two manned maneuverable spacecraft had rendezvoused to within one foot of each other. The following June, the Weatherford astronaut was back in space again — this time as command pilot of Gemini IX. During this mission he performed three different types of rendezvous.

For his third mission, in May 1969, General Stafford was commander of Apollo X, the first flight of the lunar module to the moon for planning analysis and software development. He also performed the first rendezvous of the lunar module and the mother ship, as well as the entire lunar landing sequence with the lunar module — except for the actual moon landing. General Stafford was cited in the Guinness Book of World Records for the highest speed ever attained by man, which occurred during reentry of Apollo X. The spacecraft attained a speed of 28,547 statute miles per hour, setting the world's all-time speed record.

In July 1975, General Stafford logged his fourth space flight as Apollo commander of the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project (ASTP) mission. This was a joint space flight culminating in the historic first meeting in space between American astronauts and Soviet cosmonauts.

In November 1975, the general assumed command of Edwards Flight Test Center at Edwards Air Force Base, California. He has logged 507 hours and 43 minutes in space flight and wears the Air Force Command Pilot Astronaut Wings. He has flown more than 110 different types of aircraft while logging in excess of 7,100 flying hours.

General Stafford retired on November 1, 1979, bringing to a close 27 years of active military service.

# Welcome To The Weatherford Air Show

## Schedule of Events

10:00 a.m.	Show Officially Begins Civil Air Patrol Flag Raising Ceremony
10:05 a.m.	Arrival and Fly-By of the "Old War Birds" Landing and Set-Up for Display of "Old War Birds"
10:45 a.m.	Rocket Demonstration Radio Control Cars Demonstration Airplane Rides Sky Divers Food Booths Open
12:45 p.m.	Airport Closed to Air Traffic Till 4:00 P.M. Aerobatic Show
1:25 p.m.	Air Force Fly-By
1:35 p.m.	Sky Divers
2:00 p.m.	Aerobatic Show
2:25 p.m.	Air Force Fly-By
2:35 p.m.	Stafford Museum Dedication — Terminal Building
3:00 p.m.	Aerobatic Show
3:30 p.m.	Departure and Fly-By of "Old War Birds"
4:00 p.m.	Airport Opens for Aircraft to Depart Airplane Rides
5:00 p.m.	Show Officially Closes
ALL DAY	Flight Simulator Program on Computer Video of General Stafford Space Missions

### **AIRPLANE, HELICOPTER, AND AEROBATIC RIDES**

*All Events And Times Are Subject To Change*

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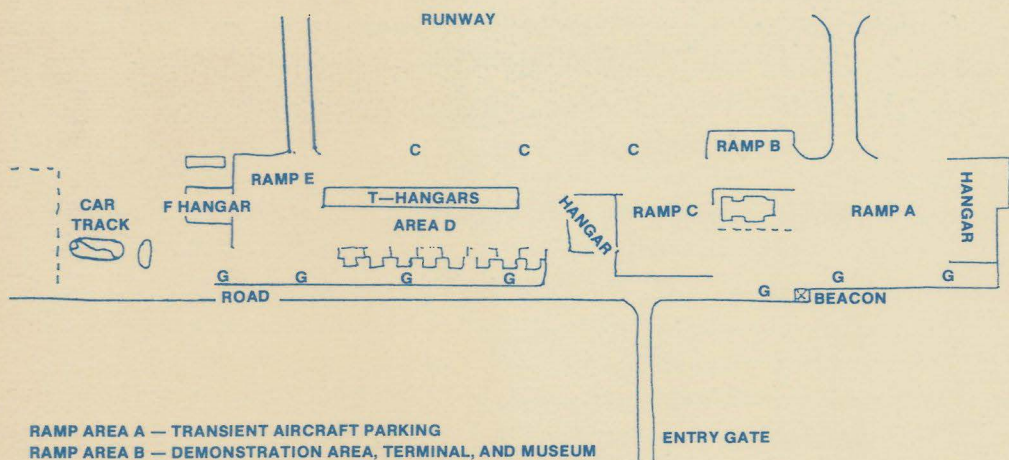
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- RAMP AREA A — TRANSIENT AIRCRAFT PARKING
- RAMP AREA B — DEMONSTRATION AREA, TERMINAL, AND MUSEUM
- RAMP AREA C — STATIC DISPLAY OLD AIRCRAFT
- RAMP AREA D — FOOD CONCESSIONS, STATIC DISPLAY ULTRALIGHT, EXPERIMENTAL
- RAMP AREA E — STATIC DISPLAY, HELICOPTERS AND HISTORICAL AVIATION VAN
- AREA F — INSIDE STATIC DISPLAYS AND HOSPITALITY ROOM
- AREA G — VEHICLE PARKING AREAS

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**The City of Weatherford takes this opportunity to honor the Men and Women serving in the United States Armed Forces.**

**ARMED FORCES DAY — MAY 16, 1987**

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## **PORTABLE CARDIAC DEFIBRILATOR UNIT**

Cardiac arrest can strike anywhere without warning. It is the most common cause of death in any community. Statistics for survival are poor. The reason? Life-saving defibrillator is often too late. The portable cardiac defibrillator unit purchased with funds raised at this air show and museum dedication will be the property of the City of Weatherford and available in the Weatherford Emergency Ambulance Unit.