



New monument features Sabre and MiG

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Following a delay caused by the pandemic, the Planes of Fame Air Museum has finally opened its Korean War Memorial at Chino, California.

The memorial is intended to commemorate the Americans who fought in a conflict that is often referred to as ‘the forgotten war’ in the United States. The central element is a bronze tribute that commemorates the ground forces that fought in that conflict, with a pylon-mounted North American F-86 Sabre and a ‘downed’ MiG-15 drawing attention to the vital struggle for air superiority.



The entrance portal at Chino's Korean War Memorial replicates one originally used at Kimpo FRANK B MORMILLO

The walkway to the new installation begins with an entrance that replicates a sign once used on the flightline at Kimpo air base (designated K-14) in South Korea, from which USAF F-86 Sabres rose to challenge Communist MiG-15s some 200 miles to the north near the Yalu River.

The F-86 on display is actually a hybrid pieced together with major components from several different Sabres – it represents a jet flown by the USAF's 336th Fighter Squadron, 4th Fighter Wing. The MiG has been finished to represent a North Korean jet flown by Russian pilots.



The 'downed' MiG-15 with the 'victorious' F-86 in the background FRANK B MORMILLO

Scattered around the monument are memorial bricks purchased by the public in remembrance of individual fallen warriors from that conflict. The walkway which meanders through a park-like setting is dotted with educational sign boards providing specific details about the Korean War. WITH THANKS TO FRANK B MORMILLO



The central bronze monument near the pylon-mounted F-86 Sabre FRANK B MORMILLO



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