

General Dynamics F-111E Aardvark



Then



Now



In 2008 the Veterans Memorial Air Park & B-36 Peacemaker Museum brought this piece of Fort Worth history home. The “Balls 9” story goes back to 1968 when it was built in Fort Worth. The majority of its career, it served with the 77th TFS and possibly the 79th TFS/20th TFW "Gamblers," tail code "UH", at RAF Upper Heyford, in Great Britain. After retirement, “Balls 9” was transferred to AMARC (“The Bone yard” in Tucson) where it remained until 2003. A museum in Connecticut acquired it but soon went out of business and “Balls 9” languished until 2007 when we discovered it in a salvage yard. With help from the B-36 Peacemaker Museum we brought this veteran home.

This aircraft was built in Fort Worth by General Dynamics.