

TECHNICAL NOTES:

Armament: Eight .50-cal. machine guns and 10 5-in. rockets or 1,500 lbs. of bombs

Engine: Pratt & Whitney R-2800 of 2,430 hp

Maximum speed: 433 mph



The P-47 was one of the most famous U.S. Army Forces fighter planes of WWII. Originally designed as a lightweight interceptor, it became a heavy fighter-bomber, weighing over 17,000 pounds—much heavier than the P-51 Mustang. First flown in 1941, it entered combat over Europe in 1943.

Serving in nearly every theater and with several Allied nations, the P-47 was known for its toughness, able to withstand heavy damage thanks to its rugged frame and air-cooled engine. Over 15,000 were built by war's end.

The P-47D "Razorback" on display represents the aircraft flown by Col. Neel Kearby, named Fiery Ginger after his wife. The actual vertical fin of Fiery Ginger IV is also on display.

This aircraft was donated by Republic Aviation in 1964.

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