

This Museum is located just north of Windsor Gardens on the former grounds of Lowry Air Force Base, in Denver Colorado.

Its identity is somewhat unique, in avoiding mention of Lowry, Denver, and Colorado. With the identity used, the Museum could be relocated anywhere.

In fact when the Museum sponsors an Air Show, which it does annually, flights are from Centennial Airport.

The Museum opened in 1994 upon the decommissioning of Lowry Air Force Base the same year.

The Museum boasts of 40,000 square feet inside Hangar #1, the eastern of two similar hangars. The Museum houses static displays, aircraft and training equipment employed when Lowry AFB was an active Flight Training Base, 1938 to 1966

The Museum is open daily, and there is a small entrance fee. Inside the visitor can obtain a guided tour, or visit the exhibits chosen with a pamphlet guide. Naturally there are retired military aircraft of many types, exhibit rooms, descriptive placards, hands-on exhibits hosted by trained volunteers and Civil Air Patrol Cadets.

The Museum has also provided space for formal gatherings, Presidential visits, non-military antique shows, arts and crafts expos, company parties, sporting venues, concerts, and military ceremonies.

A lesser known resident of the Colorado Air Heritage Museum, is sponsored by the Air National Guard Heritage Committee displaying the even longer history of the Colorado Air National Guard.

Inside the Museum there are three dozen aircraft, mostly military, some civilian, many open to inspection by young and old, that delightful hands-on contact with the excitement of aviation history. Most exhibits are on a semi-permanent loan, and at times may be relocated when other exhibit become available.

Photography is encouraged,
and there is no sense of crowding inside this large hangar.

In addition of a major role in military flight duties in aviation, for the Air Corps, later Air Force, Lowry provided training for Air Force adjunct tasks, primarily, that of aerial photography.

These static exhibits are readily available, usually include a well documented description of that training, with photos and names of major players.

And of course for long time Denver residents, unrelated to military aviation directly, there are artifacts from Denver's own, President Eisenhower's years of use of Lowry as the Summer White House during his presidency 1953-1961.

The Museum Hangar, and its neighbor, are clearly visible from a distance when approaching the hangar from any direction. However the Museum hangar is further identified by the static display of a Boeing bomber, the B-52R/RB. It now rests on pylons in the air as if in flight. It had been assigned to Lowry in 1966 as a static weapons trainer, for loading and unloading of ordnance. That same year, the runways for Lowry Air Force Base were permanently closed, the B-52 grounded

Our Wings Over the Rockies neighbor is not a favorite for viewing by Windsor Gardens residents. And as the exhibits are infrequently changed, there is less reason for a follow up visit, except on that visit by a friend or relative who had a favorable military experience.

And of course, boys of all ages love the excitement that rises from the idea that man can fly like a bird, given the equipment.



B-52R/RB