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Air Warriors (Series 1)

3 x 60'

EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

1. F-15 E Eagle

Perhaps the most controversial war machine ever to have taken to the skies, this part-plane, part-helicopter has had a chequered career. Created after the bungled attempt to rescue 52 American hostages in Iran in 1980, the early life of the V-22 Osprey was fraught with failure – including a crash during the first demonstration which killed 7 people. A further 29 people have lost their lives in Ospreys.

This episode takes a look at the history of this marvel of aviation which came so close to being relinquished, and how it has now become the safest rotor aircraft in the military.

2. AH-64 Apache

In contrast to the Osprey, the F-15 is considered one of the most reliable aircrafts in aviation history. Designed to take on the mighty MiG-25 of the Soviet Union, the F-15 has enabled the West to dominate the skies the world over.

Such is the success of this ferocious fighter jet that it is still being commissioned over its modern successor, the F-22 Raptor. With the F-15 expected to be above our heads until 2025 this is a unique opportunity to understand the makeup and history of this truly lethal dog-fighter.

3. V-22 Osprey

It's the United States' premier attack helicopter. Dubbed the 'Black Death' by enemies, the Apache's presence has cast a feared shadow over its enemies for over two decades. A tale of controversy and triumph—how this Super Plane overcame turbulent times and fought to become one of the most trusted and lethal weapons in the sky.