

Errata and Addenda as of **26<sup>th</sup> January 2024** for

*The Boeing KC-135 Stratotanker: More Than a Tanker*  
(revised Third Edition, 2022)

by

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Despite the better efforts of multiple proofreaders, a number of typographical errors and omitted last-minute revisions have been identified. These arose from the unique layout process for this edition as they appeared corrected in the galley proofs but did not carry over to the printed version. Corrections are listed by page number and the change listed in **underlined bold** print. This list of addenda and errata may be printed and inserted in the back of the book for future reference.

P 12 R column, second paragraph: Add **Matthew Provencher**

P 12 R column, second paragraph: “Head Dancer” is the nom-de-photo of Katsumi Ohno, and the full name of “Yukinari” is Yukinari Tsunoda.

P 60 Table 4-1: TF33-PW-102 add **X** under Thrust Reversers

P 135 Middle caption: Change credit to **Matthew Provencher**

P 166 R column, add fifth paragraph: **In June 2023, Utah ANG retired KC-135R 63-8881 (ex COMBAT LIGHTNING) to Wichita State University’s National Institute for Aviation Research (NIAR) adjacent to McConnell AFB to become the Sustainment Technologies, Research and Automation for Transformative Operations Testbed (STRATO-T). In conjunction with the National Center for Manufacturing Sciences (NCMS), it is intended to enable government, industry, and academia to study, develop, and test innovations for reducing legacy aircraft operations cost. Although maintained in “flight-representative configuration”, it is permanently grounded.**

P 170 R column, first paragraph: Add **During 1971-72, 55-3131 joined 55-3125 in calibration flights for the COBRA MIST AN/FPS-95 over-the-horizon radar at Orford Ness, England.**

P 197 R column, fourth paragraph: Add **During 1971-72, 55-3125 joined 55-3131 in calibration flights for the COBRA MIST AN/FPS-95 over-the-horizon radar at Orford Ness, England.**

P 212 Middle caption: Change “...test **flights**, and...”

P 213 Top caption: Change “...were **flown** from sites in the South Pacific **to** Hickam AFB...”

- P 216 Bottom caption: Change "...Active Duty **Fleet**."
- P 217 Bottom caption: Change "...laser **fired** forward and then was **reflected** vertically..." and "...the laser **sufficiently** to be..."
- P 252 Middle caption: Change "...following **the MILSTAR and PACER LINK/COMMON modification**."
- P 252 Bottom caption: Change "...spot at Offutt **AFB**, sharing the..."
- P 253 Top caption: Change "...mission, **confirming** that it was **flown** in..."
- P 257 Top caption: Change "...Offutt AFB **flight** line. His US Navy..."
- P 257 R column, sidebar: Change "...senior defense **officials**. During their..."
- P 257 Bottom caption: Change "...compartment held staff **seating**. Stripped..." and "...modern fold-**flat** airliner..."
- P 258 Top caption: Change "...Console **reflects** the number..."
- P 258 Middle caption: Change "...limits on flying **time**."
- P 259 Top caption: Change "...began **operations** with the **five** original SAC ABNCPs modified to EC-135P **configuration**. Sadly,..."
- P 270-71 R column, last paragraph: Delete sentence beginning with "Giving the flight-deck crew..." Replace with "**This configuration was eliminated on subsequent RC-135 variants.**" [the OFFICE BOY compartment is clearly visible in the photo on p 347!]
- P 308 L column, last paragraph: Change "...a Soviet nuclear test in October 1962..." to "...a Soviet nuclear test **on 27** October 1962..."
- P 315 R column, last paragraph, last sentence: Change "The second (64-14831) **was delivered on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023**, with the third **delivered on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023**."
- P 317 L column, header: Add WC-135B/C/**R**/W
- P 317 R column, last paragraph: Add  
**64-14829 This KC-135R was modified into the third WC-135R, and delivered to the 55th Wing on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023.**
- 64-14831 This KC-135R was modified into the second WC-135R, and delivered to the 55th Wing on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023.**

**64-14836 This KC-135R was modified into the first WC-135R, and delivered to the 55th Wing on 11th July 2022.**

P 327 Table 10-7 RC-135 Status as of 2022

P 351 Top caption: Add "...KC-135A 59-1514 with..."

P 355 Middle caption: Change credit to 'Head Dancer'

P 381 Appendix I, 63-8881: Add June 23 under Out of Service

P 401 Table A3-1: The original source for units and dates was the official AMARG web site. Subsequent research by Brian C "Buck" Rogers has clarified these, as many of the KC-135s bounced around to multiple units while in transit to AMARG, leading to spurious data on the AMARG web site. KC-135Es stored at Will Rogers ANGB, OK, should not be construed to have been assigned to the Oklahoma ANG. Corrections for this section only are in [green](#) or [blue](#).

| AMARC PCN | MDS     | USAF Serial | Last Unit               | Last Base                    | AMARC In                 | Assignment Notes  |
|-----------|---------|-------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| AACA0146  | KC-135E | 57-1422     | 940 ARW                 | Beale                        | 21-Jan-07                | Selfridge-Beale 26-May-04   |
| AACA0147  | KC-135E | 57-2607     | <a href="#">171 ARW</a> | <a href="#">Pittsburgh</a>   | 22-Feb-07                | <a href="#">Stored at Forbes from 1-Oct-04</a>                              |
| AACA0148  | KC-135E | 58-0041     | 940 ARW                 | Beale                        | 27-Feb-07                | PCS Selfridge-Beale 5-Apr-04; <a href="#">Stored at Beale from 5-Oct-04</a> |
| AACA0149  | KC-135E | 58-0037     | <a href="#">171 ARW</a> | <a href="#">Pittsburgh</a>   | 2-Mar-07                 | <a href="#">Stored at Forbes from 30-Nov-04</a>                             |
| AACA0150  | KC-135E | 58-0013     | 190 ARW                 | Forbes                       | 7-Mar-07                 | PCS Beale-Forbes 23-Apr-02 <a href="#">Stored at Forbes from 14 Sep 04</a>  |
| AACA0151  | KC-135D | 63-8059     | 190 ARW                 | Forbes                       | 14-Mar-07                |   |
| AACA0152  | KC-135D | 63-8058     | 190 ARW                 | Forbes                       | 19-Mar-07                |   |
| AACA0153  | KC-135D | 63-8060     | 190 ARW                 | Forbes                       | 28-Mar-07                |   |
| AACA0154  | KC-135D | 63-8061     | 190 ARW                 | Forbes                       | 4-Apr-07                 |   |
| AACA0155  | KC-135E | 59-1447     | 940 ARW                 | Beale                        | 5-Apr-07                 | <a href="#">Stored at Beale from 5-Oct-04</a>                               |
| AACA0156  | KC-135E | 56-3606     | 101 ARW                 | Bangor                       | 19-Apr-07                |   |
| AACA0157  | KC-135E | 59-1479     | 134 ARW                 | McGhee-Tyson                 | 24-Apr-07                | <a href="#">Stored at KTYS from 2-Dec-04</a>                                |
| AACA0158  | KC-135E | 56-3622     | 101 ARW                 | Bangor                       | 3-May-07                 |   |
| AACA0159  | KC-135E | 57-1447     | 185 ARW                 | Sioux City                   | 9-May-07                 | PCS Pittsburgh-Sioux City 6-Dec-03  |
| AACA0160  | KC-135E | 61-0271     | 927 ARW                 | Selfridge                    | 21-May-07                | <a href="#">Stored at Beale from 5-Oct-04</a>                               |
| AACA0161  | KC-135E | 59-1496     | 171 ARW                 | Pittsburgh                   | 23-May-07                | <a href="#">Stored at KTYS from 30-Sep-04</a>                               |
| AACA0162  | KC-135E | 56-3609     | 134 ARW                 | McGhee-Tyson                 | 30-May-07                |   |
| AACA0163  | KC-135E | 55-3146     | 108 ARW                 | McGuire                      | <a href="#">6-Jun-07</a> | <a href="#">AF inv report date</a>  |
| AACA0164  | KC-135E | 57-1423     | 171 ARW                 | Pittsburgh                   | 6-Jun-07                 | <a href="#">Stored at Scott from 30-Sep-04</a>                              |
| AACA0165  | KC-135E | 57-1509     | 171 ARW                 | Pittsburgh                   | 20-Jun-07                | <a href="#">Stored at Scott from 30-Sep-04</a>                              |
| AACA0166  | KC-135E | 56-3593     | 108 ARW                 | McGuire                      | 13-Jun-07                |   |
| AACA0167  | KC-135E | 58-0003     | 126 ARW                 | Scott                        | 11-Jul-07                | <a href="#">Stored at Scott from 30-Sep-04</a>                              |
| AACA0168  | KC-135E | 56-3650     | <a href="#">134 ARW</a> | <a href="#">McGhee-Tyson</a> | 18-Jul-07                | <a href="#">Multiple PCS moves</a>  |
| AACA0169  | KC-135E | 57-1452     | 161 ARW                 | Sky Harbor                   | 25-Jul-07                | <a href="#">Stored at KTYS from 2-Dec-04</a>                                |
| AACA0170  | KC-135E | 56-3640     | 101 ARW                 | Bangor                       | 9-Aug-07                 |   |
| AACA0171  | KC-135E | 57-1475     | 161 ARW                 | Sky Harbor                   | 8-Aug-07                 | <a href="#">Stored at KTYS from 2-Dec-04</a>                                |
| AACA0172  | KC-135E | 57-1484     | 161 ARW                 | Sky Harbor                   | 27-Jun-07                | <a href="#">Stored at Bangor from 2-Dec-04</a>                              |
| AACA0173  | KC-135E | 58-0116     | 161 ARW                 | Sky Harbor                   | 12-Sep-07                | <a href="#">Stored at Bangor from 2-Dec-04</a>                              |

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| AACA0174 | KC-135E | 56-3638 | 161 ARW        | Sky Harbor          | 6-Sep-07  |   |
| AACA0175 | KC-135E | 58-0044 | 108 ARW        | McGuire             | 6-Feb-08  |   |
| AACA0176 | KC-135E | 58-0040 | 108 ARW        | McGuire             | 6-Feb-08  |   |
| AACA0177 | KC-135E | 57-1464 | 108 ARW        | McGuire             | 6-Feb-08  |   |
| AACA0178 | KC-135E | 58-0024 | 126 ARW        | Scott               | 12-Feb-08 | PCS Pittsburgh-Scott 12-May-04 <i>Stored at Scott from 31-Jan-08</i>    |
| AACA0179 | KC-135E | 57-1496 | 101 ARW        | Bangor              | 12-Feb-08 | PHX-Bangor PCS 3-Feb-05   |
| AACA0180 | KC-135E | 62-3527 | 108 ARW        | McGuire             | 26-Feb-08 |   |
| AACA0181 | KC-135E | 57-1480 | 126 ARW        | Scott               | 20-Feb-08 |   |
| AACA0182 | KC-135E | 58-0087 | 108 ARW        | McGuire             | 19-Feb-08 |   |
| AACA0183 | KC-135E | 61-0268 | 940 ARW        | Beale               | 18-Mar-08 | <i>Stored at Beale from 27-May-05</i>                                   |
| AACA0184 | KC-135E | 59-1456 | 108 ARW        | McGuire             | 26-Feb-08 |   |
| AACA0185 | KC-135E | 59-1503 | 108 ARW        | McGuire             | 3-Mar-08  |   |
| AACA0186 | KC-135E | 59-1493 | 101 ARW        | Bangor              | 6-Mar-08  |   |
| AACA0187 | KC-135E | 59-1473 | 151 ARW        | Salt Lake City      | 6-Mar-08  | <i>Stored at KSLC from 13-Aug-06</i>                                    |
| AACA0188 | KC-135E | 59-1489 | 126 ARW        | Scott               | 10-Mar-08 | PCS SLC-Tinker-Scott 1-Dec-05   |
| AACA0189 | KC-135E | 56-3641 | 190 ARW        | Forbes              | 27-Feb-08 |   |
| AACA0190 | KC-135E | 58-0043 | 101 ARW        | Bangor              | 28-Apr-08 | PCS Salt Lake-BGR 4-Dec-05; <i>Stored at Bangor from 26-Nov-07</i>      |
| AACA0191 | KC-135E | 57-1450 | 101 ARW        | Bangor              | 12-Mar-08 |   |
| AACA0192 | KC-135E | 57-1460 | 190 ARW        | Forbes              | 19-Mar-08 |   |
| AACA0193 | KC-135E | 58-0006 | 126 ARW        | Scott               | 24-Mar-08 |   |
| AACA0194 | KC-135E | 57-1471 | 101 ARW        | Bangor              | 17-Mar-08 |   |
| AACA0195 | KC-135E | 57-1491 | 101 ARW        | Bangor              | 25-Mar-08 |   |
| AACA0196 | KC-135E | 58-0012 | 151 ARW        | Salt Lake City      | 1-Apr-08  |   |
| AACA0197 | KC-135E | 55-3145 | 190 ARW        | Forbes              | 28-May-08 | Beale-Forbes 30 Jul 92  |
| AACA0198 | KC-135E | 57-2601 | <b>134 ARW</b> | <b>McGhee-Tyson</b> | 14-Apr-08 | <i>Stored at Pease from 27-Sep-06</i>                                   |
| AACA0199 | KC-135E | 57-2600 | 185 ARW        | Sioux City          | 18-Apr-08 |   |
| AACA0200 | KC-135E | 58-0068 | 126 ARW        | Scott               | 15-Apr-08 |   |
| AACA0201 | KC-135E | 57-1434 | 185 ARW        | Sioux City          | 16-Apr-08 |   |
| AACA0202 | KC-135E | 57-1497 | 126 ARW        | Scott               | 22-Apr-08 | SLC-Scott PCS 6-Oct-05  |
| AACA0203 | KC-135E | 60-0327 | 151 ARW        | Salt Lake City      | 24-Apr-08 | <i>Stored at KSLC from 21-Mar-06</i>                                    |
| AACA0204 | KC-135E | 61-0303 | <b>940 ARW</b> | <b>Beale</b>        | 13-May-08 | PCS Selfridge-Beale 4-Jan-02; <i>Stored at Beale from 1-Aug-05</i>      |
| AACA0205 | KC-135E | 57-1505 | 101 ARW        | Bangor              | 1-Apr-08  |   |
| AACA0206 | KC-135E | 58-0080 | 185 ARW        | Sioux City          | 6-May-08  | PCS Salt Lake-Sioux City 3-Feb-05; <i>Stored at KSUX from 14-Jul-07</i> |
| AACA0207 | KC-135E | 57-2608 | <b>185 ARW</b> | <b>Sioux City</b>   | 23-Jul-08 | <i>Stored at OKC from 25-Jun-07</i>                                     |
| AACA0208 | KC-135E | 57-1494 | 126 ARW        | Scott               | 13-May-08 |   |
| AACA0209 | KC-135E | 57-1465 | 134 ARW        | McGhee-Tyson        | 1-Apr-08  | <i>Stored at Pease from 8-Aug-06</i>                                    |
| AACA0210 | KC-135E | 57-1433 | 134 ARW        | McGhee-Tyson        | 10-Jun-08 | PCS PHX-Wichita-TYS 20 Oct 04; <i>Stored at Pease from 21-Aug-06</i>    |
| AACA0211 | KC-135E | 57-2604 | <b>108 ARW</b> | <b>McGuire</b>      | 26-Aug-08 | <i>Stored at OKC from 27-Sep-07</i>                                     |
| AACA0212 | KC-135E | 61-0270 | <b>940 ARW</b> | <b>Beale</b>        | 17-Sep-08 | <i>Stored at Beale from 30-Jun-05</i>                                   |
| AACA0213 | KC-135E | 57-1426 | 190 ARW        | Forbes              | 3-Jun-08  |   |
| AACA0214 | KC-135E | 56-3631 | 190 ARW        | Forbes              | 12-Aug-08 |   |
| AACA0215 | KC-135E | 58-0020 | <b>171 ARW</b> | <b>Pittsburgh</b>   | 24-Jul-08 | <i>Stored at Sioux City from 25-Jun-04</i>                              |
| AACA0216 | KC-135E | 57-1425 | 134 ARW        | McGhee-Tyson        | 20-May-08 | <i>Stored at Pease from 25-Jul-06</i>                                   |
| AACA0217 | KC-135E | 59-1477 | 927 ARW        | Selfridge           | 25-Jun-08 | <i>Stored at Beale from 10-Mar-04</i>                                   |
| AACA0218 | KC-135E | 57-1504 | 940 ARW        | Beale               | 29-Jul-08 | PCS Selfridge-Beale 9-Feb-04; <i>stored at Beale from 8-Aug-85</i>      |
| AACA0219 | KC-135E | 59-1451 | 940 ARW        | Beale               | 27-Aug-08 | <i>Stored at Beale from 1-Oct-05</i>                                    |
| AACA0220 | KC-135E | 58-0108 | 940 ARW        | Beale               | 30-May-08 |   |

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| AACA0221 | KC-135E | 58-0090 | 940 ARW        | Beale             | 27-Mar-08 |   |
| AACA0222 | KC-135E | 58-0005 | 190 ARW        | Forbes            | 3-Apr-08  | PCS Salt Lake-Scott 30-Nov-05   |
| AACA0223 | KC-135E | 59-1457 | 190 ARW        | Forbes            | 17-Jun-08 | PCS Salt Lake-Forbes 20-Oct-04;<br><i>Stored at Forbes from 30-Jun-06</i> |
| AACA0226 | KC-135E | 57-1463 | 190 ARW        | Forbes            | 11-Mar-09 |   |
| AACA0227 | KC-135E | 59-1485 | 108 ARW        | McGuire           | 20-Apr-09 | <i>Stored at McGuire from 22-Jun-08</i>                                   |
| AACA0228 | KC-135E | 58-0017 | 101 ARW        | Bangor            | 26-Mar-09 | PCS Pittsburgh-BGR 8-Oct-94   |
| AACA0229 | KC-135E | 58-0111 | 108 ARW        | McGuire           | 6-Apr-09  | <i>Stored at McGuire from 16-May-08</i>                                   |
| AACA0230 | KC-135E | 57-1443 | 101 ARW        | Bangor            | 14-Apr-09 |   |
| AACA0231 | KC-135E | 58-0032 | 108 ARW        | McGuire           | 17-Mar-09 |   |
| AACA0232 | KC-135E | 57-1492 | 134 ARW        | McGhee-Tyson      | 28-Apr-09 | <i>Stored at Pease from 15-Aug-06</i>                                     |
| AACA0233 | KC-135E | 57-2602 | 108 ARW        | McGuire           | 4-May-09  | <i>Stored at McGuire from 11-Jun-08</i>                                   |
| AACA0234 | KC-135E | 57-1448 | 101 ARW        | Bangor            | 12-May-09 |   |
| AACA0235 | KC-135E | 57-1445 | 108 ARW        | McGuire           | 27-May-09 |   |
| AACA0236 | KC-135E | 58-0078 | 108 ARW        | McGuire           | 15-Jun-09 | <i>Stored at McGuire from 25-Aug-08</i>                                   |
| AACA0237 | KC-135E | 57-2595 | <b>171 ARW</b> | <b>Pittsburgh</b> | 30-Jun-09 | <i>Stored at Forbes from 2-Oct-06</i>                                     |
| AACA0238 | KC-135E | 57-1478 | 157 ARW        | Pease             | 10-Jun-09 |   |
| AACA0239 | KC-135E | 57-1421 | <b>126 ARW</b> | <b>Scott</b>      | 2-Jun-09  | <b>PCS Sioux City-Scott 12-Jul-07</b>                                     |
| AACA0240 | KC-135E | 58-0115 | <b>108 ARW</b> | <b>McGuire</b>    | 7-Jul-09  | <i>Stored at OKC from 12-Oct-07</i>                                       |
| AACA0241 | KC-135E | 59-1445 | <b>185 ARW</b> | <b>Sioux City</b> | 14-Jul-09 | <i>Stored at OKC from 5-Jun-07</i>  |
| AACA0242 | KC-135E | 59-1484 | <b>126 ARW</b> | <b>Scott</b>      | 21-Jul-09 | <i>Stored at OKC from 29-Mar-07</i>                                       |
| AACA0243 | KC-135E | 61-0281 | 190 ARW        | Forbes            | 25-Aug-09 | PCS KPHX-Forbes 13-Apr-05; <i>Stored at Forbes from 30-Jun-06</i>         |
| AACA0244 | KC-135E | 56-3626 | <b>108 ARW</b> | <b>McGuire</b>    | 12-Aug-09 | <i>Stored at KOKC from 27 Sep 07</i>                                      |
| AACA0247 | KC-135E | 58-0082 | <b>185 ARW</b> | <b>Sioux City</b> | 18-Aug-09 | <i>Stored at OKC from 4-Apr-07</i>  |
| AACA0248 | KC-135E | 56-3630 | 101 ARW        | Bangor            | 23-Sep-09 | PIT-Pemco-BGR 24 Nov 04   |

P 406 Table A3-2 change:

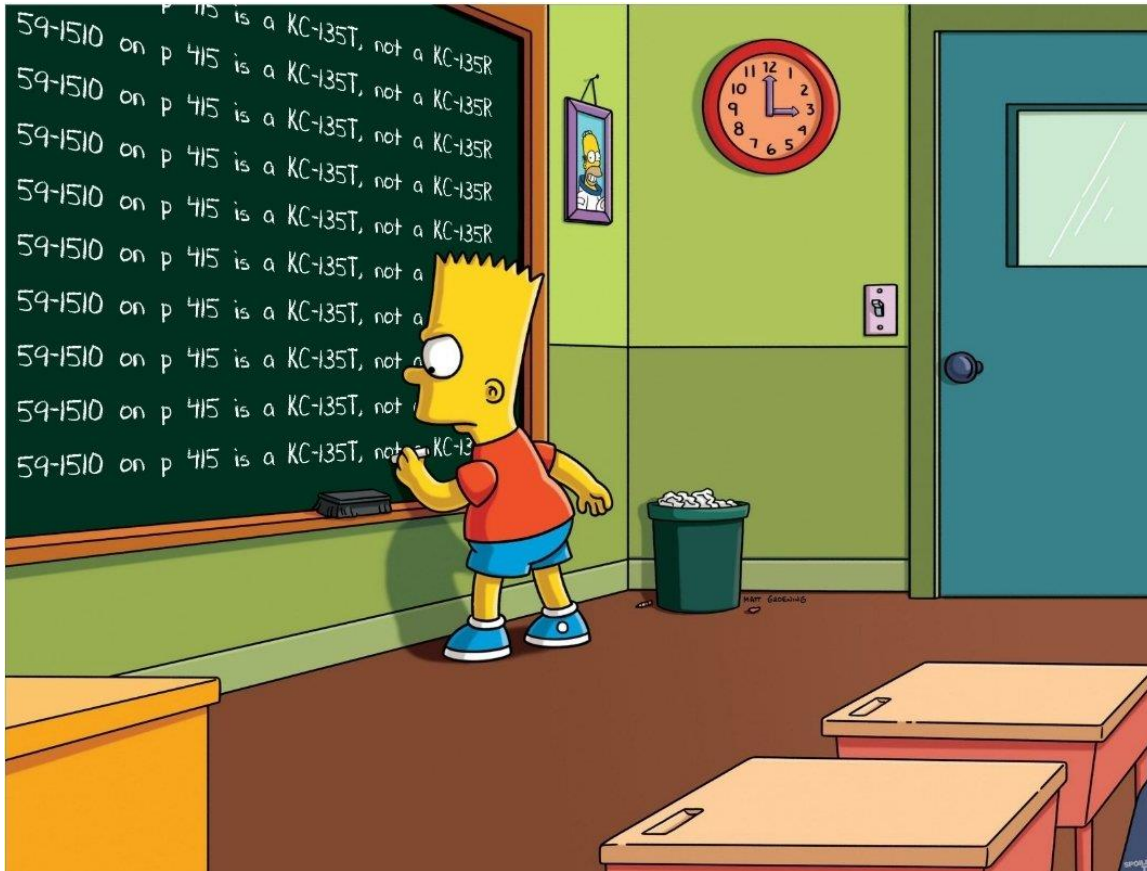
60-03696 to **58-0126**

60-037857 to **60-0357**

P 406 Table A3-2 add:

**63-8881 KC-135R June 23 Wichita, KS STRATO-T**

P 415 Top left caption: Change KC-135R to KC-135T



P 440 L column, add: **NCMS National Center for Manufacturing Sciences**  
**NIAR National Institute for Aviation Research**

P 440 R column, add: **STRATO-T Sustainment Technologies, Research and Automation for Transformative Operations Testbed**

P 441 1<sup>st</sup> column, header: **Aircraft**

P 442 3<sup>rd</sup> column, header: **Awards and Records**

P 442 3<sup>rd</sup> column, header: **Companies and Civil Agencies**

P 443 1<sup>st</sup> column, header: **Defense Agencies**

P 443 4<sup>th</sup> column, header: **Equipment and Systems**

P 444 3<sup>rd</sup> column, header: **Media**

P 444 3<sup>rd</sup> column, header: **Miscellaneous**

P 444 3<sup>rd</sup> column, header: **Operations and Missions**

P 445 3<sup>rd</sup> column, header: **People**

P 447 1<sup>st</sup> column, header: **Personnel**

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P 447 1<sup>st</sup> column, header: **Policy and Intelligence**

P 447 2<sup>nd</sup> column, header: **Programs**

P 448 3<sup>rd</sup> column, header: **Ships and Spacecraft**

P 448 4<sup>th</sup> column, header: **Unique Names and Call Signs**

P 448 4<sup>th</sup> column, header: **Weapons and Radar**