

Author A.C. Frieden Visits Ukraine’s National Aviation Museum

KIEV, Ukraine (May 17, 2013) – Author A.C. Frieden visited the Ukrainian National Aviation Museum in Kiev. The museum hosts one of the largest collections of Soviet-designed combat and transport aircraft outside Russia. “For any spy novelist writing, this museum is a must-see,” said Frieden. Opened in 2003, the museum is located next to Zhulyany Airport, one of two civilian airports serving Ukraine’s capital, and shares its space with the adjacent National Aviation University.



(Above) Author A.C. Frieden stands in front of a Soviet-era MiG-25 fighter jet.

(Below) The nuclear-capable, long-range Tu-22M-2 “Backfire” strategic bomber on display at the museum.





(Above) A.C. Frieden stands next to the Mi-6 heavy transport helicopter, which for many years was one of the largest and most powerful helicopters in the world.



(Above) In the foreground is the Ilyushin Il-86, the largest Soviet/Russian designed civilian airliner; in the background is the Ilyushin Il-76, one of the world's most produced military transport aircraft.

“Of special interest to me,” said Frieden, “is the museum’s collection of strategic bombers, including three versions of the Tupolev Tu-22 *Backfire* bomber and the Tu-95 *Bear*.” Very few museums in the world have access to these large aircraft, some of which are still operating. The museum also features aircraft from other Soviet and Russian design bureaus, including Yakovlev, Ilyushin, Antonov, Sukhoi, Mikoyan-Gurevich (MiG), Kamov, Mil, and Beriev. The collection includes experimental, prototype, and production versions of fixed wing aircraft, floatplanes and helicopters.



(Above) Author A.C. Frieden stands next to a nuclear-capable Soviet-era Tupolev Tu-95 “Bear” strategic bomber, a type still in service with the Russian Air Force.



(Above) Three variants of the MiG-23 combat aircraft are also on display at the museum.



(Above) The museum features several naval helicopters, including the Kamov KA-27PL and KA-25PL.

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