



Media Invited to Celebrate 25th Anniversary of B-2 Bomber First Flight

June 23, 2014

B-2 program "family reunion" to feature re-enactment of first flight

PALMDALE, Calif.

What: Members of the electronic and print media are invited to Northrop Grumman Corporation's (NYSE: NOC) facility in Palmdale, California, to cover a gathering of the extended B-2 "family" as they celebrate the 25th anniversary of first flight of the U.S. Air Force's B-2 Spirit stealth bomber. First flight occurred on July 17, 1989.

When: Thursday, July 17
Arrival: 7:30 – 8:15 a.m. (for sign-in, security screening)
Transportation, Viewing of B-2 bomber landing: 8:20 – 9:20 a.m.
Ceremony: 10 to 10:40 a.m.
Re-Enactment of First Flight: 11 a.m.
Speaker Media Availability: 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Where: Northrop Grumman Corporation
3520 E. Ave M (at Northrop Grumman Way)
Palmdale, Calif.

Visuals: Ceremony will be set against a backdrop of an operational B-2 bomber, and will feature inspirational B-2 activities, including a special appearance by the [B-2 Stealth Bike](#) designed and produced by Orange County Choppers, and a static display of the N-9MB aircraft, one of the predecessor aircraft for the B-2. B-roll will also be provided.

Speakers at the event will include Bruce Hinds, who co-piloted the first B-2 flight, and Brig. Gen. Steven Basham, the co-pilot for the first B-2 combat mission.

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IMPORTANT B-2 SECURITY INFORMATION All potential media attendees to this event must RSVP no later than Thurs., July 3 for security screening. We will not be able to admit anyone who is not on our pre-approved media list. Please RSVP for anyone who MIGHT be asked to cover this event.

Please RSVP with the following information:

- (1) Name
- (2) Date of Birth
- (3) Media Organization Name
- (4) (If carrying photo/sound recording equipment, please provide a brief description of that equipment)

Upon sign-in, you will be asked to show a state-issued ID and an ID from your media organization.

Also please note that cell phones, pagers, etc. are not permitted at the B-2 event site. Please leave such personal communication devices in your vehicle.

Directions: [From Los Angeles:](#)

- I-405/I-5 North to CA Hwy 14
- Follow Hwy 14 to Palmdale/Lancaster, approx 36 miles
- Exit Hwy 14 at Ave M (Exit #40)
- Turn right and proceed east on Ave M, approx 5 miles
- Turn right at Northrop Grumman Way (Stoplight)
- Proceed to Building 405 by flagpole for check in

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BACKGROUND

Northrop Grumman is the Air Force's prime contractor for the B-2 stealth bomber. The company's B-2 program office is located in Palmdale.

Plant 42 was the site of the B-2's rollout in 1988 and its first flight in July, 1989. All 20 B-2s in the fleet today were assembled there and still come to Palmdale for programmed depot maintenance from their operational home at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri.

For additional information about the B-2, please visit us on the web at <http://www.northropgrumman.com/B-2>

Logo - <http://photos.prnewswire.com/prnh/20121024/LA98563/LOGO>

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