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Hellenic Air Force organizes the official retirement ceremony for A-7 Corsairs after 39 years of service in greek skies and 49 years of life since HAF is the last user of the type. The celebration is open for the public and since a lot of you are interested in visiting Greece for the event we have collected some interesting information trying to answer frequent questions.

THE RETIREMENT CEREMONY

The ceremony is taking place on 17th of October 2014 in 116 Combat Wing, Araxos AB.

The official program is not yet announced but it is already ensured that the F-16 Demo Team "Zeus" shall give a demonstration and of course A-7s will fly in formation for their very last time.

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Rumors say that there is an extreme possibility which is not officially announced yet that a Spotters Day will be organized closely to the Retirement Ceremony. Stay tuned here and you will be the first to know about it. Until then feel free to contact *336 Squadron* for further information on the Spotters Day or your visit to Araxos:

a-7retirement@hotmail.com

. 336 Squadron officers will be more than happy to reply to your questions.

TRAVEL TO GREECE

You can travel by airplane to Greece either towards <u>El. Venizelos airport</u> or <u>Araxos airport</u>. You can also come to Greece form Italy on boat towards

Patras port

. If you want to combine your trip to Araxos with a nice visit to the beautiful greek islands or Athens then we propose to browse the

Visit-Greece

web-site to organize your route there.

WHERE TO STAY

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The biggest city near Araxos AB is <u>Patras</u> (click for map) which is about 45 minutes from <u>Arax</u> os AB

- . We propose to book your hotel in city of Patras where there are plenty of hotels to check in. Please take a look at a list of Patras' hotels here
- . Of course there are plenty of options in near the sea towns between Patras and Araxos AB (Lakkopetra, Niforeika, Kaminia, Vrachneika, Kato Achaia).

ARAXOS AB

The route from Patras to Araxos AB can be found here (click for map). You can travel there by car, bus or taxi.