



HIGH ON THE WARTHOG

U.S. Air Force Capt. Curtis Lackey, from the 442nd Fighter Wing, taxis an A-10C Thunderbolt II on the runway after landing in St. Louis for a visit with the Boeing Global Services A-10 team. First deployed in March 1976 and manufactured by Fairchild Republic, the A-10 was specially designed for close air support of ground forces. The twin-engine jet, nicknamed the "Warhog," can be used against light maritime attack aircraft and ground targets such as tanks. Boeing is currently under contract to deliver new wings and wing parts for the A-10, which the Air Force intends to fly into the early 2030s.

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