

# ***SPAD XIII***



The full-scale, historically accurate, replica of the French-built SPAD on display was constructed over a three-year period by Selfridge Military Air Museum volunteers. The airplane was flown by 15 of the 16 American Expeditionary Forces in World War I and was the personal favorite of Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, America's leading ace of World War I. The SPAD XIII, flown at Selfridge Field by the 17<sup>th</sup> Squadron in 1919 and from 1922 thru 1925, was one of the first airplanes capable of firing its twin mechanically-timed guns through the propeller.

## **AIRCRAFT STATISTICS**

Wingspan: 26' 6"	Engine: Hispano-Suiza of 220 hp (1)
Length: 20' 6"	Top Speed: 139 mph
Height: 8' 6"	Range: 250 miles (2 hours)
Weight: 1,245 lbs.	Service Ceiling: approx. 22,000'

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C (Chasseur): French for Fighter  
Crew of 1***