

INDIVIDUAL HISTORY

GENERAL ATOMICS MQ-1B PREDATOR UAV s/n 03-3119

Loan-In Number L001-0006

- 27 Apr 2005 Following construction by General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, delivered new to USAF in Block 10 configuration as one of 75 munitions carrying MQ-1 Predators built.
- 01 Jun 2005 First assigned to USAF Air Combat Command (ACC) 15th Reconnaissance Squadron at Indian Springs Auxiliary Air Field, Nevada, USA.
- Deployed to the then-US-occupied Balad Air Base, north of Baghdad, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.
- 19 Jul 2005 Start of combat operations at DP-6 Balad AB.
- July 2008 Permanent assignment/possession transfer to AFSOC (3rd Special Operations Squadron - SOS)
- 15 Oct 2011 Last flight at Tallil/Balad Air bases, where the aircraft had flown 14528.0 flight hours and 858 sorties.
- Oct 2011 Redeployed from Iraq to Kuwait in support of Operation New Dawn over Iraq.
- 22 Nov 2011 First flight at Ali Al Salem AB, Kuwait, where it flew 440.6 hours and 22 sorties.
- 22 Apr 2012 Last flight at Ali Al Salem AB.
- 29 May 2012 First flight at Djibouti-Ambouli International Airport, where it flew 1856.6 hours and 99 sorties as part of operation Enduring Freedom combating Islamic extremists and piracy in the Horn of Africa.
- Aug 2012 Depot modification changed the aircraft from Block 10 configuration to Block 15
- 7 Dec 2012 Last flight flown at Djibouti-Ambouli.
- 14 Dec 2012 Involved in Class A landing mishap resulting in damage to the undercarriage, which was repaired at Cannon Air Force Base (AFB) and Creech Air Force Base, near Las Vegas in Southern Nevada, USA from January 2013.
- Apr 2015 Depot level repair from landing mishap completed.
- 21 Apr 2015 First flight at Creech AFB, where it flew 122.5 hours and 33 sorties.
- .13 Jan 2016 Final flight at Creech AFB; aircraft placed in storage.

- 21 Jan 2016 Placed in long-term storage due to phased withdrawal of MQ-1B Predator fleet in favour of the larger and updated MQ-9 Reaper UAV.
- Flew 1023 sorties; Total operating hours 17,050.05 (99% of them during combat operations)
- Loaned to RAF Museum by National Museum of the United States Air Force.
- 11 Apr 2018 Flown into RAFM Brize Norton from USA
- 13 Apr 2018 To RAFM Hendon for temporary storage
- 25 Apr 2018 To MBCC at RAFM Cosford for trial assembly for suspended display.
- 18 June 2018 Returned to RAFM Hendon for inclusion in the new 'Age of Uncertainty' Exhibition.

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