



Aviation Museum of Kentucky (AMK)

**From Heritage to Horizon: Propelling
Aviation Through Education and Inspiration**

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OUR ROOTS

- ❖ 1978 – Established as Kentucky Aviation History Roundtable
- ❖ 1995 – AMK opens museum to the public
- ❖ 2006 – Designated as the official aviation museum of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
- ❖ Location: **Blue Grass Airport, Lexington**
- ❖ Mission: To serve the Commonwealth with dynamic aerospace education programs, to promote the state's aviation industry, and to serve as Kentucky's focal point for the presentation of aviation history.
- ❖ Home of the **Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame**

Educational Programs

- ❖ **Summer Aviation Camps** – begin in 1996.
 - Approximately 10,000 graduates
 - 2025 Camps in Lexington & Statewide
 - Northern Kentucky - Pikeville
 - Bowling Green - Owensboro
- ❖ **NASA & Fayette County School Partnership: Aerospace Motivates Kids** – one-day program for middle school students.
 - Copia Foundation – grant will expand to include Jessamine County students.
- ❖ **BD-5 Learning Lab** – hands-on experience hosted every Saturday.
- ❖ **FAA Part 107 - Remote Pilot Certification Prep Classes**
- ❖ **More coming soon!**



Thirty Years Strong – What's Next?



- ❖ Kentucky's 18+ Billion Economic Engine & Workforce Shortage
 - **Curiosity into Careers**
- ❖ Blue Grass Airport's Expansion and AMK Relocation:
 - Updated location: **Corner of Man O' War / Airport Rd**
- ❖ Governance: From aviation enthusiast to aerospace industry leadership



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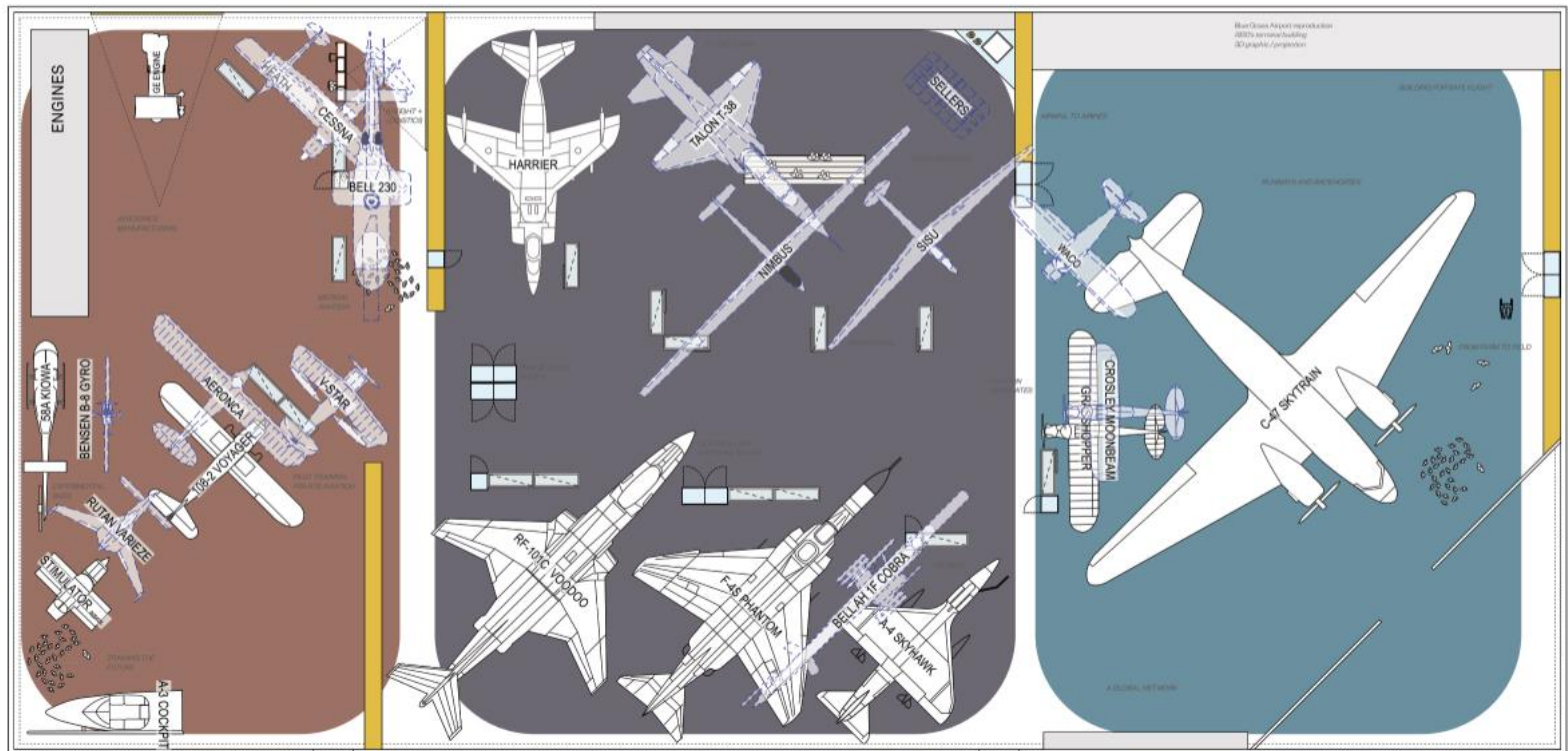




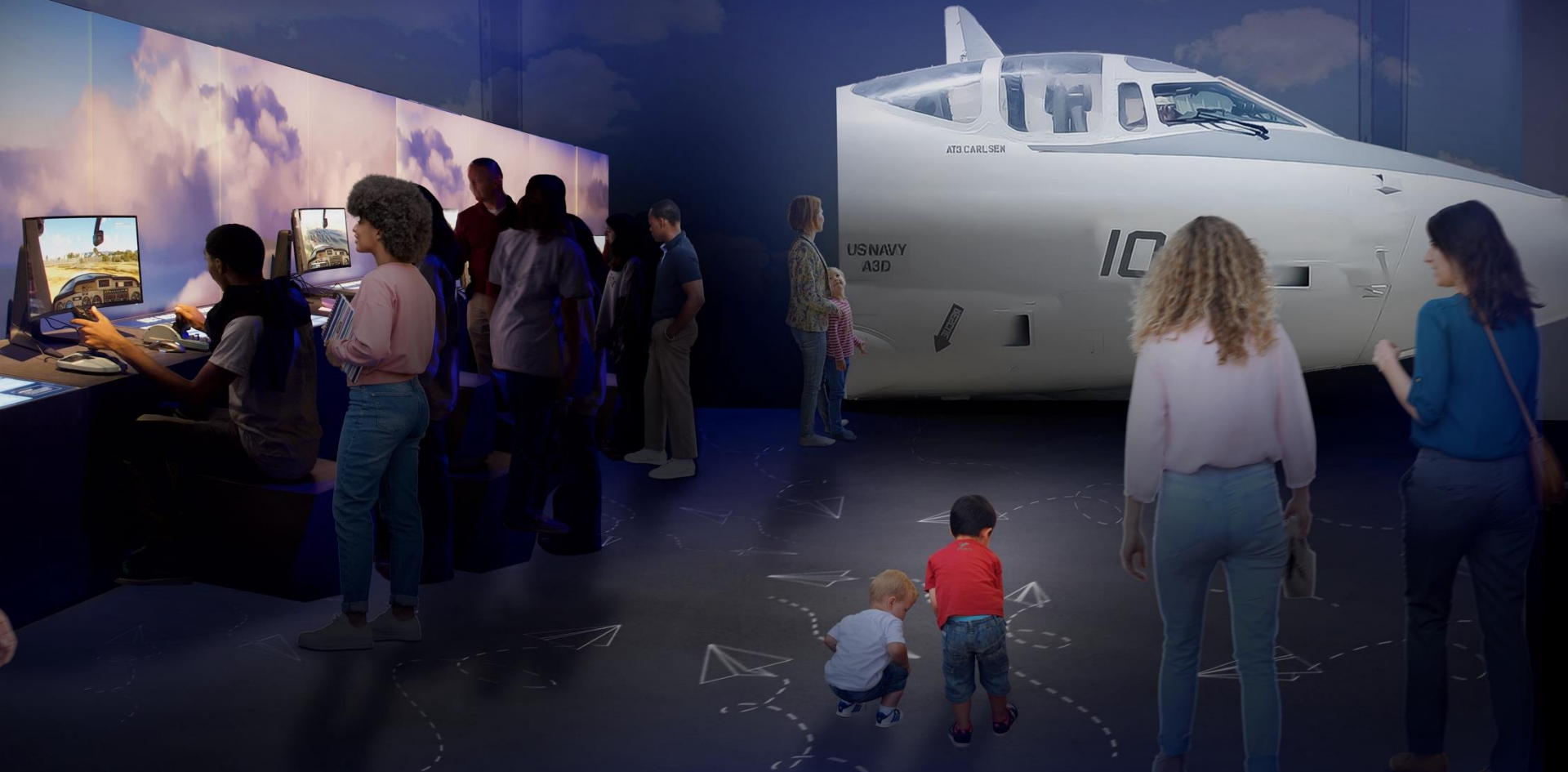
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KENTUCKY AVIATION HEROES

KENTUCKY AND THE WORLD



TRAINING FOR YOUR FUTURE



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KAEC Will:

- ❖ Enhance **workforce development** to meet industry demand
- ❖ Provide **education** that strengthens Kentucky's role as global leader
- ❖ Elevate Kentucky's global influence

Kentucky doesn't export just aerospace parts – we export possibility. Allowing the world to see what our people build.

KAEC underpinned by a reimagined museum: honoring the past while speaking to the future.

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ROI for Kentucky

- ❖ Workforce Development
- ❖ Career Pipeline / Education
- ❖ Statewide Reach
 - Program extend to all corners of the Commonwealth
- ❖ Tourism & Economic Impact
- ❖ Unity
 - Kentucky's aerospace leaders collaborating to elevate our voice on the national stage.

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2026 Budget Request

KAEC Capital Campaign

- ❖ Estimated Cost - \$32 million
- ❖ Request: \$4 million – spread among each year in the biennium.
- ❖ Public / Private Partnership
 - ❖ Lexington Government
 - ❖ Industry Partners
 - ❖ Private Donors

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Thank you!