Operation Nighthawk Landing Fast Facts

Milestones:

- The Operation Nighthawk Landing project is approved.
- The wings and rudders arrive at the Lockheed Martin Skunk Works® in Palmdale, California.
- The aircraft fuselage arrives at the Skunk Works®.
- The reconfigured aircraft is transitioned to paint.
- The aircraft is transported and installed at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California.
- The static display is officially opened to the public at a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Quick & Quality Work:

- Aircraft Arrival Marks 113 Days to Ribbon Cutting
- Weight Removed in First Week of Aircraft Arrival 5,000 lbs.
- Aircraft is Transitioned to Paint Just 67 DAYS After its Arrival

Weight Reduction:

- Aircraft Weight upon Arrival to Palmdale 21,312 lbs.
- Aircraft Final Weight 16,272 lbs.
- Total Weight Removed by Team 5,040 lbs.

Aircraft #803, Unexpected Guest

- Entered Operational Service in 1984
- Nicknamed After the 1982 Heavy Metal Album “The Unexpected Guest” by Demon
- Flew the Most Combat Sorties of Any F-117: 78
- 1 of 6 F-117’s Flown in the First Operational/Combat Mission for the Program, Operation Just Cause in Panama
- Retired in 2007 with a Total of 4,673 Flight Hours