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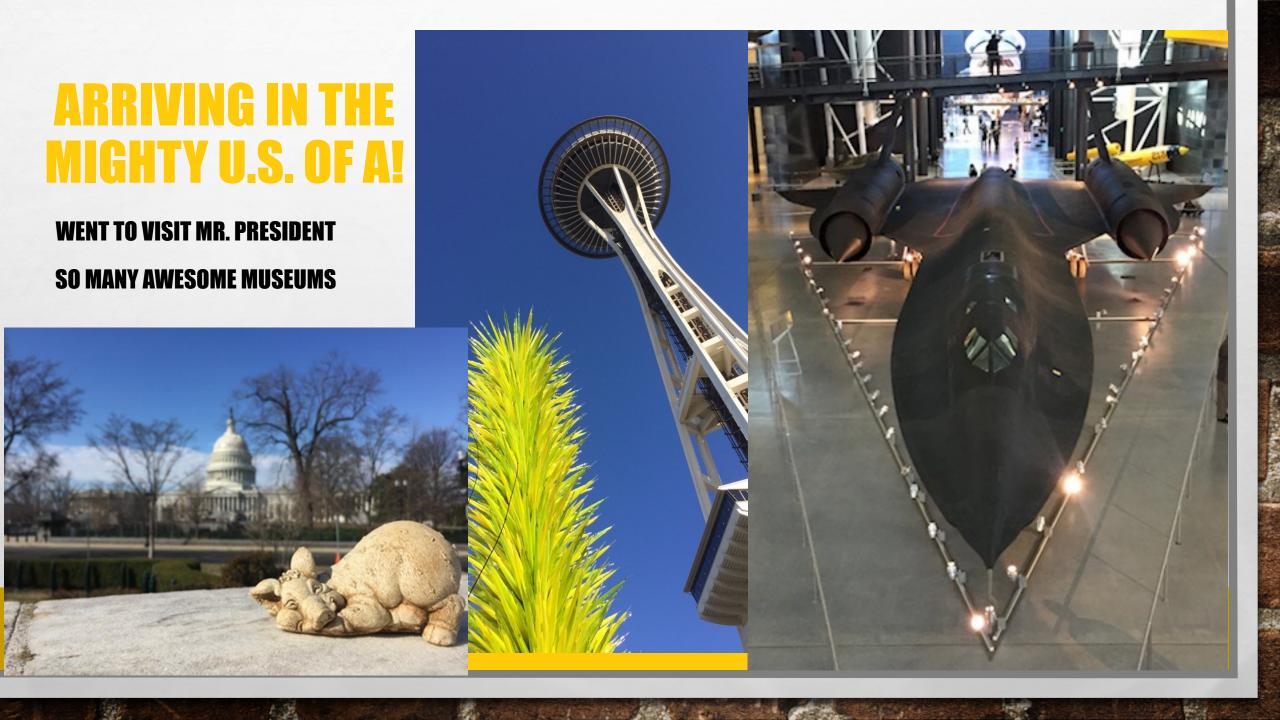
BEFORE LEAVING AUSTRALIA...

ROAD TRIPPING ACROSS THE NULLARBOR

(LOOKING FOR NEW FRIENDS)

ENJOYING THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN BIGHT













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VFA-106 & VIRGINIA BEACH









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MOUNTAIN HOME AFB F-111 MEMORIAL PARK

THIS PARK IS DEDICATED TO ALL THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN F-111 COMBAT OPERATIONS DURING THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN CONFLICT. FLYING OUT OF TAKHLI RTAFB, THAILAND, THE CREWS FLEW OVER 3,250 COMBAT SORTIES BEGINNING IN 1968, RANGING FROM STRIKES OVER THE HIGHLY DEFENDED CAPITAL OF NORTH VIETNAM, TO THE HARASSMENT OF CAMBODIAN PATROL BOATS DURING THE MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT OF 1975. NICKNAMED "WHISPERING DEATH" BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE, THE F-111 MISSIONS WERE CHARACTERIZED BY HIGH SPEED. TREE TOP LEVEL APPROACHES INTO THE HEART OF THE ENEMY'S COUNTRY, VIRTUALLY UNDETECTED BY THE DEFENSIVE RADAR SYSTEMS. THE F-111'S PINPOINT ACCURACY DURING NIGHT OPERATIONS, UNPARALLELED IN THE HISTORY OF AIRPOWER, GAVE THE USAF THE NEEDED CAPABILITY TO KEEP "AROUND THE CLOCK" PRESSURE ON THE ENEMY, THIS DISPLAY AIRCRAFT (NO. 639776A) IS ON PERMANENT LOAN FROM THE USAF MUSEUM AND IS DECORATED WITH THE NAMES OF THE AIRCREW AND THE TAIL NUMBER OF THE FIRST F-111 LOST IN COMBAT ON 28 MARCH 1968.

WE SALUTE THE FOLLOWING CREW MEMBERS WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR THE PRESERVATION OF FREEDOM WHILE FLYING THE F-111 INTO THE ARENA OF AIR WARFARE:

- COLONEL HENRY E. MacCANN CAPTAIN DENNIS L. GRAHAM
- 22 APRIL 1968 LT COMMANDER DAVID L. COOLEY (USN) **GOLONEL EDWIN D. PALMGREN**
- 28 SEPTEMBER 1972 COLONEL WILLIAM C. COLTMAN CAPTAIN ROBERT A. BRETT, JR.

DICATED 7 SEPTEMBER 1979

CAPITAIN ALLEN U. ORAHAM

MAJOR JAMES A. HOCKRIDGE

COLONEL RONALD J. WARD

20 NOVEMBER 1972

LT COLONEL ROBERT M. BROWN LT COLONEL ROBERT D. MORRISSEY

CAPTAIN RONALD D. STAFFORD CAPTAIN CHARLES J. CAFEARELLI





LT COLONEL JAMES R. McELVAIN

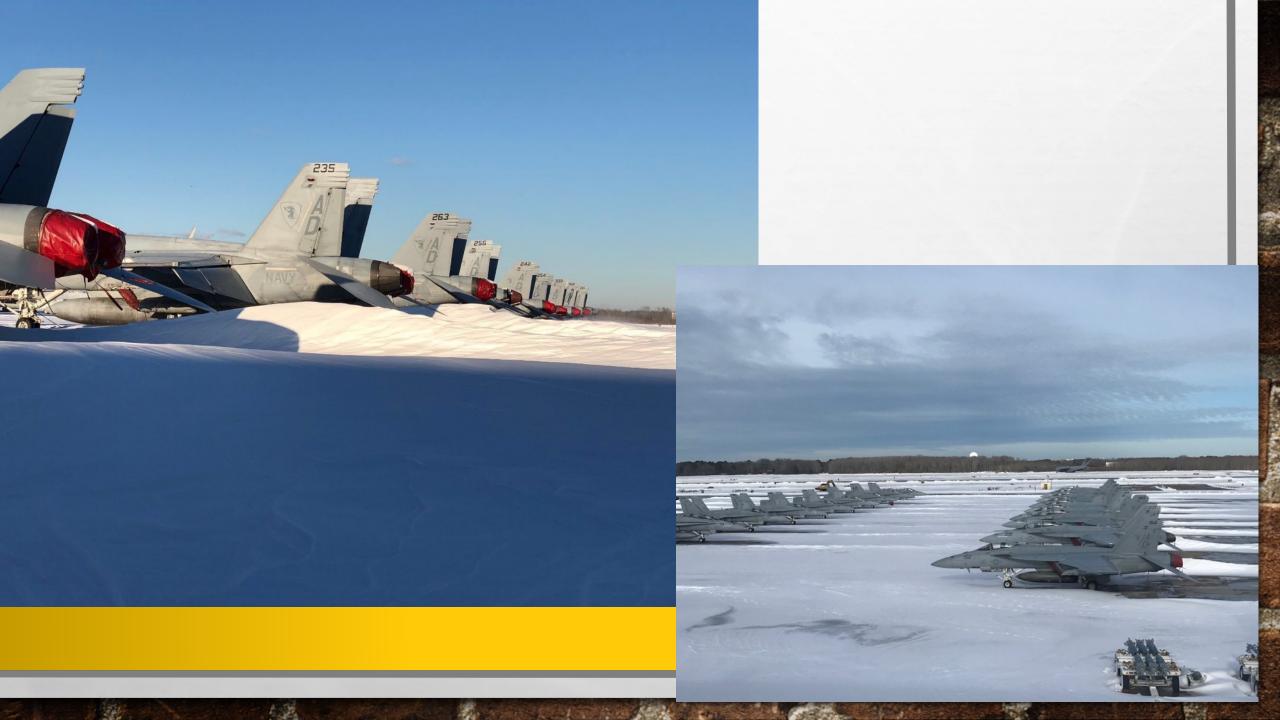
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Squadron Leader (desig) Anthony Short

Squadron Leader Stephen Hobbs "NIGE"

who on the night of 18 April 1999, lost their lives in the tragic crash of "PISCES 1", an Australian F-111G fighter - bomber, flying in combined military exercises for the defence of the Republic of Singapore and the Federation of Malaysian States.

For the Fallen
They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun...and in the morning... we will remember them.

N 02° 26.6' E 104° 31.4'

MAYOR UDARA (DILANTIK)

ANTHONY SHORT "SHORTY"
(JURUTERBANG) STEPHEN HOBBS "NIGE"
(JURUMUDI-WAKIL KETUA SKUADRON)

YANG PADA MALAN TANGGAL 18 APRIL 1999, TERKORBAN DALAM NAHAS PENERBANGAN PISCES Y, PEJUANG-PENGEBOM F-111G AUSTRALIA, DALAM GERAKAN-BERSAMA TENTERA MEMPERTAHANKAN REPUBLIK SINGAPURA DAN PERSEKUTUAN NEGBEL-NEGERI

UNTUK YANG GUGUR MEREKA TIDAK MENINGAT TUA SEDAN KITA AKAN TERUS LANJUT UNTUK MEREKA...USIA TIDAK LAGI MEMBEBANKAN, TAHUN TIDAK MENGHUKUM BILA DATANGNYA SENJA... SERTA FAJAR MEREKA AKAN DIIGINGATI