

# “Swamp Fox” P-51 Mustang

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## FACT SHEET

- American Mustangs destroyed 4,950 enemy aircraft making them the highest scoring US fighter in the Europe Theater of Operations during WWII. They were used as dive-bombers, bomber escorts, ground-attackers, interceptors, for photo-recon missions, trainers, transports (with a jump-seat), and after the war, high performance racers.

- The “Swamp Fox” P-51 Mustang was purchased by Jack Croul in 2007 and underwent a complete restoration from 2007 to 2012. The restoration was managed by Jeff Harris at Allied Fighters in Chino, California with Mike Breshears of Vintage Airframes in Caldwell, ID doing a majority of the work. Also providing support during the restoration was Fighter Rebuilders (Chino) and Westpac Restorations (Colorado Springs). Roush Aviation in Michigan overhauled the Packard Merlin engine.

- After several decades on the ground, the Swamp Fox’s first flight after restoration was mid-May 2012. Robert Dickson Sr. and his son Robert bought the plane in June of 2012 and had it painted as the last mount of then Lt. Will Foard – “Swamp Fox” C5-A, 364th Fighter Squadron, 357th Fighter Group, 8th Air Force, based out of Leiston, England.

### Performance and Weights:

**Maximum Speed: 505 mph**

**Cruise Speed: 270 mph**

**Length: 32 ft., 9 in.**

**Wingspan: 37 ft., .5 in.**

**Date of Manufacture: 1944**

**Propeller type: 11’ 2” Hamilton Standard 4-blade, constant speed**

**Rate of Climb: 2400 fpm**

**Service Ceiling: 41,900 feet**

**Armament: Six 12.7 mm wing mounted machine guns**

**Bomb Load: Two 500 lb bombs, or six rockets**

**Crew: One person, pilot**

**Fuel Capacity: 184 gal wing plus drop tanks (75-110 gal. each)**