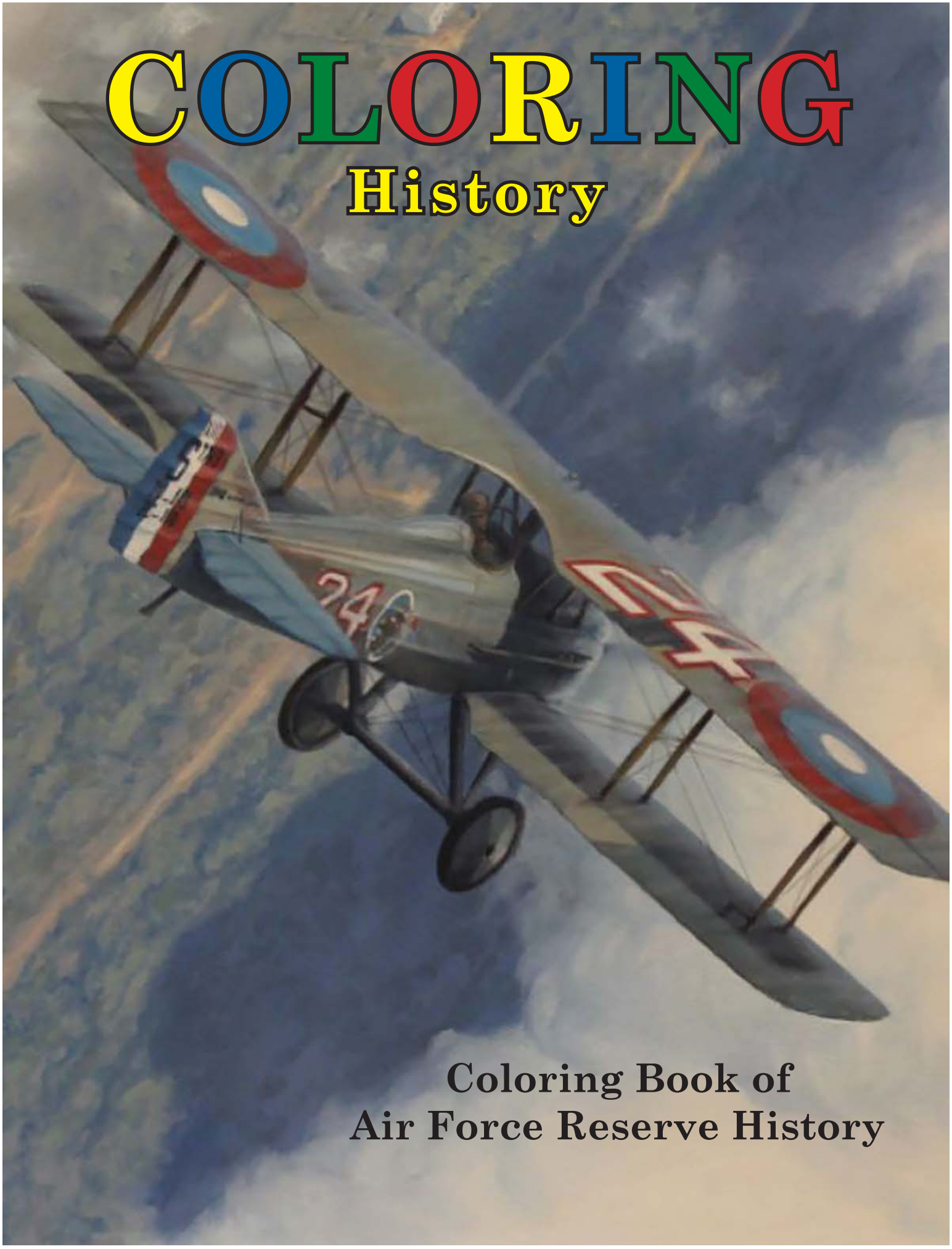
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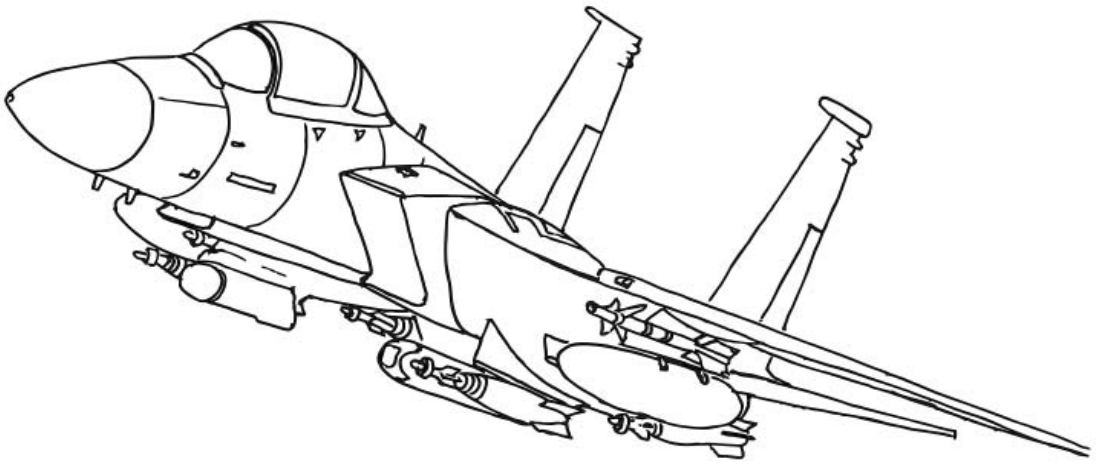

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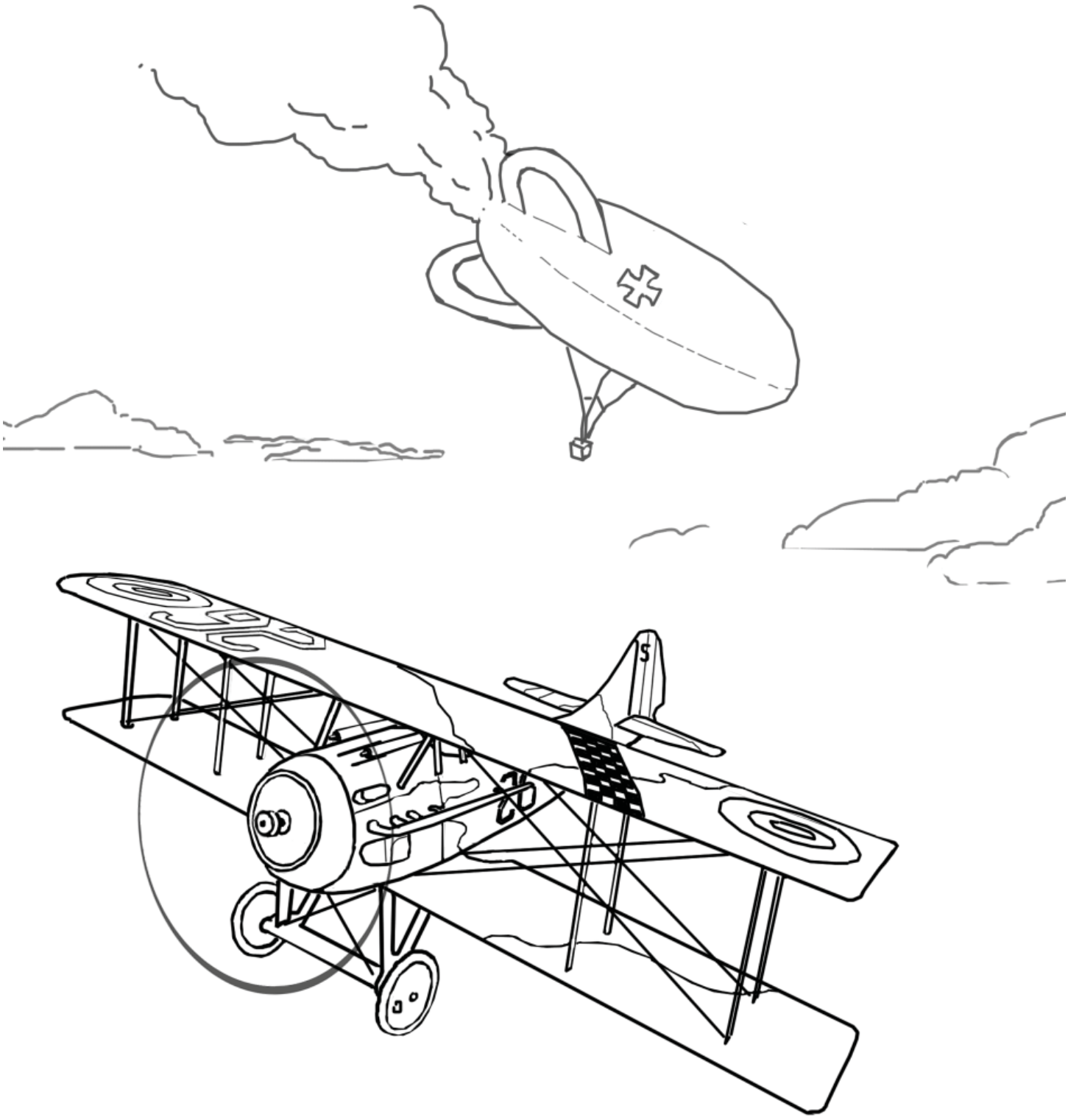
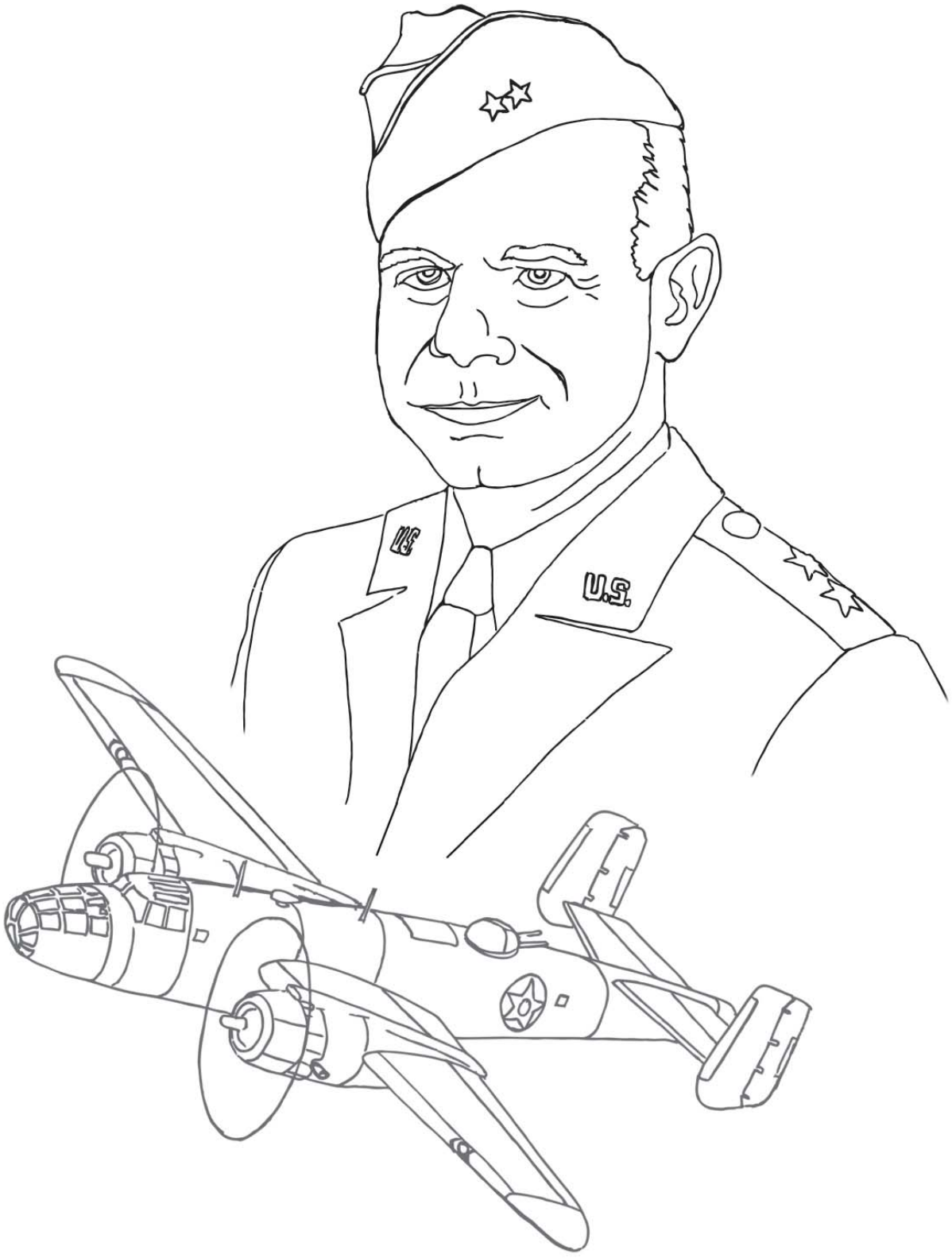


Frank Luke, a 2nd Lieutenant in the Signal Officers Reserve Corps became known as the "Arizona Balloon Buster" with 14 victories against enemy German observation balloons.

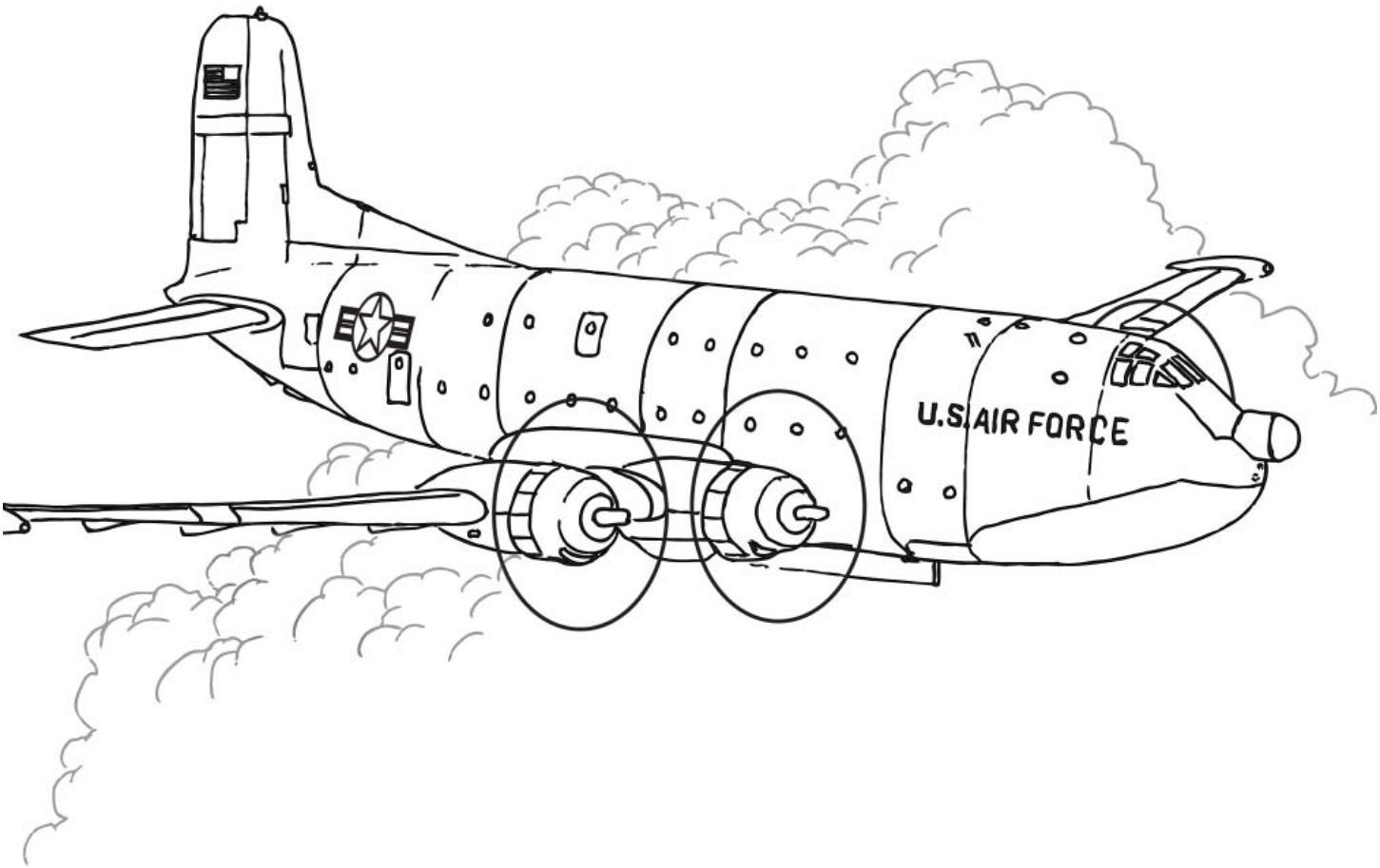
Reserve Captain Charles Lindbergh is a Medal of Honor recipient for his solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean to Paris 1927.



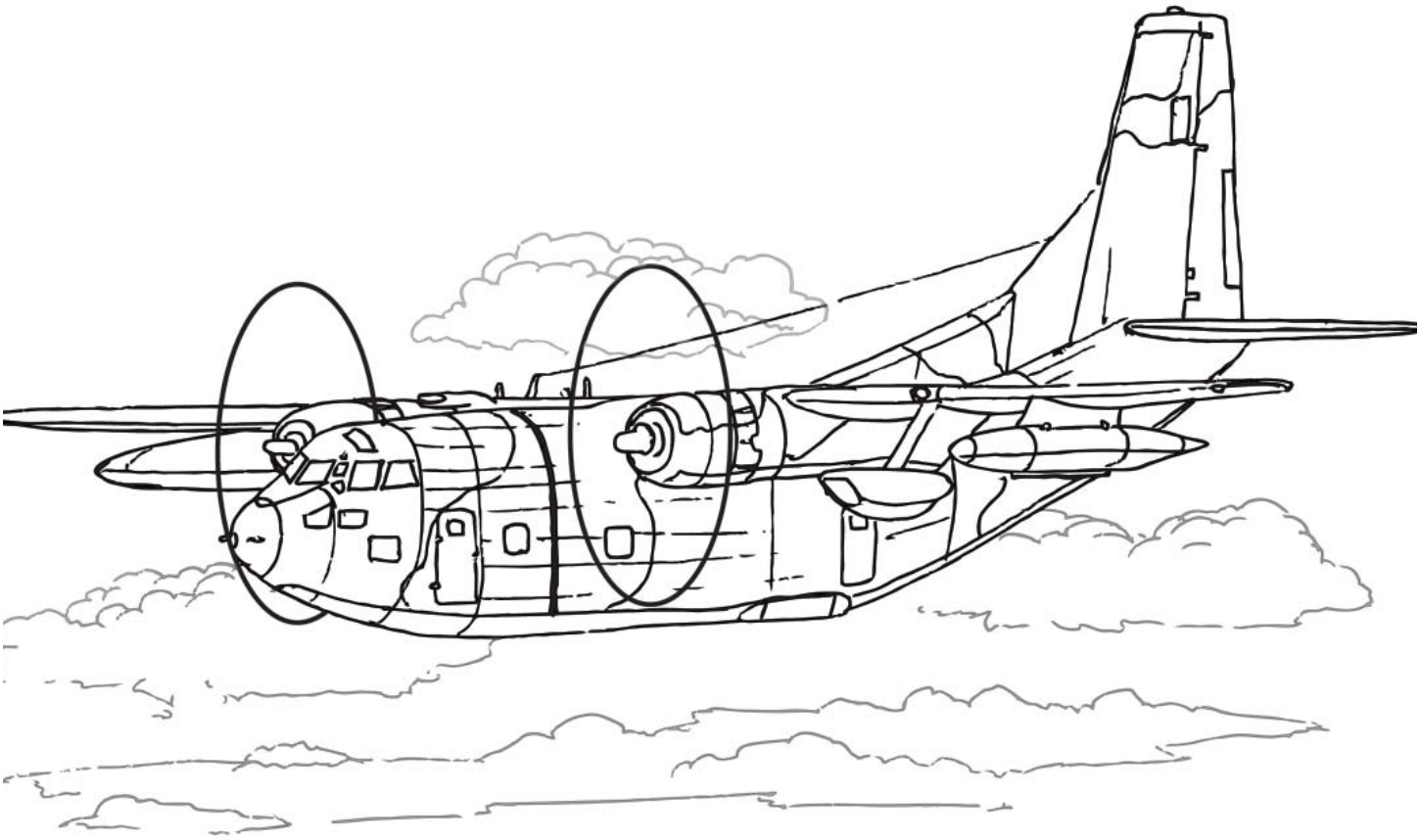
On April 18, 1942, Reserve Lieutenant Colonel Jimmy Doolittle led 16 B-25 Mitchell bombers to attack Japan earning the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Hollywoood actor Jimmy Stewart joined the military as a pilot during World War II and rose to the rank of major general in the Air Force Reserve.

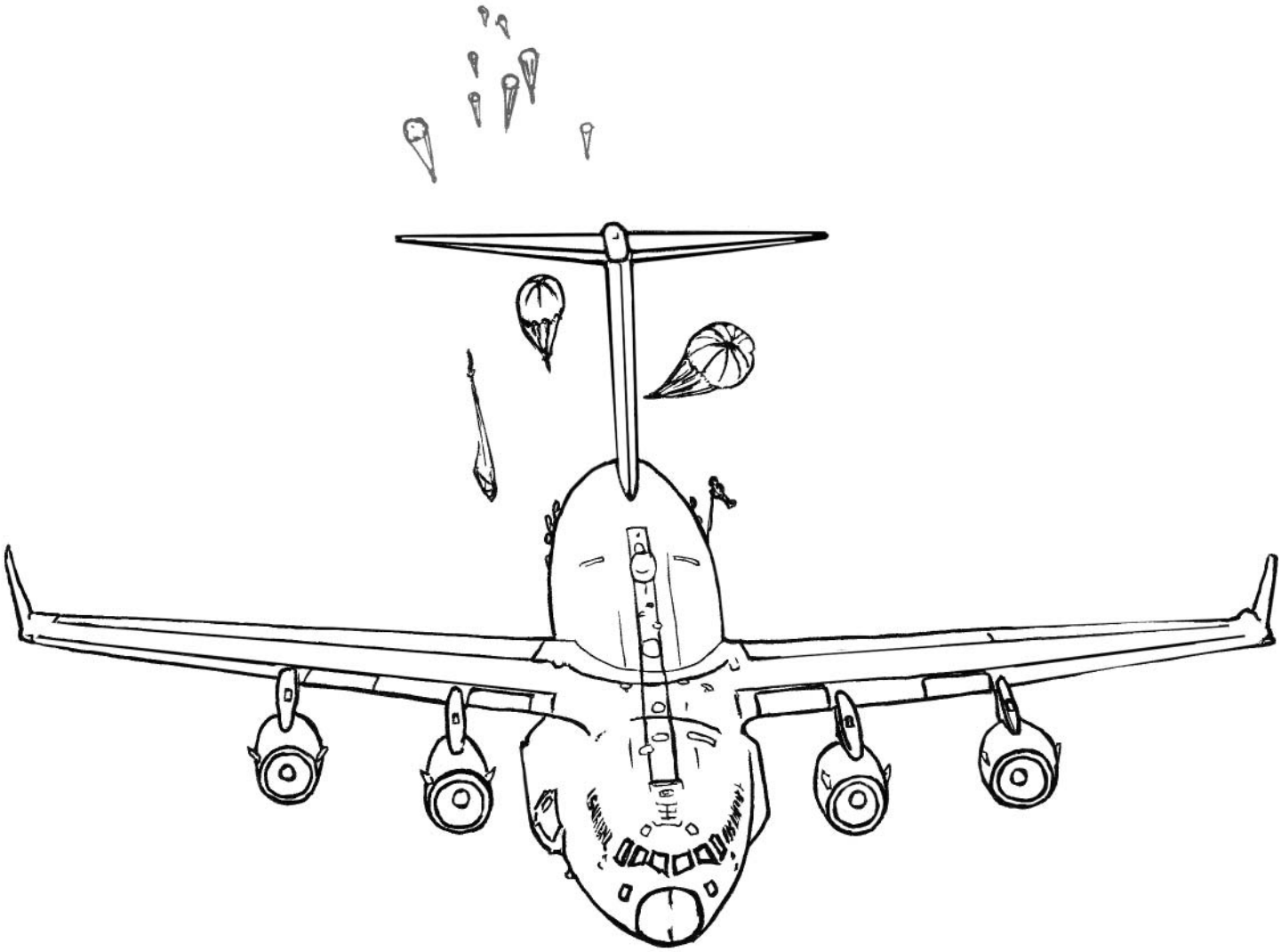
One of the famed Tuskegee Airmen, Lieutenant Colonel Lee Archer, downed four German aircraft during WWII. He flew with the 302nd Fighter Squadron, famously known for their red tails. Today, the squadron flies for the Air force Reserve at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska.



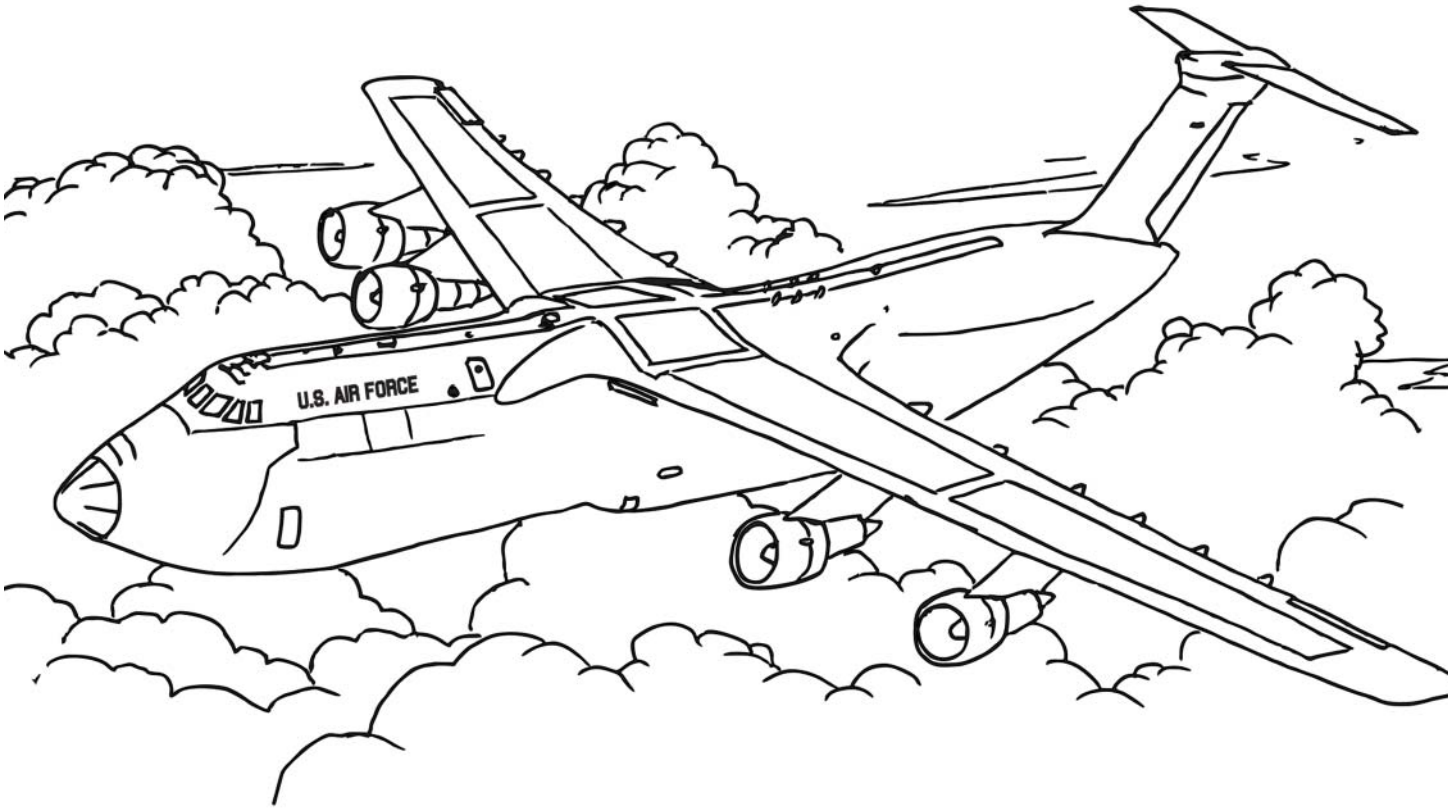
Air Force Reservists from the 452nd Air Mobility Wing, March Air Reserve Base, California, flew C-124 Globemaster II aircraft nicknamed "Old Shaky."



Air Force Citizen Airmen flew the C-123 Provider in the 1960s and 70s.

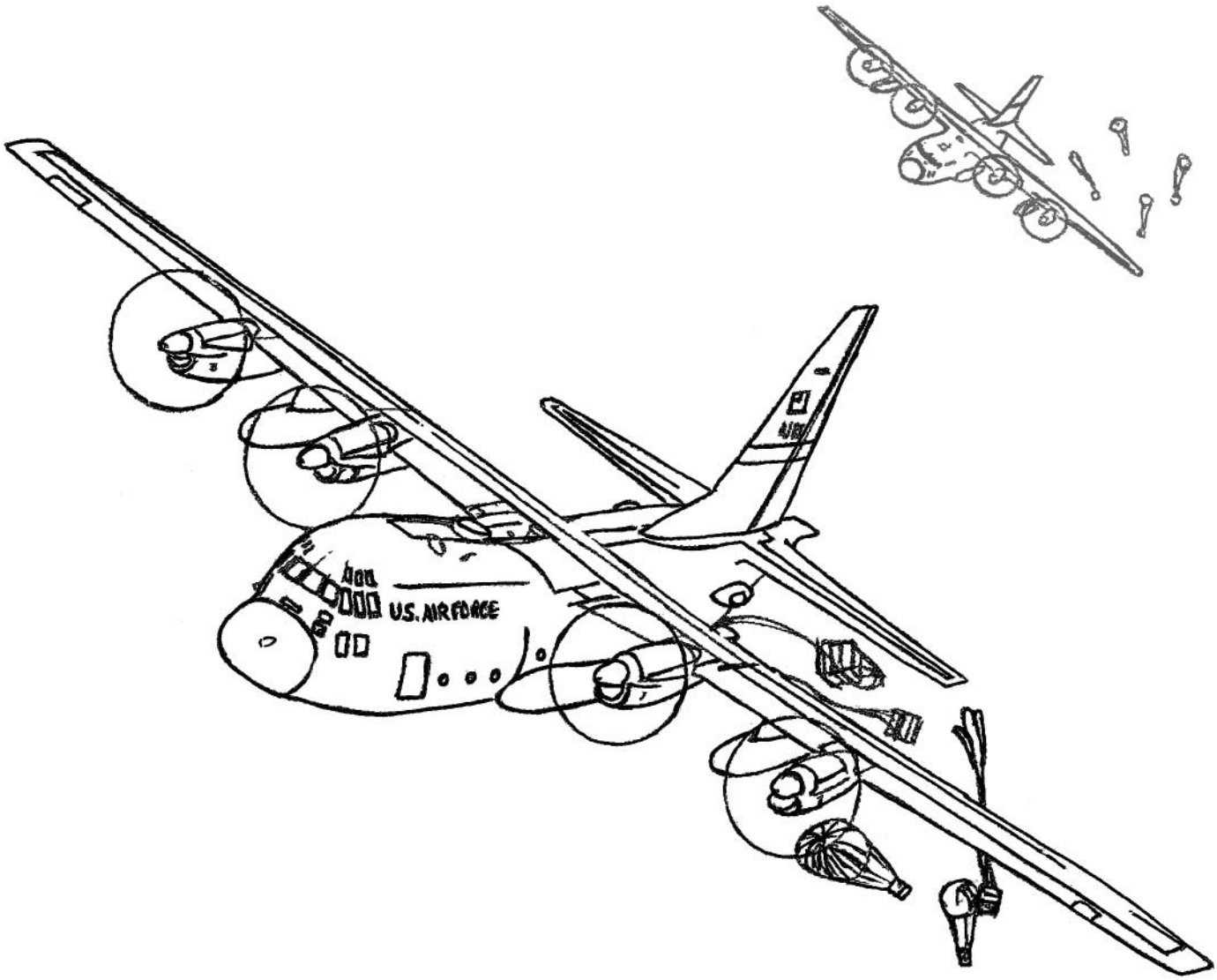


C-17 Globemaster III aircraft like this one from the 446th Airlift Wing of the Air Force Reserve, based at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, can take Army paratroopers and cargo anywhere in the World.

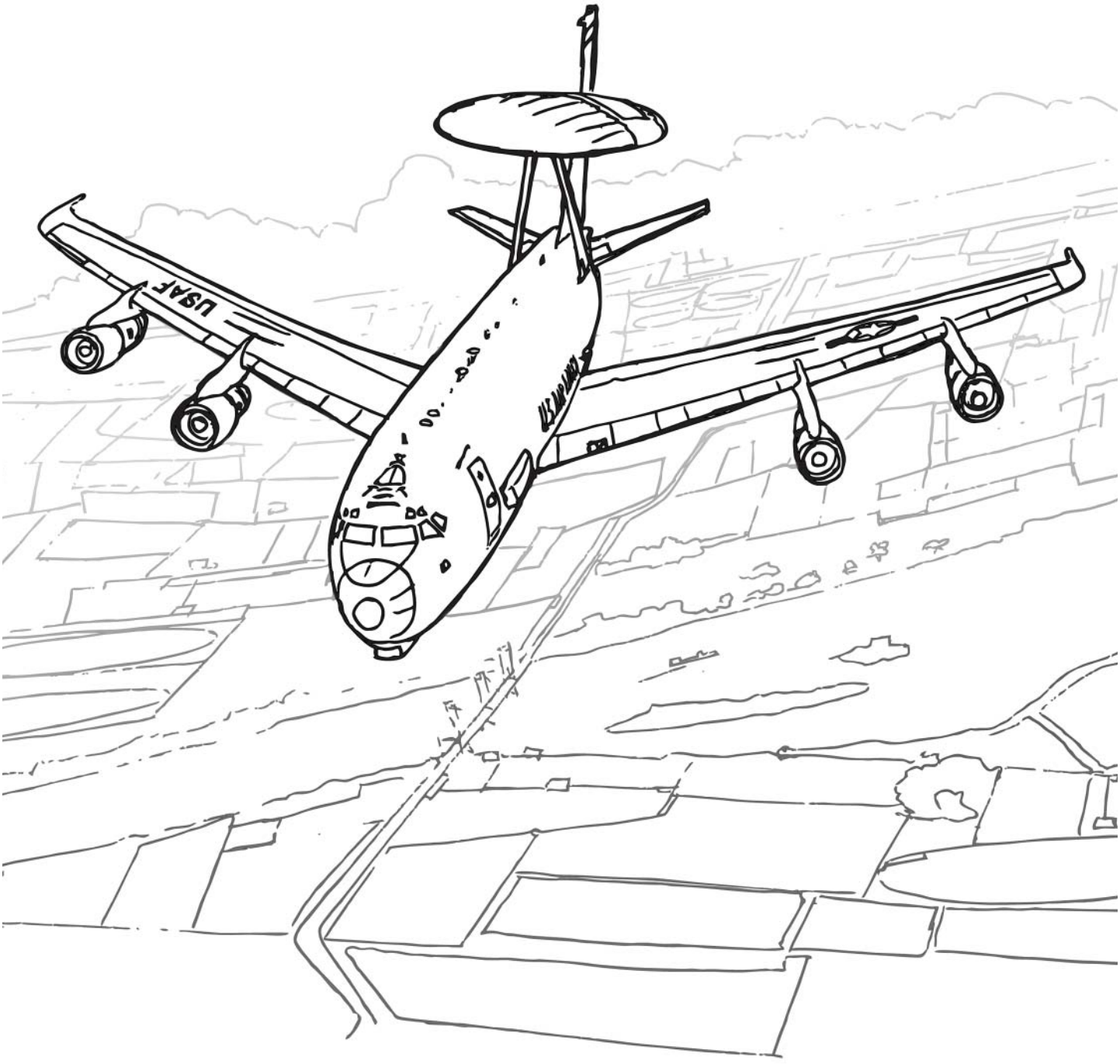


Air Force Citizen Airmen from Travis Air Force Base, California, helped set 45 new world records in April 2015 in this C-5M Super Galaxy.

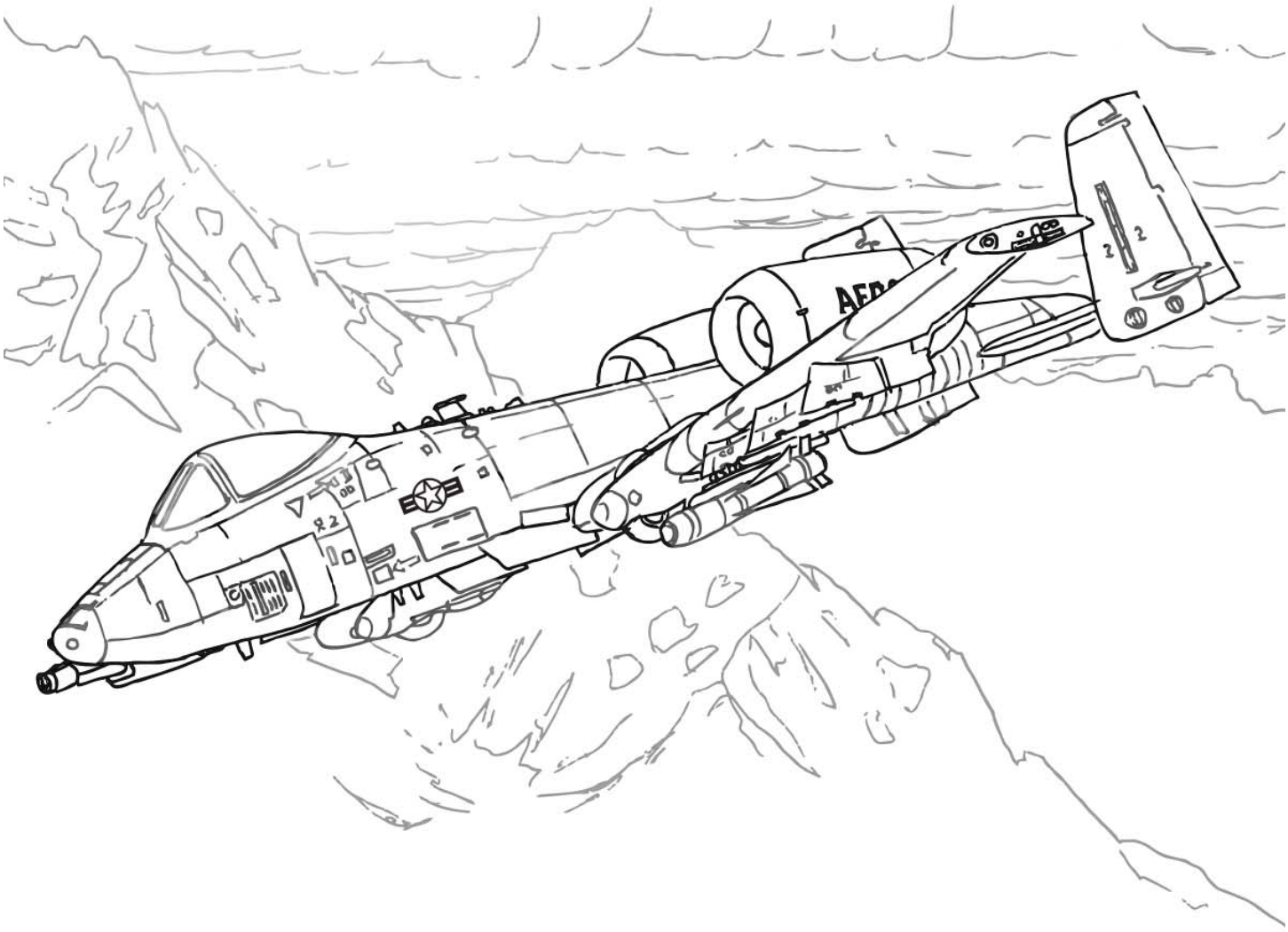
Air Force Reserve Lieutenant Colonel Mike Brill holds the record for the most flying hours in the F-16 Fighting Falcon.



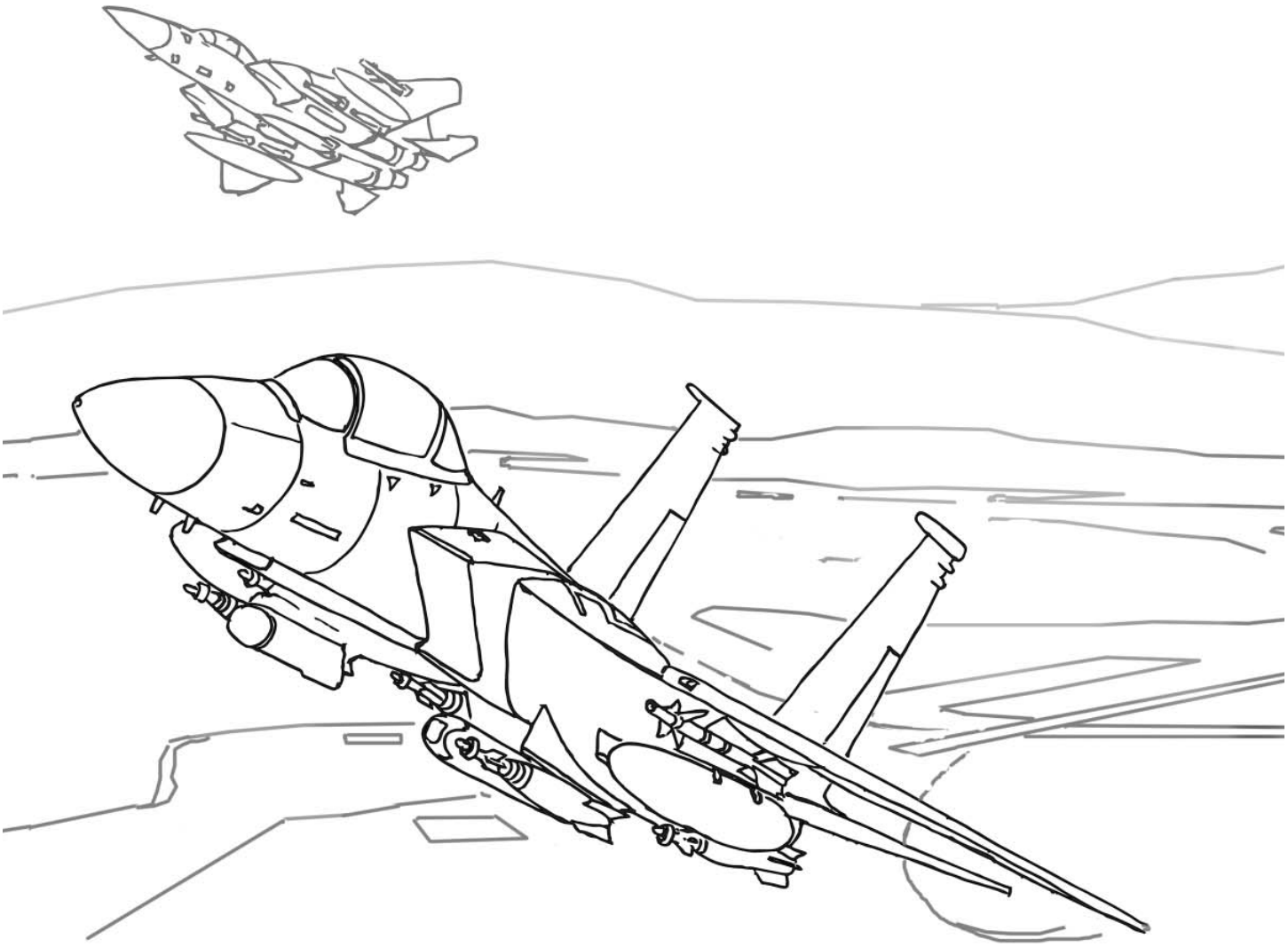
In 2014, Air Force Citizen Airmen used "Slick" C-130s like these to airdrop food and water to refugees on Sinjar Mountain in Iraq.



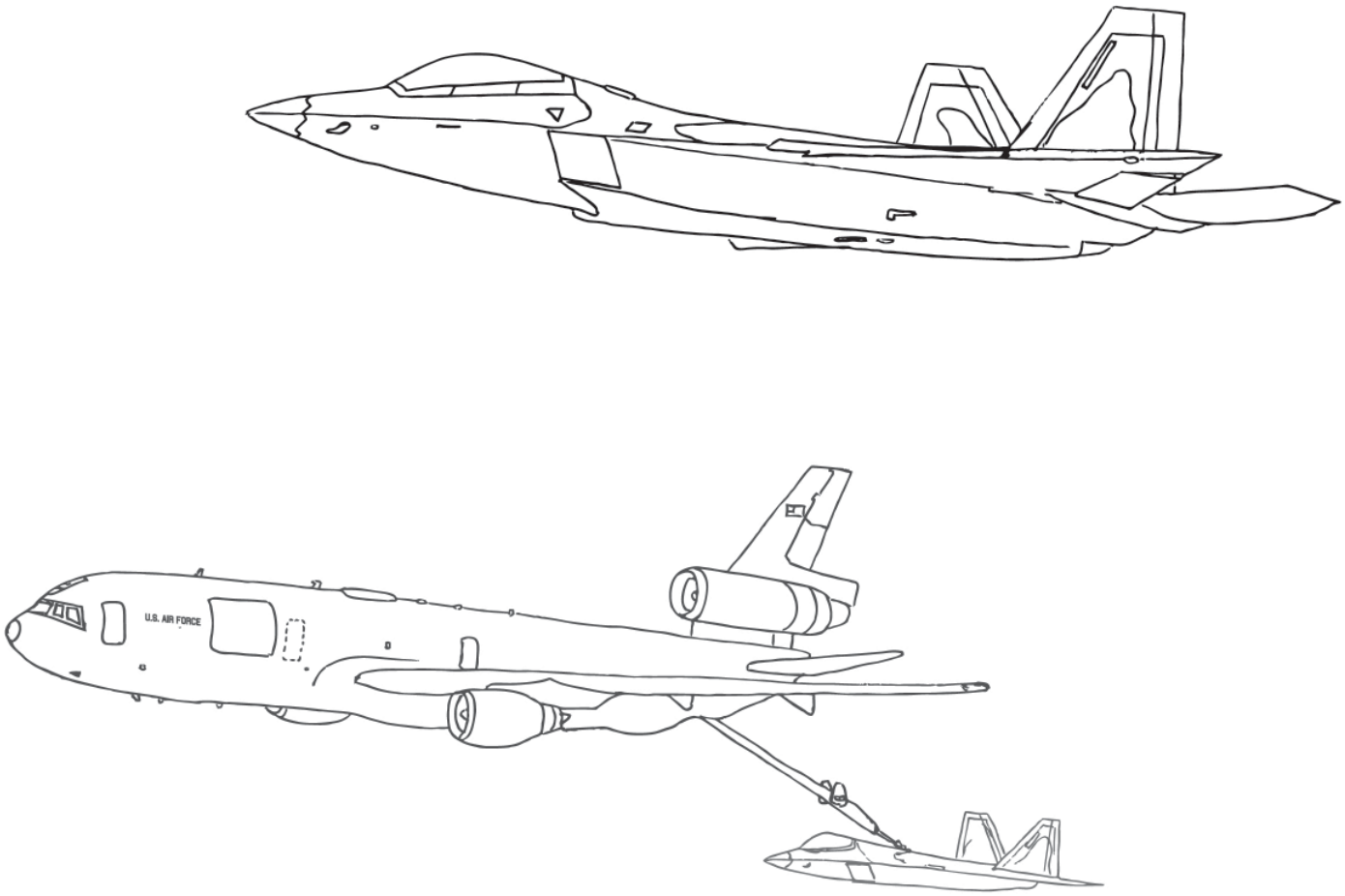
The Air Force Reserve flies the E-3 Sentry airborne warning and control system (AWACS) aircraft, from Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma.



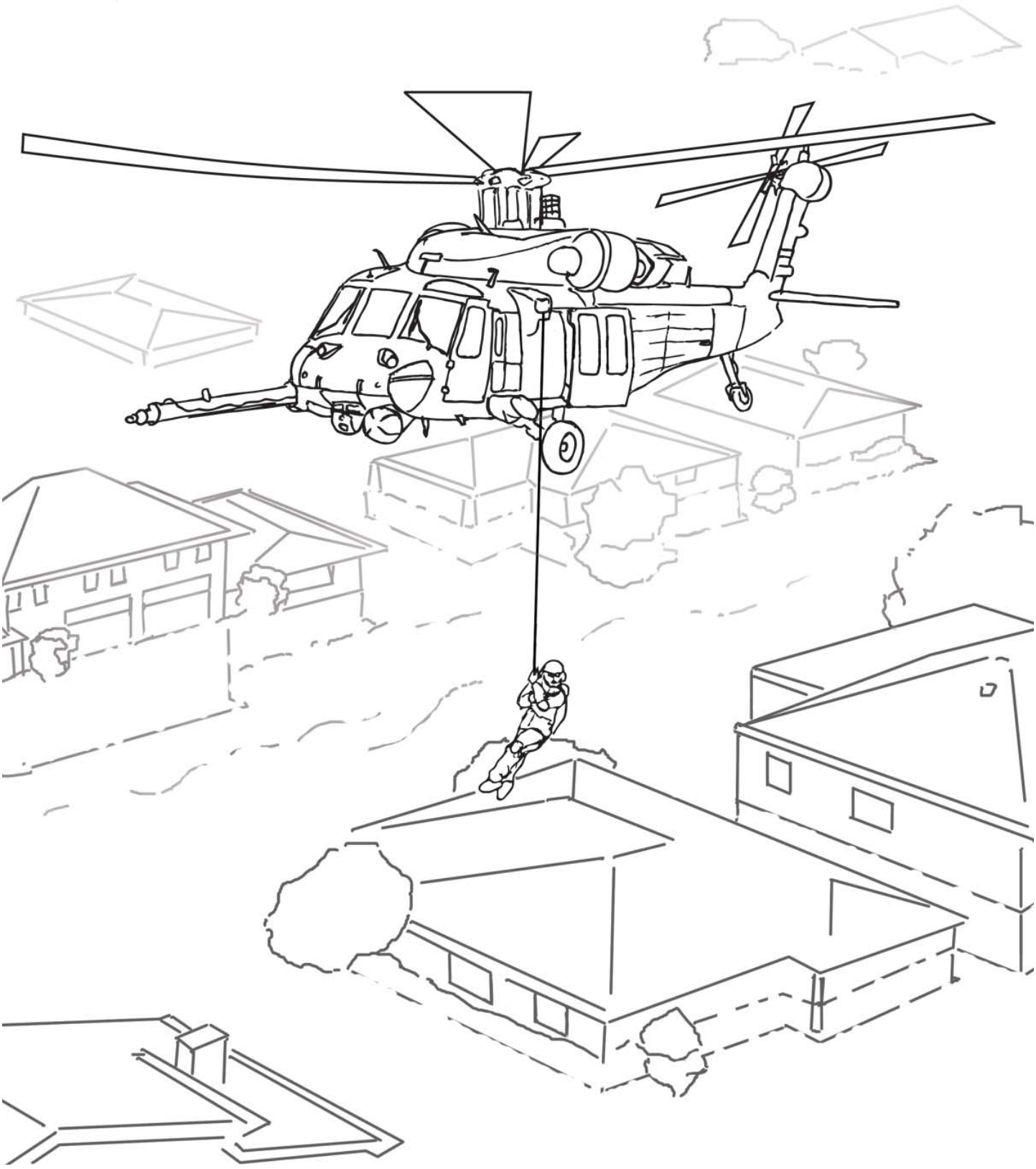
Captain Robert "Bobo" Swain flew the A-10 Warthog, like this one, in Operation DESERT STORM when he shot down an Iraqi helicopter.



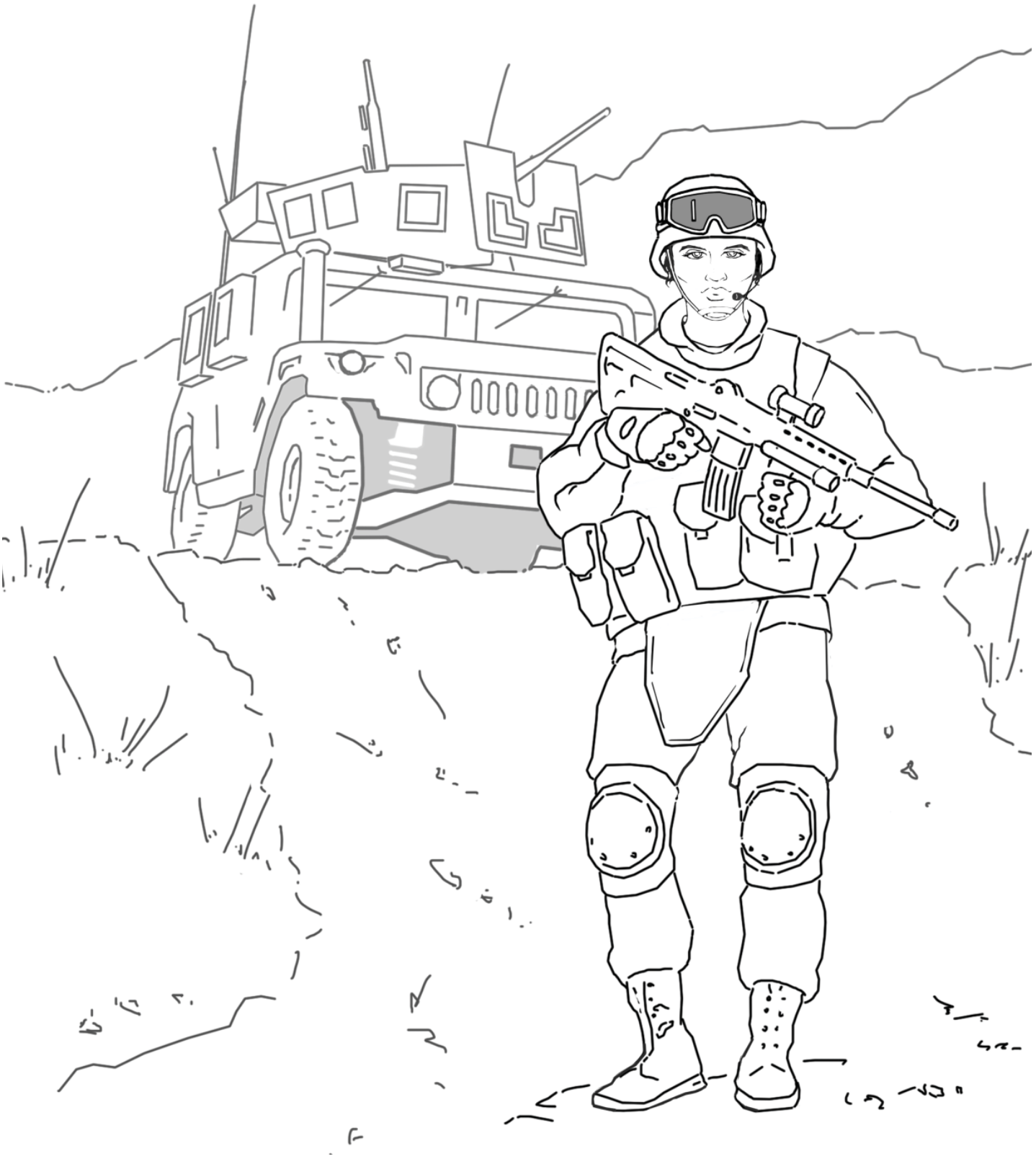
The F-15E Strike Eagle is a twin-engine, all weather fighter jet, flown by the Air Force Reserve's 307th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, North Carolina.



The F-22 Raptor, one of the Air Force Reserve's newest aircraft, is flown by the 302nd Fighter Squadron, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, and the 301st Fighter Squadron, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida.



Air Force Reserve Guardian Angels rescued people after Hurricane Katrina in 2005.



Air Force Reserve Security Forces team member on patrol in Afghanistan outside the wire.

Air Force Reserve Captain Adriana Valadez and Staff Sergeant Amanda Pena from the 433rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, San Antonio, Texas, saved the life of Technical Sergeant Zachary Rhyner, a special operations joint terminal air controller.

The Air Force Reserve

Tracing its history back to 1916, the Air Force Reserve is an integrated and flexible part of the nation's defense. Its mission is to provide combat ready forces to fly, fight, and win.

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