

F-86A “Sabre”



Adopted by the Richmond Lions Club

The North American built F-86 was the Air Force’s first swept-wing jet fighter. It was used extensively in the Korean War where it’s most frequent opponent was the MIG jet fighter; the F-86 became known as “The MIG Killer”. The F-86 was flown by three fighter squadrons of the Michigan ANG at Detroit Metropolitan Airport and Kellogg Field from 1953 to 1956 and by USAF units at Selfridge from 1950 to 1959. Our F-86, #52-4387, was airlifted from Battle Creek to Selfridge in 1979.

AIRCRAFT STATISTICS

Wingspan: 37’ 5”	Engine: J-47
Length: 37’ 1”	Thrust: 5,200 lbs.
Height: 15’	Speed: 670 mph
Weight: 13, 498 lbs.	1st Flight: 1947
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