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The Selfridge Military Air Museum was established as an outreach effort of the Michigan Air Guard Historical Association when the Association was incorporated in October 1975.

The Michigan Air Guard Historical Association and the Selfridge Military Air Museum were organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes. We received an Internal Revenue Service determination letter in March 1976 granting us a tax exemption under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Our staff is composed entirely of unpaid volunteers. **No federal or state funds are available so we rely almost exclusively on donations from individuals and memberships in the Historical Association for the operation and maintenance of the organizations and their facilities.**

The Michigan Air Guard Historical Association was established “to collect, preserve, and display articles of interest pertaining to Air National Guard history with respect to the State of Michigan and to establish one or more museums for those purposes.”

The Selfridge Military Air Museum was established “to collect, preserve, and display military artifacts and military memorabilia of relevance to all past and present military units at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, in the Michigan Air National Guard, and in the Wayne/Oakland/Macomb County area.”

The Selfridge Military Air Museum presently displays military artifacts and military memorabilia from the U.S. Army, Michigan Army National Guard, U.S. Air Force, Michigan Air National Guard, U.S. Air Force Reserve, U.S. Navy, U.S. Navy Reserve, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, and U. S. Coast Guard.

The Selfridge Military Air Museum leases five buildings and approximately 14 acres from the 127th Wing at Selfridge ANG Base, primarily for the display of military artifacts/memorabilia and vintage military aircraft, missiles, and vehicles. The largest building (Bldg 1011) is used for the Museum, Museum offices, and Research Library. The four smaller buildings (Bldgs 1007, 1008, 1010, and 1045) are used for equipment maintenance, restoration, and storage.

The outside acreage is used primarily for the outside display of our 28 aircraft, Army missiles and vehicles, a mobile control tower, crash/fire vehicles, and assorted other displays of military hardware. Military hardware not suitable for outside display is displayed either inside the Museum or inside one of our static display cargo aircraft.