



SPITFIRE Mk IX in the 1st Wing Historical Center

THE GOLDEN FALCON

BEAUVECHAIN (EBBE) BELGIUM

We are proud to announce our intention to acquire for our museum a replica of the legendary aircraft flown by 349 and 350 Squadrons in Royal Air Force colours, the Spitfire Mk IX.

The purchase of an original Mk IX would sadly have been completely beyond our means, but in opting for a replica, we have selected one of truly exceptional quality, built by the British specialists GB Replicas of Catfield.

The Spitfire is an iconic aircraft that absolutely deserves pride of place in our museum's collection of all aircraft that have operated from Beauvechain.

The following aircraft are also displayed for your enjoyment: Gloster Meteor, Hawker Hunter, Starfighter F-104 and the Fighting Falcon F-16, and many others. Only one aircraft is missing: the CF-100 Canuck.

The Spitfire Mk IX will stand on its landing gear proudly bearing the insignia of both squadrons: 349 on one side and 350 on the other.

We have made encouraging progress in fundraising but now your support is vital to help us complete our task.

If you would like to be part of this unique project and have your name proudly recorded, we ask you to make your donation to this account number:

The Golden Falcon Spitfire Mk IX project

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Our goal is to present the Spitfire at a special VIP ceremony in October 2020 in order to commemorate the squadrons' arrival at Beauvechain in 1946. All donors contributing €3000 or more will be invited.

We need to raise the full amount of 60.000 Euro by 30 April 2020 in order to be ready for the October ceremony. Major donations will be refunded if we do fail to reach our target, with the balance going towards our restoration of our Starfighter FX-15.

But we are fully confident that we will succeed with great partners like you, and that together, we can enjoy your future visit to our wonderful museum with the Spitfire at its centre.

Please support us and join us in our great adventure in memory of the brave men who risked all for freedom and of the legendary aircraft that they flew.



" The Golden Falcon is an association of voluntary airmen and former airmen proudly operating the 1st WING Historical Center on the BEAUVECHAIN air base (Belgium)"

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