

## **American Secret Fighter Projects**

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This lecture looks at the American fighter projects that were proposed during the period following the Second World War though to the late 1970s. It was arguably the most exciting era in terms of fighter development: a period during which the jet engine took over from the propeller, wings took on entirely new shapes, the 'sound barrier' was breached and maximum speeds tripled. It was an era in which aeronautical engineering became much more complex but when the computer had yet to come to the designer's assistance.

Areas covered include the design competitions for the F-102 Delta Dagger, F8U Crusader, the F-14 Tomcat and the F-15 Eagle and many other unbuilt proposals. There is also the major competition from the mid-1950s for a long range interceptor which led to the North American F-108 Rapier, which itself was cancelled long before first flight, plus studies for lightweight fighters. The American aviation industry produced many fighter projects during the period covered and the pick of them feature in this talk.

Tony Buttler was born in England in 1956 and, after completing his education at Prince Henry's Grammar School in Evesham, joined High Duty Alloys in Redditch in 1974 as a metallurgist. For nearly twenty years he was involved in the testing of aluminium and titanium airframe and engine components for all of the world's major aircraft. It was during this period that his great interest in military aircraft came together, particularly in regard to their design and development.

On leaving HDA in 1993 Tony went on to take a Masters Degree in Archives and Library Studies at Loughborough University, and since 1995 he has been a freelance aviation historian. He has just completed his eighteenth major book, he has also written many more titles in the Warpaint series of modelling books, and has a large number of articles for most of the popular historical aviation magazines to his credit.

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