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## **“From the Ouragan to the Rafale: 70 years of industrial and operational excellence”**

*Exhibition from 20 June to 18 September 2022  
in the North Gardens of the Hôtel National des Invalides*

**(Saint-Cloud, 17 June 2022)** – To celebrate 70 years since the entry into service of the MD 450 Ouragan, the first mass-produced, French-designed jet aircraft, the French Air and Space Force (AAE) and Dassault Aviation will be presenting an example of this aircraft alongside a two-seater Rafale in the North Gardens of the *Hôtel national des Invalides*, from 20 June to 18 September, for an exhibition entitled “From the Ouragan to the Rafale, 70 years of industrial and operational excellence”.

The vintage MD 450 Ouragan no. 297 loaned by the AAE to the *Association Espaces Aéro Lyon Corbas* (EALC), and the prototype Rafale B01 belonging to the French Directorate General of Armaments (DGA) and housed at Aerocampus Aquitaine, will be strikingly displayed with special night-time lighting and explanatory panels relating the history of the two aircraft.

This exhibition of two emblematic aircraft, jointly organized by the AAE and Dassault Aviation, will spotlight the excellence of the French aeronautical industry and promote the heritage and operations of the French Air and Space Force.

The exhibition is presented in a historic location with a strong connection to the armed forces, the *Hôtel national des Invalides*, a pantheon of military achievements, and will be inaugurated on 8 July in the presence of General Stéphane Mille, Chief of the Air and Space Force Staff, and Mr. Éric Trappier, Chairman and CEO of Dassault Aviation.

### **Agenda:**

- 7-9 June: installation of the MD 450 Ouragan no. 297;
- 13-17 June: installation of the Rafale B01;
- 8 July: opening of the exhibition;
- 17-18 Sept.: European Heritage Days.

The MD 450 Ouragan, the first mass-produced, French-designed jet fighter, entered service with the Air Force in November 1952. It was also the first French aeronautical military hardware to be exported after World War II.

70 years later, the Rafale is the latest incarnation of this French jet fighter technological excellence, which started with the Ouragan and continued with the Mystère, Mirage and Jaguar families, used by more than thirty air forces worldwide. The Rafale omnirole fighter carries out missions for the AAE in all theaters of operations and also enjoys considerable export success.

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**To find out more:**

<https://www.dassault-aviation.com/fr/passion/de-louragan-au-rafale/>

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With over 10,000 military and civil aircraft (including 2,500 Falcons) delivered in more than 90 countries over the last century, Dassault Aviation has built up expertise recognized worldwide in the design, development, sale and support of all types of aircraft, ranging from the Rafale fighter, to the high-end Falcon family of business jets, military drones and space systems. In 2021, Dassault Aviation reported revenues of €7.2 billion. The company has 12,400 employees.

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