

# US WARPLANE AIRCRAFT NAMES

<b>Aardvark</b>	<b>General Dynamics F-111</b> Dutch word meaning "earth-pig", named for the medium sized African mammal of which it's nose and that of the F-111 have a very close resemblance. Originally coined as a nickname by the RAAF it strangely, did not become USAF official until after the aircraft retired in 1996.
<b>Airacobra</b>	<b>Bell P-39</b> Name reflects the cobra symbol of power and poise. Variations: <b>Airabonita</b> (XFL-1), <b>Kingcobra</b> (P-63).
<b>Albatross</b>	<b>Grumman SA-16 / UF (HU-16)</b> Named after the large coastal sea-bird. Variation: <b>Pelican</b> (XJR2F-1).
<b>Apache</b>	<b>McDonnell Douglas AH-64</b> Follows US Army tradition of naming helicopters after North American Indian tribes / nations. The Apache was a collective name for several groups of Native American Indians. Variations: <b>Apache Longbow</b> (AH-64D), <b>Apache Guardian</b> (AH-64E).
<b>Arcturus</b>	<b>Lockheed CP-140A</b> CAF name for a P-3 Orion development. Arcturus is the third brightest star in the Northern night sky.
<b>Aries / Aries II</b>	<b>Lockheed EP-3E</b> P-3 Orion conversion, Aries the Ram is one of the constellations of the Zodiac.
<b>Aurora</b>	<b>Lockheed CP-140</b> CAF name for a P-3 Orion development, the mythological Roman goddess of Dawn.
<b>Avenger</b>	<b>Grumman TBF / TBM</b> A name which means to take revenge, in this case against the Japanese in the Pacific.
<b>Banshee</b>	<b>Douglas A-24</b> USAAF version of the SDB Dauntless dive bomber. Derived from the Irish / Scottish mythological spirit of a wailing woman heard when one is about to die.
<b>Banshee</b>	<b>McDonnell F2H (F-2)</b> Derived from the Irish / Scottish mythological spirit of a wailing woman heard when one is about to die.
<b>Bearcat</b>	<b>Grumman F8F</b> Continues Grumman's tradition of naming naval fighters with a "cat" theme.
<b>Bird Dog</b>	<b>Cessna L-19</b> Named as a result of a competition held among Cessna employees to name the aircraft. The winner was one Jack A. Swayze whose entry was – bird dog, a type of gun dog or hunting dog used by game hunters to retrieve birds. They are also used to observe and search out prey for the hunters, much the same as the battlefield role of the L-19.
<b>Blackbird</b>	<b>Lockheed SR-71</b> Unofficial name, no official name has ever been assigned.
<b>Black Hawk</b>	<b>Sikorsky UH-60</b> Follows US Army tradition of naming helicopters after North American Indian tribes / nations. Named after the Sauk Native American Indian tribe leader – Chief Black Hawk (1767-1838), who led many battles on the side of the English. The UH-60 helicopter derivatives retained the "Hawk" name with another name added to the front to reflect the mission: Desert Hawk, Ocean Hawk etc.
<b>Blackspot</b>	<b>Fairchild NC/AC-123K</b> C-123 Provider conversion, no further details.
<b>Black Widow</b>	<b>Northrop P-61</b> Name reflects the P-61s mission as a black painted night-fighter.
<b>Bolo</b>	<b>Douglas B-18</b> A single-edged jungle cutting machete used by the US Army in The Philippines.
<b>Boston</b>	<b>Douglas A-20</b> British assigned in accordance to American bomber aircraft being named after US cities. Named here by the RAF for the city of Boston, Massachusetts.
<b>Bronco</b>	<b>North American (Rockwell) OV-10</b> A US term for an untrained horse.
<b>Buckeye</b>	<b>North American (Rockwell) T-2</b> A type of plant, specifically the large nut of the chestnut tree. It is also a slang term used to describe residents of the US state of Ohio.

<b>Buffalo</b>	<b>Brewster F2A</b> Named after the American city of Buffalo in the state of New York.
<b>Canso</b>	<b>Consolidated PBY</b> Follows a Commonwealth convention naming American patrol aircraft in RCAF service after Canadian towns, cities. A small fishing town in Eastern Nova Scotia, Canada.
<b>Cargomaster</b>	<b>Douglas C-133</b> Follows the Douglas "master" theme for their cargo aircraft.
<b>Caribou</b>	<b>DeHavilland Canada C-7</b> Named after a species of large migratory deer found in North America but mostly Canada.
<b>Catalina</b>	<b>Consolidated PBY</b> British assigned in accordance to American patrol aircraft being named after US coastal areas. Named after Santa Catalina Island off the coast of Los Angeles, California.
<b>Cayuse</b>	<b>Hughes OH-6</b> Follows US Army tradition of naming helicopters after North American Indian tribes / nations. The Cayuse were a tribe from the Oregon State region of the US.
<b>Chickasaw</b>	<b>Sikorsky H-19</b> Follows US Army tradition of naming helicopters after North American Indian tribes / nations. The Chickasaw tribe mostly comes from the South-Eastern US.
<b>Chinook</b>	<b>Boeing-Vertol CH-47</b> Follows US Army tradition of naming helicopters after North American Indian tribes / nations. The Chinookan were a tribe from the Pacific-Northwest US.
<b>Choctaw</b>	<b>Sikorsky H-34</b> Follows US Army tradition of naming helicopters after North American Indian tribes / nations. The Choctaw mostly comes from the South-Eastern US and is closely related to the Chickasaw.
<b>Clipper</b>	<b>Boeing C-40</b> Named after the 18th and 19th Century fast sailing ships that sailed the world's largest oceans. Assigned to the US Navy in honor of the of the original Boeing Model 314 Clipper.
<b>Cobra</b>	<b>Bell AH-1</b> Named after the venomous snake of the Elapidae family. General use names are the: <b>HueyCobra</b> (US Army) and <b>SeaCobra</b> (USMC). Variations: <b>KingCobra</b> (Model 309), <b>SuperCobra</b> (AH-1W).
<b>Commando</b>	<b>Curtiss C-46</b> Named after the elite type of soldier.
<b>Commando</b>	<b>Sikorsky H-3</b> Westland's non-amphibious version of the Sea King.
<b>Constellation</b>	<b>Lockheed C-69</b> Follows Lockheed tradition of naming their aircraft after celestial objects. Constellation reflects elegance and beauty.
<b>Convair Crusader</b>	<b>XB-36H</b> B-36 Peacemaker variant.
<b>Cornell</b>	<b>Fairchild PT-19 / PT-23 / PT-26</b> RAF assigned name in accordance to American trainer aircraft being named after US educational institutions. Named here for Cornell University, New York.
<b>Coronado</b>	<b>Consolidated PB2Y</b> British assigned name in accordance to American Patrol-Bomber aircraft being named after US coastal areas. Not confirmed but most likely named for the Coronado Islands located a short distance off the California / Mexico border. Might also be named after the coastal city of Coronado near San Diego. The name itself comes from Spanish explorer Francisco Vasquez de Coronado (ca.1510-1554), who visited the US South-West in 1540-1542.
<b>Corsair</b>	<b>Vought F4U</b> A Corsair was a name given to a pirate or pirate ship, especially from the Barbary Coast. Variation: <b>Super Corsair</b> (F2G-1 / -2).
<b>Corsair II</b>	<b>Vought (LTV) A-7</b> Named in honour of the famous World War II F4U Corsair.
<b>Cougar</b>	<b>Grumman F9F (F-9)</b> The big cat of the Puma family found throughout the Americas, the swept wing version of the F9F.

<b>Creek</b>	<b>Bell TH-67A</b> Follows US Army tradition of naming helicopters after North American Indian tribes / nations. The Creek tribe came from the South-Eastern US, original name was "Muscogee."
<b>Crusader</b>	<b>Vought F8U (F-8)</b> Name stems from the medieval European expeditions to the Holy Lands and can also mean any individual on a relentless mission in favour of a cause. Variation: <b>Crusader III</b> (XF8U-3).
<b>Dakota</b>	<b>Douglas C-47</b> British assigned in accordance to American cargo aircraft being named after US locations. Named after the US States of North & South Dakota.
<b>Dauntless</b>	<b>Douglas SBD</b> A name which translates as intrepid (brave) and persevering.
<b>Defender</b>	<b>Hughes Model 500</b> (military export version) Generic name reflecting the role as an attack helicopter.
<b>Delta Dagger</b>	<b>Convair F-102</b> Aggressive name also reflecting the delta wing shape.
<b>Delta Dart</b>	<b>Convair F-106</b> Aggressive name also reflecting the delta wing shape.
<b>Demon</b>	<b>McDonnell F3H (F-3)</b> Follows McDonnell tradition of naming their aircraft after supernatural phenomena / beings.
<b>Destroyer</b>	<b>Douglas B-66</b> USAF version of the A3D Skywarrior, fitting name for a bomber.
<b>Digby</b>	<b>Douglas B-18</b> Follows a Commonwealth convention naming American bombers in RCAF service after Canadian towns and cities. An old maritime town in Nova Scotia on Canada's east coast.
<b>Dominator</b>	<b>Consolidated-Vultee B-32</b> Production name, original name was Terminator.
<b>Dragon</b>	<b>Douglas B-23</b> Refers to the mythological creature depicted as a winged serpent or reptile.
<b>Dragonfly</b>	<b>Sikorsky H-5</b> Named after the winged insect of the Odonata family.
	<b>Cessna A-37 / T-37</b> Tweety Bird development. Also known as the <b>Super Tweet</b> .
<b>Dragon Lady</b>	<b>Lockheed U-2</b> Unofficial name, mainly applied to the U-2S and TU-2S variants.
<b>Duck</b>	<b>Grumman JF / J2F</b> Named after the common aquatic water bird of the Anatidae family. Name may have been inspired by the fact the bird is an amphibian that can walk (roll), float and fly.
<b>Eagle</b>	<b>McDonnell Douglas F-15</b> Named after the large and powerful bird of prey. Variations: <b>Strike Eagle</b> (F-15E), <b>Slam Eagle</b> (F-15K).
<b>Expeditor</b>	<b>Beechcraft C-45</b> Named to reflect an aircraft that can take action quickly, get things done sooner.
<b>Extender</b>	<b>McDonnell Douglas KC-10</b> Named for it's role as an aerial tanker "extending" the mission time of other aircraft.
<b>Fighting Falcon</b>	<b>General Dynamics F-16</b> Named after the bird of prey from the Falconidae family. Variations: <b>Desert Falcon</b> (F-16E/F), <b>Night Falcon</b> (F-16C/D).
<b>Flying Boxcar</b>	<b>Fairchild C-119</b> What was a nickname to the C-82 Packet became USAF official for the C-119, although Fairchild and the USMC still kept the Packet name as official for this aircraft. Variations: <b>Packplane</b> (XC-120), <b>Skyvan</b> (YC-119H).
<b>Flying Fortress</b>	<b>Boeing B-17</b> Originally a nickname dubbed by the media because of the aircraft's extensive armament. Name later became official and the "Fortress" theme was used in later Boeing bombers.
<b>Freedom Fighter</b>	<b>Northrop F-5A / B</b> The F-5 was designed as a foreign export fighter to US allies with the name reflecting the "sales pitch" angle offered by the US government.

<b>Fury</b>	<b>North American FJ (F-1)</b> US Navy version of the F-86 Sabre, originally with straight wings.
<b>Galaxy</b>	<b>Lockheed C-5</b> Follows Lockheed tradition of naming their aircraft after celestial objects. Name reflects the aircraft's role as a heavy lifter. Variation: <b>Super Galaxy</b> (C-5M).
<b>Ghostrider</b>	<b>Lockheed AC-130J</b> A "ghostly apparition" which reflects the stealth-type mission of this aircraft.
<b>Globemaster I / II</b>	<b>Douglas C-74 / C-124</b> Follows the Douglas "master" theme for their cargo aircraft. The C-74 was known as the <b>Globemaster I</b> . The C-124 was known as the <b>Globemaster II</b> .
<b>Globemaster III</b>	<b>McDonnell Douglas C-17</b> Follows the McDonnell-Douglas "master" theme for their cargo aircraft, the "III" defines it was named in sequence after the C-74 and C-124.
<b>Goose</b>	<b>Grumman JRF</b> Named after the aquatic water bird of the Anatidae family. Males are known as Gander and the female of the species are known as Goose. Also an amphibian bird.
<b>Goshawk</b>	<b>McDonnell Douglas T-45</b> Medium to large bird of prey from the Accipitridae family.
<b>Gosling</b>	<b>Grumman J4F</b> The British name for the Grumman Widgeon. A Gosling is a baby Goose as the Grumman Widgeon was a smaller version of the Grumman Goose. Gosling was later changed to the American Widgeon name to avoid confusion.
<b>Grasshopper</b>	<b>Taylorcraft L-2 / Aeronca L-3 / Piper L-4 / Interstate L-6</b> Named after the small herbivorous insect of the Orthoptera Order for the aircrafts sprightly design and performance. Variations: <b>Cub</b> (L-18), <b>Super Cub</b> (L-18, L-21).
<b>Greyhound</b>	<b>Grumman C-2</b> Named after the popular racing dog in recognition of it's swiftness.
<b>Growler</b>	<b>Boeing EA-18G</b> Aggressive name.
<b>Guardian</b>	<b>Grumman AF</b> An appropriate name for an anti-submarine protector and defender of the fleet.
<b>Harpoon</b>	<b>Lockheed PV-2</b> Maritime aircraft named after the spear-like cannon used to hunt large fish like whales.
<b>Harrier</b>	<b>McDonnell Douglas AV-8</b> Named after the small bird of prey which flies low over the ground during the hunt and also because of this birds ability to hover in flight. Variations: <b>Harrier II</b> (AV-8B), <b>Kestrel</b> (XAV-6A).
<b>Harvard</b>	<b>North American AT-6</b> RAF assigned name in accordance to American trainer aircraft being named after US educational institutions. Named here for Harvard University, Massachusetts.
<b>Harvard II</b>	<b>Raytheon (Beechcraft) CT-156</b> CAF name for the T-6 Texan II in honour of the World War II trainer.
<b>Hawkeye</b>	<b>Grumman E-2</b> Named for the sharp "eyes" of the E-2 technology.
<b>Havoc</b>	<b>Douglas A-20</b> Aggressive name to reflect power and destruction.
<b>Hellcat</b>	<b>Grumman F6F</b> Continues Grumman's tradition of naming naval fighters with a "cat" theme.
<b>Helldiver</b>	<b>Curtiss SB2C</b> Named to reflect the aircraft's role as a dive-bomber and was also used on several previous Curtiss types.
<b>Hercules</b>	<b>Lockheed C-130</b> Follows Lockheed tradition of naming their aircraft after celestial objects. Named after the Greek mythological hero known for his strength and courage. Variation: <b>Super Hercules</b> (C-130J).
<b>Hornet</b>	<b>McDonnell Douglas F/A-18</b> The largest of the eusocial wasps from the Vespidae family famous for its powerful sting. Variations: <b>Super Hornet</b> (F/A-18E/F).

<b>Hudson</b>	<b>Lockheed Model 414</b> British assigned in accordance to American patrol aircraft being named after US coastal areas. Named after Hudson Bay which is really in Canada or maybe the Hudson River in New York.
<b>Huskie</b>	<b>Kaman H-43</b> Name is derived from "Husky" which is a general term for several breeds of sled dogs known for their strength and stamina.
<b>Hustler</b>	<b>Convair B-58</b> The term "hustle" refers here to one that hurries or rushes to be somewhere, a fitting term for the first US supersonic bomber.
<b>Intruder</b>	<b>Grumman A-6</b> Aggressive name to reflect the attack role of the A-6. Variation: <b>Intruder II</b> (A-6F).
<b>Invader</b>	<b>Douglas A-26</b> Aggressive name to reflect power and destruction. Variation: <b>Counter Invader</b> (B-26K).
<b>Iroquois</b>	<b>Bell UH-1</b> Follows US Army tradition of naming helicopters after North American Indian tribes / nations. Named after the six North American Indian tribes which unified under the name of the Iroquois Confederacy. Although widely known as the official name for the UH-1, Iroquois never stuck and it was soon mostly accepted by its nickname of <b>Huey</b> which came from the original designation of HU-1. Bell Helicopters even printed it on the rudder pedals of the helicopter. Variation: <b>Huey II</b> (UH-1HP).
<b>Kansan</b>	<b>Beechcraft AT-11</b> A Kansan is a term used to describe a local from the State of Kansas. Presumably the aircraft was named in honor of the local workers who built this type.
<b>Kaydet</b>	<b>Boeing-Stearman PT-13 / PT-17</b> Believed to be coined by the Canadians in 1941 as the phonetic spelling of Cadet meaning a military trainee. A fitting name for a training aircraft.
<b>Kiowa</b>	<b>Bell OH-58</b> Follows US Army tradition of naming helicopters after North American Indian tribes / nations. The Kiowa are a tribe mainly from the West Texas region of the US. Variations: <b>Combat Scout</b> (MH-58D), <b>Kiowa Warrior</b> (OH-58D).
<b>Labrador</b>	<b>Boeing-Vertol CH-113</b> CAF name for a CH-46 Sea Knight development. Named for the Labrador region of Pacific Canada and for the breed of dog – apt as a water rescue dog, the CH-113s main role.
<b>Lakota</b>	<b>Eurocopter H-72</b> Follows US Army tradition of naming helicopters after North American Indian tribes / nations. Named here for one of the three subcultures of the Sioux people, also known as the Teton Sioux people.
<b>Lancer</b>	<b>Rockwell B-1</b> The official name of the B-1 stems from "Lance" which was a long spear like weapon used by horseman in the charge. It's a name that has never really stuck with the unofficial name of Bone being far more prevalent.
<b>Lexington</b>	<b>Lockheed B-34</b> British assigned in accordance to American bomber aircraft being named after US cities. Named here by the RAF for the city of Lexington, Kentucky.
<b>Liberator</b>	<b>Consolidated B-24</b> The bomber to "liberate" the occupied countries of Europe was the selling point for this aircraft. Variations: <b>Liberator Express</b> (C-87), <b>Liberator Liner</b> (R2Y-1).
<b>Liftmaster</b>	<b>Douglas C-118</b> Follows the Douglas "master" theme for their cargo aircraft.
<b>Lightning</b>	<b>Lockheed P-38</b> Aggressive name to reflect power and speed. Variations: <b>Chain Lightning</b> (XP-58), <b>Night Lightning</b> (P-38M).
<b>Lightning II</b>	<b>Lockheed-Martin F-35</b> Official name in honor of the famous World War II Lockheed P-38 Lightning.
<b>Lodestar</b>	<b>Lockheed Model 18</b> Follows Lockheed tradition of naming their aircraft after celestial objects. Navigation term defining the star used to find direction, similar to the Pole Star.
<b>Marauder</b>	<b>Martin B-26</b> Aggressive name reflecting power and destruction.

<b>Mariner</b>	<b>Martin PBM</b> Maritime name reflecting the PBM's role as a naval patrol aircraft.
<b>Marlin</b>	<b>Martin P5M (P-5)</b> Popular large game fish with a long snout.
<b>Martlet</b>	<b>Grumman F4F</b> Royal Navy version of the F4F Wildcat, named after a mythological bird similar to a Swallow, often used in heraldry.
<b>Mentor</b>	<b>Beechcraft T-34</b> Named after the term for an experienced and trusted advisor or teacher, an appropriate name for a training aircraft. Variation: <b>Turbo-Mentor</b> (T-34C).
<b>Mercury</b>	<b>Boeing E-6</b> The mythological Roman god of trade and commerce known for his speed.
<b>Mitchell</b>	<b>North American B-25</b> Named after US General Billy Mitchell (1879-1936), for his forward thinking views on aerial strategic bombing.
<b>Mohawk</b>	<b>Grumman OV-1</b> North American Indian tribe found in North-Eastern United States.
<b>Mojave</b>	<b>Sikorsky H-37A</b> Follows US Army tradition of naming helicopters after North American Indian tribes. The "Mojave" or "Mohave" were a tribe native to the Western United States.
<b>Mustang</b>	<b>North American P-51</b> Named after the feral horse of the rural western plains in the US. Variation: <b>Twin Mustang</b> (P-82).
<b>Navigator</b>	<b>Beechcraft AT-7</b> Reflects the aircraft's role as a navigation trainer.
<b>Neptune</b>	<b>Lockheed P2V (P-2)</b> Follows Lockheed tradition of naming their aircraft after celestial objects. Named with a maritime theme as the Roman god of the sea.
<b>Nighthawk</b>	<b>Douglas P-70 (A-20)</b> Unofficial name of the A-20 Havoc conversion as a night-fighter.
<b>Nighthawk</b>	<b>Lockheed F-117</b> The official name for the F-117, however it's more commonly referred to as the Stealth Fighter.
<b>Nightingale</b>	<b>Douglas C-9A</b> Named for the pioneering nurse Florence Nightingale (1820-1910), to reflect the mission of aero-medical evacuation.
<b>Night Intruder</b>	<b>Martin B-57B</b> Generic name for the aircraft's night-mission role.
<b>Nomad</b>	<b>Consolidated PBN-1</b> PBY Catalina development, simply means to be on the move, travelling.
<b>Nomad</b>	<b>Hiller H-23 (CH-112)</b> Canadian version of the Raven helicopter. Means to be on the move, travelling.
<b>North Star</b>	<b>Canadair Model CL-2 (C-54GM)</b> The North Star is a navigational aid being the star best suited to find one's way North. Civil variation: Argonaut (Model CL-4).
<b>Orion</b>	<b>Lockheed P-3</b> Follows Lockheed tradition of naming their aircraft after celestial objects. The Greek mythological figure known as "Orion The Hunter." Civil variation: <b>Sentinel</b> (P-3 AEW&C).
<b>Osprey</b>	<b>Bell-Boeing V-22</b> Named after the large fish-eating bird of prey (Pandion Haliaeetus), well known for its powerful wing-stroke giving it the ability to lift vertically from the water. A fitting name for a VTOL aircraft.
<b>Packet</b>	<b>Fairchild C-82</b> Officially named after the 18th & 19th Century British "Packet ships" which carried mail to the far reaches of the British Empire. This name was recognized as official by Fairchild and the USAF but was far more commonly referred to as the "Flying Boxcar" because the cargo hold was in equal capacity to a railway boxcar.
<b>Panther</b>	<b>Grumman F9F (F-9)</b> Generic term for the big cats of the Felidae family, the straight wing version of the F9F.

<b>Peacemaker</b>	<b>Convair B-36</b> America's post World War II "big stick" was named in a historical sense after the classic Colt Peacemaker six-shooter revolver from days of the Wild West.
<b>Pegasus</b>	<b>Boeing KC-46</b> Named for the winged divine horse of Greek mythology.
<b>Pelican</b>	<b>Sikorsky HH-3F</b> USCG H-3 Sea King development, named after the water bird of the Pelecanidae family.
<b>Phantom II</b>	<b>McDonnell F-4</b> Follows McDonnell tradition of naming their aircraft after supernatural phenomena / beings. Original USAF version was to be named as Spectre.
<b>Poseidon</b>	<b>Boeing P-8</b> The Greek mythological god of the seas, water and storms reflecting the maritime patrol mission of the P-8.
<b>Privateer</b>	<b>Consolidated PB4Y-2</b> Privateer was a term used to describe a privately owned, armed vessel which held a government commission for war service.
<b>Provider</b>	<b>Fairchild C-123</b> Generic term to "provide", in this case troops or cargo. Variation: <b>Avitruc</b> (XCG-20).
<b>Prowler</b>	<b>Grumman EA-6B</b> A-6 Intruder development, a name reflects the aircraft's ECM role of "creeping around" unseen.
<b>Raptor</b>	<b>Lockheed / Boeing F-22</b> Named after the dinosaur made famous in the motion picture <i>Jurassic Park</i> (1993), the Velociraptor, which translates as "swift thief."
<b>Raven</b>	<b>Hiller H-23</b> Large black bird of the Corvus family similar to the crow.
<b>Raven</b>	<b>General Dynamics EF-111A</b> F-111 Aardvark conversion.
<b>Reporter</b>	<b>Northrop F-15</b> P-61 development, named to reflect the F-15's reconnaissance mission.
<b>Rescuer</b>	<b>Piasecki (Vertol) HRP-1</b> H-21 Shawnee relative. Named for the SAR role performed for the US Navy / USMC.
<b>Sabre</b>	<b>North American F-86</b> A European military sword with a large hand guard around the grip. Mainly used as part of a naval officers uniform and as a symbol of military honor. Variation: <b>Sabre Dog</b> (F-86D).
<b>Samaritan</b>	<b>Convair C-131</b> Name means an individual that is charitable and helpful.
<b>Scorpion</b>	<b>Northrop F-89</b> Named after the well known and potent eight-legged invertebrate.
<b>Seabat</b>	<b>Sikorsky HSS-1</b> H-34 Choctaw relative. The "Sea" name reflects use by the US Navy.
<b>Seahorse</b>	<b>Sikorsky HUS-1</b> H-34 Choctaw relative. The "Sea" name reflects use by the USMC and USCG.
<b>Sea King</b>	<b>Sikorsky H-3</b> The "Sea" name reflects the use of the aircraft by the US Navy. "Jolly Green Giant" began as a nickname for the USAF and later became official. Variation: <b>Jolly Green Giant</b> (HH-3E).
<b>Sea Knight</b>	<b>Boeing-Vertol CH-46</b> The "Sea" name reflects the use of the aircraft by the USMC. "Knight" refers to the medieval horseman.
<b>Sea Ranger</b>	<b>Bell TH-57</b> The "Sea" name reflects the use of the aircraft by the US Navy. "Ranger" refers to the original Bell Jet Ranger name.
<b>Seasprite</b>	<b>Kaman H-2</b> The "Sea" name reflects the use of the aircraft by the US Navy. "Sprite" is a name that can refer to an elf, fairy or goblin – nimble and fast. Variation: <b>Super Seasprite</b> (SH-2G).

<b>Sea Stallion</b>	<b>Sikorsky H-53</b> The "Sea" name reflects the use of the aircraft by the USMC. "Stallion" refers to power and size. Super Jolly Green Giant was a USAF name. Variations: <b>King Stallion</b> (CH-53K), <b>Super Stallion</b> (CH-53E), <b>Sea Dragon</b> (MH-53E), <b>Super Jolly Green Giant</b> (HH-53B/C).
<b>Sentinel</b>	<b>Stinson L-5</b> A sentinel is a sentry, guard or lookout – a fitting name for an observation / liaison aircraft.
<b>Sentry</b>	<b>Boeing E-3</b> To "guard" against, reflects the E-3's role as an AEW platform.
<b>Shadow</b>	<b>Fairchild AC-119G</b> C-119 Flying Boxcar conversion. Reflects the role of stealthy night time missions.
<b>Shadow</b>	<b>Lockheed ES-3A</b> S-3 Viking conversion, suitable name for an ELINT aircraft.
<b>Shawnee</b>	<b>Piasecki (Vertol) CH-21C</b> Follows US Army tradition of naming helicopters after North American Indian tribes. The Shawnee were a tribe native to the Eastern / North-Eastern parts of the United States.
<b>Shooting Star</b>	<b>Lockheed P-80 (F-80) / T-33</b> Follows Lockheed tradition of naming their aircraft after celestial objects. Shooting Star reflects a fighter of great speed. Variations: <b>SeaStar</b> (T2V-1), <b>Starfire</b> (F-94), <b>Silver Star</b> (RCAF).
<b>Shrike</b>	<b>Curtiss A-25A</b> USAAF version of the SB2C Helldiver named for the small predatory bird.
<b>Sioux</b>	<b>Bell H-13</b> Follows US Army tradition of naming helicopters after North American Indian tribes / nations. The Sioux were a significant nation of North American Indians. Variations: <b>Sioux Scout / Warrior</b> , <b>Bellairus</b> (Model 47H), <b>Ranger</b> (Model 47J).
<b>Skyhawk</b>	<b>Douglas A4D (A-4)</b> Follows the Douglas "Sky" theme tradition. Variations: <b>Skyhawk II</b> (A-4M/N), <b>Super Skyhawk</b> (A-4SU), <b>Fightinghawk</b> (A-4AR).
<b>Skymaster</b>	<b>Douglas C-54</b> Another Douglas product using the "Sky" theme, however, this one seems to have become more popular among aircrew with the British adopting the same name for RAF service. It was also the first of the "master" names used by Douglas for their cargo aircraft. Variation: <b>Rescuemaster</b> (SC-54D).
<b>Skyraider</b>	<b>Douglas AD (A-1)</b> Follows the Douglas "Sky" theme tradition. Variation: <b>Dauntless II</b> (XBT2D-1).
<b>Skytrain</b>	<b>Douglas C-47</b> Although the official name for the C-47, it never caught on and the aircraft has always been more popularly known by its British name Dakota – "Dak" or nickname of "Gooney Bird".
<b>Skytrain II</b>	<b>Douglas C-9B</b> Named in honour of the famous World War II C-47 Skytrain.
<b>Skytrooper</b>	<b>Douglas C-53</b> A C-47 follow on using the Douglas "Sky" theme, this one derived from the C-53's role as a troop transporter.
<b>Skywarrior</b>	<b>Douglas A3D (A-3)</b> Follows the Douglas "Sky" theme tradition.
<b>Spectre</b>	<b>Lockheed AC-130E / H</b> C-130 Hercules conversion, a "ghostly apparition" which reflects the night-role of this aircraft.
<b>Spirit</b>	<b>Northrop B-2</b> The official name for the B-2, however it's more commonly referred to as the Stealth Bomber.
<b>Spooky</b>	<b>Douglas AC-47D</b> C-47 Skytrain conversion, named to reflect the AC-47D's role of stealthy night time missions.
<b>Spooky II</b>	<b>Lockheed AC-130U</b> C-130 Hercules development, named in honour of the Vietnam-era AC-47D Spooky.
<b>Starfighter</b>	<b>Lockheed F-104</b> Follows Lockheed tradition of naming their aircraft after celestial objects. Starfighter creates a science fiction image which was the trend of the 1950s and 1960s.



<b>Starlifter</b>	<b>Lockheed C-141</b> Follows Lockheed tradition of naming their aircraft after celestial objects. Name reflects the aircraft's role as a heavy lifter.
<b>Stinger</b>	<b>Fairchild AC-119K</b> C-119 Flying Boxcar conversion. Reflects the role of stealthy night time missions.
<b>Stratofortress</b>	<b>Boeing B-52</b> Boeing's "Strato" name this time combined with the "Fortress" name for the longest serving bomber of all time. The aircraft is most commonly, simply referred to as the BUFF – Big-Ugly-Fat-Fellow.
<b>Stratofreighter</b>	<b>Boeing C-97</b> Boeing's "Strato" name this time used to reflect the aircraft's use as a freighter. Civil variation: <b>Stratocruiser</b> (Model 377).
<b>Stratolifter</b>	<b>Boeing C-135</b> Boeing's "Strato" name this time used to reflect the aircraft's use as a cargo mover.
<b>Stratoliner</b>	<b>Boeing C-75</b> The first use of the Boeing "Strato" name, this one to reflect the aircraft as a pressurized airliner which was drafted into service during World War II as the C-75.
<b>Stratojet</b>	<b>Boeing B-47</b> Boeing's "Strato" name applied to the USAF's first all jet bomber.
<b>Stratotanker</b>	<b>Boeing KC-135</b> Boeing's "Strato" name this time used to reflect the aircraft's use as an aerial tanker.
<b>Super Constellation</b>	<b>Lockheed C-121</b> C-69 development, aircraft looked much the same so the name stayed much the same. Civil variation: <b>Starliner</b> (Model 1649).
<b>Superfortress</b>	<b>Boeing B-29 / B-50</b> Boeing's second use of the "Fortress" name in it's next generation of strategic bombers. Variation: <b>Superfortress II</b> (B-50).
<b>Super Sabre</b>	<b>North American F-100</b> Aircraft and name are a development of the F-86 Sabre.
<b>Super Skymaster</b>	<b>Cessna O-2</b> Adopted from Cessna's naming of light aircraft with a "sky" theme – skywagon, skylane etc. The use of "Super" was later dropped from the name.
<b>Super Transport</b>	<b>Convair XC-99</b> B-36 Peacemaker development, appears to be a generic name only.
<b>Talon</b>	<b>Northrop T-38</b> The claws of a bird of prey, unusual name for a trainer apparently following a convention of naming trainer aircraft with names beginning with the letter "T." Variation: <b>Talon II</b> (T-38C).
<b>Tarhe</b>	<b>Sikorsky CH-54</b> Follows US Army tradition of naming helicopters after North American Indian tribes. Named after the leader of the Wyandot Tribe of Ohio – Tarhe (1742-1818), whose nickname was "The Crane." Civil variations: <b>Skycrane</b> , <b>Aircrane</b> .
<b>Tarpon</b>	<b>Grumman TBF / TBM</b> Royal Navy name for the Avenger, Tarpon are a coastal fish prized by anglers for their large size and aggressive fighting spirit.
<b>Terminator</b>	<b>Consolidated-Vultee XB-32</b> Prototype name to the B-32 Dominator.
<b>Texan</b>	<b>North American AT-6</b> A native of Texas, maybe because of the mass production undertaken there?
<b>Texan II</b>	<b>Raytheon (Beechcraft) T-6</b> Named in honor the famous World War II AT-6 Texan.
<b>Thunderbolt</b>	<b>Republic P-47</b> Aggressive name reflecting power and strength and specifically meaning to strike at one out of the sky. Republic retained the "Thunder" name on further fighter projects in the post World War II years. Variations: <b>Doublebolt</b> (TP-47G), <b>Super Thunderbolt</b> (XP-72).
<b>Thunderbolt II</b>	<b>Fairchild-Republic A-10</b> Official name in honor of the famous World War II P-47 Thunderbolt. This name however, did not catch on in general use, the nickname of <b>Warthog</b> being so widely accepted that it has virtually become a semi-official name.
<b>Thunderchief</b>	<b>Republic F-105</b> Continues the Republic "Thunder" theme.

<b>Thunderjet</b>	
<b>Thunderstreak</b>	
<b>Thunderflash</b>	<b>Republic F-84</b> Continues Republic's "Thunder" theme – Thunderjet was the straight wing version of the F-84, Thunderstreak was the swept wing version and Thunderflash was the photo reconnaissance version of the Thunderstreak.
<b>Tiger II</b>	<b>Northrop F-5E / F</b> Upgraded F-5 Freedom Fighter, name indicates a second generation of development after the original evaluation of the "Skoshi Tiger" program F-5C's in Vietnam. Variations: <b>Tigereye</b> (RF-5E), <b>Tigershark</b> (F-20A).
<b>Tigercat</b>	<b>Grumman F7F</b> Continues Grumman's tradition of naming naval fighters with a "cat" theme.
<b>Tomcat</b>	<b>Grumman F-14</b> Continues Grumman's tradition of naming naval fighters with a "cat" theme. Variation: <b>Super Tomcat</b> (F-14D).
<b>Tracer</b>	<b>Grumman WF-2 (E-1)</b> S2F Tracker development, reflects the aircraft's role as an AEW platform.
<b>Tracker</b>	<b>Grumman S2F (S-2)</b> Generic term for the S2F's role as an anti-submarine aircraft.
<b>Trader</b>	<b>Grumman TF-1 (C-1)</b> S2F Tracker development, reflects the aircraft's role as a cargo carrier.
<b>Trojan</b>	<b>North American T-28</b> Name originally stems from the wooden horse said to have been used by the Greeks to enter Troy. It has since come to mean someone who works or fights courageously. Variation: <b>Fennec</b> (T-28S).
<b>Tweety Bird</b>	<b>Cessna T-37</b> Named after the Warner Bros. "Looney Tunes" yellow canary type character whose famous line was: "I tawt I taw a puddy tat!" Name is also commonly abbreviated to just Tweet.
<b>Valiant</b>	<b>Vultee BT-13 / BT-15</b> Name translates as an act of brave or courageous conduct.
<b>Venom</b>	<b>Bell UH-1Y</b> UH-1 Iroquois conversion, named for a variety of toxins used mainly by snakes for defense or hunting prey.
<b>Ventura</b>	<b>Lockheed PV-1</b> Ventura is a short term for the coastal city of San Buenaventura in California.
<b>Vigilante</b>	<b>North American A3J (A-5)</b> Name refers to an individual who acts outside the law.
<b>Viking</b>	<b>Lockheed S-3</b> Ship-borne raiders of the 8th to 11th Centuries known for their expert navigation techniques.
<b>Viper</b>	<b>Bell AH-1Z</b> AH-1 Cobra conversion, named after the venomous snake of the Viperidae family.
<b>Voodoo</b>	<b>McDonnell F-101</b> Follows McDonnell tradition of naming their aircraft after supernatural phenomena / beings.
<b>Voyageur</b>	<b>Boeing-Vertol CH-113A</b> CAF name for a CH-46 Sea Knight development. French word for "traveller." Named here from Canadian mythology for someone who can carry anything, anywhere.
<b>Warhawk</b>	<b>Curtiss P-40</b> This name continued over from the Curtiss P-36 Hawk with the RAF variants also adopting the "Hawk" family name as the Tomahawk and Kittyhawk. Variations: <b>Tomahawk</b> (Model 81), <b>Kittyhawk</b> (Model 87).
<b>Warning Star</b>	<b>Lockheed RC-121 / WV-2</b> Follows Lockheed tradition of naming their aircraft after celestial objects. Name reflects the AEW role of this aircraft.
<b>Washington</b>	<b>Boeing B-29</b> British assigned in accordance to American bomber aircraft being named after US cities. Named here after the US capital city, Washington D.C.
<b>Wedgetail</b>	<b>Boeing E-7</b> Began as an RAAF name for the 737-700 AEW&C aircraft but appears to have become semi-official for international sales as well. Named for the Australian "Wedgetail Eagle" bird.

<b>Wessex</b>	<b>Sikorsky H-34</b> RAF / Royal Navy name for the Sikorsky H-34 Choctaw.
<b>Whirlwind</b>	<b>Sikorsky H-19</b> RAF / Royal Navy name for the Sikorsky H-19 Chickasaw.
<b>Widgeon</b>	<b>Grumman J4F</b> Named after the aquatic water bird of the Anatidae family. A Widgeon is a smaller version of the Duck. The original British name for this aircraft was Gosling.
<b>Wildcat</b>	<b>Grumman F4F</b> Named to reflect a potent fighter, began a Grumman tradition of naming naval fighters with a "cat" theme. Variation: <b>Wildcatfish</b> (F4F-3S).
<b>Wirraway</b>	<b>North American BC-1</b> Australian built version of the North American BC-1 trainer. Aboriginal name which translates as "Challenge."
<b>Workhorse</b>	<b>Piasecki (Vertol) H-21</b> An H-21 Shawnee relative. Named by the USAF for its troop / cargo role.
<b>Yale</b>	<b>North American BT-9 / BT-14</b> RAF assigned name for the RCAF in accordance to all British trainer aircraft being named after educational institutions. Named here for Yale University, Connecticut.