

B-25J BOMBER FACT SHEET

“Flying Legends of Victory Tour”

- We’ve toured throughout the U.S. and Canada for more than 30 years and currently fly to over 40 towns and cities each year.
- We’re based out of the Arizona Airbase of the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) and are the largest unit in the world of the Commemorative Air Force.
- We provide a one-of-a-kind experience where people can get an up-close and personal look into how these planes were made and hear the stories of how crews braved extraordinary odds.
- People can smell the exhaust; feel the vibrations and hear the sound of these muscular engines coming to life. Seeing our warbirds fly over their hometown is an inspiring, memorable sight.

About the B-25 Bomber “Maid in the Shade”

- Built in early 1944.
- She’s very rare – one of 34 B-25J’s still flying out of the nearly 10,000 produced.
- The B-25 aircraft was named in honor of General Billy Mitchell who is recognized as the father of strategic bombing.
- Used mainly as a low altitude strafe and skip bomber, it was used in America’s first large-scale bombing offensive in the Philippines – sunk 8 ships and shot down 5 planes.
- Most remembered for the Doolittle Raid on Japan where Jimmy Doolittle led 16 B-25’s across Japan bombing targets.
- Developed by North American Aviation.
- Combat History – based out of Serraggia Airbase, Corsica from November 1 – December 31, 1944. Assigned to:
 - 57th Bomb Wing
 - 319th Bomb Wing
 - 474th Squadron
 - Combat missions flown:
 - 13 over Italy
 - 2 over Yugoslavia





SPECS:

- Medium Bomber – 2 engines – flew in all theaters of WWII
- Range = 1,350 miles
- Wingspan = 67 ft, 6 in.; Length = 52 ft, 11 in; Height = 17 ft, 7 in.
- Empty weight = 21,120 lbs.; Max takeoff weight = 41,500 lbs.
- Ceiling: 25,000 ft.; Cruising speed = 233 mph; Top Speed = 239 mph
- Crew = 6
- Bomb load = 3,000 lbs.
- Guns = 11 X .50 caliber M2 Browning machine guns in 8 positions



Nose Art – Girl clothed in tattered remnants of a WASP uniform in Corsica.

About Arizona Commemorative Air Force Museum

- AZCAF was founded in 1977 and is the 10th chapter of the Commemorative Air Force.
- It's comprised of 500-member volunteers and seven flyable warbirds that offer Living History rides.
- The fully-restored and rare B-17 and B-25 Bombers and C-47/DC-3 Combat Legend conduct the Flying Legends of Victory Summer tour and visit approximately 40 cities throughout the United States and Canada.
- The AZCAF has 55,000 square feet of historical airplanes, artifacts, and educational exhibits, in addition to a working mechanics hangar. The public can tour through. Our mechanics are true artisans who are passing down their knowledge of building and maintaining these muscular machines to the next generation.
- A Trip-Advisor Winner of Excellence, it's one of the top-rated adventure attractions in Phoenix and regularly conducts tours for schools, businesses, and youth groups.
- Our Mission: To educate, remember, preserve, and restore authentic military aviation history for the education and enjoyment of present and future generations. Our fleet of historic aircraft recreate, remind, and reinforce the lessons learned from the defining moments in American military aviation history.
- We're a non-profit, 501 (c) 3 organization
- We're one of the few organizations that offer "Living History Rides" in our Warbirds: B-17 and B-25 Bombers; C-47 Cargo Transport; SNJ/T-6 Texan; Beechcraft C-45; open-air cockpit PT-17 Stearman; and a L-16 Grasshopper. Prices range from \$95 to \$850 and entire planes can also be exclusively purchased for groups/families.
- For more information, visit www.azcaf.org



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